

ANOTHER!

**This Time the Dundas Street
Center Methodist Church
Goes Down.**

**The Fire Leaves Nothing But
Crumbling Walls.**

**Chief Roe and Fireman Riddell
Painfully Injured.**

**Were Struck by Falling Walls
While Fighting Flames.**

**The Loss Is \$36,000 and the In-
surance \$22,000.**

**Grave Conjectures as to the Fire's
Origin.**

**The Congregation Will Rebuild With-
out Loss of Time.**

**The Blaze Broke Out Shortly Before 2
a.m.—Was Thought To Be Under Control
—Then Broke Out Again, and Com-
pletely Destroyed the Building—Church
History.**

When the citizens of London awoke on Sunday morning a little more than a week ago they were surprised and pained to hear of the loss which had befallen Methodism in London, in the loss of the magnificent structure of the Queen's Avenue Church. To say that the average citizen was surprised and pained to hear of the complete destruction, at an early morning hour, of the sister church—Dundas Street Center, as it was best known—is putting it mildly. Indeed, the news spread with astonishing rapidity, and the ruins were visited by large crowds, beginning with the workmen on their way to work at day-light, following with the school children, and then the school members of the congregation stood with consternation and amazement written on every feature. The majority of them knew nothing whatever of the calamity that had overtaken their beloved church in the night until they read the startling headlines in the morning papers. They thought of the already homeless congregation of Queen's Avenue, and then of their own condition. Two of the largest and most influential Methodist congregations in Ontario churchless, and without even a schoolroom left! No wonder.

THEY WERE APPALLED
 As they looked up at the bare and tottering walls or watched the blackened and ice-mantled firemen gather up the stiffened lines of hose, and wondered how they would rid the walls were left intact, and it was sad to think that in the fall of the portions that gave way some of the brave fire ladders had received serious and painful injuries. The large front door was jammed with black and fallen timbers, while through the interstices little columns of thin smoke were floating lazily upwards. A pile of bricks and the cornice at the southern end of the church marked the spot where Chief Roe received his injuries. In the rear the dismantled and almost completely leveled wall, with the fragments of broken timbers, showed how Fireman James Riddell and Daniel McDonald.

NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH.
 The only portion of the building that retained any roof was a few square yards of the rear addition that has been erected on the west side of the place. The door was shattered by sturdy blows from the firemen's axes, and from this corner a gallant but losing battle was waged against the fierce destroying element. And while the members of the congregation were gathering to view the ruins this morning, and while P. C. Gillson was busily engaged in keeping pedestrians out of range of a possible fall of the front wall, a number of girls and boys crowded into this place and stood under the impending roof and shaky walls to get a view of the interior of the ruins. The policeman, as soon as his attention was drawn to the fact, hurriedly warned them to leave, and they left.

The members of the congregation stood around in little groups and discussed the fire.
 "It strikes right home when it affects our own church," said one man.
 On the faces of others were ominous looks. They spoke of the remarkable coincidence of the two church fires, and

SOME HINTED DARKLY
 that there was more than a mere coincidence. They could not imagine how the different church furnaces—if furnaces they were—should go wrong just at this season of hard times and scarcity of employment. Others took a brighter view and refused to believe in a theory of incendiarism hinted at by their fellows. They pointed out that a concert had been held in the church last evening, and that possibly that would account for the blaze. And so they talked.

As briefly stated in this morning's "Advertiser," the fire was first noticed about 1:50 a.m. by Major Thos. Beattie and Dr. Bayley, who were returning from a party. A couple of members of the "Advertiser" staff passed the church on their way home at 1:30 a.m., and saw no sign of fire. They passed P. C. Lucas between Maitland and Colborne streets and a stranger in the center of the next block, in which the church is situated. P. C. Lucas continued his way down Dundas street and passed the two men who discovered the fire at Wellington. When the major and the doctor arrived at Maitland street

rear end. They took in the situation in an instant, and were quick to act. The fire alarm box stood on the corner, the key was in Mr. Goodge's store. Major Beattie set to work to wake up the neighbors and Dr. Bayley played a rapid tattoo on the grocery store door. His cries of "Fire!" speedily awoke Mr. Goodge, and the box was pulled within a couple of minutes from the time the fire was first discovered. The central situation of the box makes it a very fast one for the brigade to answer. It is just 100 yards midway between central and No. 2, so that both companies usually arrive about the same time. The men answered the call very speedily, and had tumbled into their clothes and were on the sleighs in less time than it takes to record the fact. The sleighing was good, the road unobstructed, and the drivers let the horses do their best.

"We were going at a very rapid clip," said Driver Gleason this morning, "and did not know what the trouble was. As we turned the corner to go up to the church Dan McDonald shouted, 'IT'S THE CHURCH!' and so it was."
 The central team was first on the scene, but was almost immediately followed by the men of No. 2 station. In a few minutes the extent of the fire was realized, and a second alarm was sent in. This brought the men of No. 3 station, who had proceeded to No. 1 hall on the first call. Together the three companies fought the flames. The fire originated in the back of the structure, and it was here that the heat was the fiercest. The wind was in the north-west, and a good stiff breeze was blowing. This, and the fact that the fire started in the north end, gave ground for the suspicion of many that the blaze was of incendiary origin. The fire was pouring from the back doors and windows when the firemen arrived, and as soon as the five streams of water that were on began to take effect, the firemen thought that a victory had been won, and that the fire was under control. Then, seemingly as if by magic, the blaze appeared in the body of the church, and burned even fiercer than it did at the back. It carried everything before it, and completely baffled the skill of the firemen. As the fire progressed new dangers arose. Portions of the

WALLS BEGAN TO FALL.
 and, as the neighbors clearly saw that the total destruction of the church was imminent they began to fear for the safety of their own homes.
 The homes of Dr. MacArthur, Mr. A. E. Pavay, and Mr. R. D. E. Nicholson were situated right in the path of the storm of red hot cinders, and the firemen waited them from the burning structure. Then the home of the pastor, Rev. E. B. Lanceley, which is situated within ten yards to the east of the church, was probably in most danger of all. These different residences all owed their salvation to the heavy load of snow on the roofs. The parsonage was on fire a couple of times, but a handy stream from the near-by firemen speedily checked the progress of the flames. Mr. Lanceley's family was removed to the residence of Mr. Benjamin Higgins, next door. Dr. MacArthur's children were also badly frightened, and were taken to a neighbor's house. The doctor's frame barn was a source of danger, but by careful watching it was saved.

Meanwhile the fire got hotter and continued to spread until the roof began to fall in. Pieces of projecting cornices were dropping here and there, and the FIREMEN WERE WARNED several times of their danger. Chief Roe and Fireman Wesley O'Brien, standing at the southwestern corner of the building, directing a branch through the basement window. They had not their helmets on, having had no chance to get them from the sleigh. While the men beneath, the firemen noticed a trembling of the bricks at the top of the wall. They shouted, but as they shouted a couple of square yards of bricks fell with a crash on the men beneath. Fireman O'Brien is a young and active man, and he managed to spring clear enough to escape all the bricks but one, which caught him right on the top of his head. The chief stepped as close to the wall as he could get with the extreme heat prevailing, and to this action he owes his life. Several of the bricks struck him on the head and shoulders and bore him to the ground. A fireman cried for "HELP, IN THE QUEEN'S NAME!" but the cry was hardly necessary. Willing hands raised the chief, who did not lose consciousness. He was in a semi-conscious condition, but insisted on walking across the street to Dr. MacArthur's house. He was assisted by P. C. Lucas and Mayor Little. The latter was early on the scene, and did not leave it until all danger was past and the injured were attended to. Mr. Roe's injuries were examined by the doctor. He was bleeding freely from a severe wound in the head, which at first looked like a serious fracture. While the skull was found to be injured, there were none of the attendant signs of concussion. The scalp wound necessitated six stitches. The chief's back was severely injured, and it was an hour and a half before he could be removed to his home. It was nearly 4 o'clock by this time, and the fire had died away. The majority of the spectators had gone home. At no time during the fire were there over 200 or 300 persons present, owing to the early hour and the quiet of the night. Firemen Daniel McDonald and James Riddell were on a ladder at the back of the church giving the finishing touches to that end of the building. Mr. Higgins had provided coffee and sandwiches for the refreshment of the men, and it was the turn of these two to go and get some. Fireman John Alken went to inform them of the fact, and the men were just in the act of turning off the stream and withdrawing the line when the back wall fell out with a startling crash.

TWO FIREMEN INJURED.
 The news spread that two of the firemen were under the ruins, and a rush was made to extricate them. The rescue column arrived at the scene in time to see Fireman Riddell stagger from the debris. Fireman McDonald could not be seen, but his groans could be plainly heard by the searchers. It was now quite dark where the accident happened, as the fire had practically burned itself out. To the joy of his comrades, McDonald was at last described clinging half-conscious to the remains of the ladder and to the roof of the rear entrance to the western extension. With the first crash Mr. Riddell jumped boldly in the dark to the ground, fifteen or twenty feet below. Mr. McDonald was not so quick, and it proved well for him that he was not. The wall scattered as it fell—partly inside and partly out. To this fact the men probably owe their lives. Both were taken to Dr. MacArthur's office, and Mr. Riddell was plainly very badly injured. He was bleeding from injuries about the head; his left

HAND WAS BROKEN,
 and he complained very much about his

side. His left arm was badly bruised. Mr. McDonald's injuries were on his head, but he has no external wounds. Fireman Riddell was sent home and Mr. McDonald was told by the doctor to remain in bed at least a day. He was back at the fire in two hours, apparently entirely recovered.
 From a report on another page it will be seen that the children of the Mission Band connected with the church gave a concert in the church last night under the auspices of the Young Ladies' Mission Circle. The concert was fairly well attended, and the little ones were fairly brimming over with enthusiasm as they said their little recitations or took part in the many choruses provided. They little thought as they left for the night that in a few short hours there would be nothing left of their church but bare and very dangerous walls. Mr. Lanceley conversed with an "Advertiser" reporter in the basement of the church before the concert, and

THE RECENT FIRE
 at Queen's Avenue was one of the topics of conversation. The piano used at the concert was borrowed for the occasion from Mr. Burnett, of the Heintzman Company. It was valued at \$400, and was insured by the Toronto agent of the company.
THE JANITOR'S STORY.
 After the concert the ladies waited and made arrangements for a forthcoming convention of the London District W. M. M. S. that was to be held next Monday. While this was in progress Mr. Charles Hall, the janitor, who lives at 657 Lorne avenue, went his usual rounds for the night. He has been even extra careful, if anything, since the Queen's Avenue Church was burned, and paid special attention to the condition of the furnaces. To an "Advertiser" reporter this morning he stated that he was positive that the fire could not have originated from any of the furnaces. He left them carefully banked and almost out. The two heaters in the front end of the basement in which the Sunday School was held were merely metallic jackets surrounding two large stoves. There were two Pease furnaces in the rear portion of the building which were nearly new. Mr. Hall closed up the premises about 10 o'clock and left for home. He was entirely unconscious of the fire until his son, who is a railway employe, found out what had happened on his way to work and rushed back and told him.

THE INSURANCE
 The loss, it is almost certain, will be total, and will range between \$30,000 and \$35,000. On the building \$16,000 insurance was carried, apportioned among the following: London, \$8,000; Assurance, \$6,000; Lancashire, \$6,000; London and Lancashire, \$2,000; Liverpool and London and Globe, \$2,000. Total \$16,000.
 The contents were insured for \$6,000. On the beautiful pipe organ which was purchased about twelve years ago at a cost of \$5,000, \$3,000 insurance was carried. The furnishings, such as pews, benches, organ, gas fixtures, etc., were covered by a \$2,625 policy, the sum insured \$75, and piano \$300. The various companies have been notified of the loss, and valuations will probably be in the city in a few days. The parsonage was insured for \$2,500, but fortunately the loss on it will be trivial. There is a debt on the church building of \$13,000. Thus the trustees will have about \$9,000 to begin rebuilding.

The present board of trustees is composed of Messrs. Robert Lewis, Thomas McCormick, ex-Ald. Wm. Bowman, Gilbert Glass, J. H. Glass, Isaac Webster, Wm. Lewis, Frank Cooper, Amos Bradford, A. Keenleyside, J. G. Shuff, J. Green, W. Plewes, W. Willis and C. J. Beale (recording steward).
WILL REBUILD AT ONCE.
 "What do you intend doing?" was asked of the pastor, immediately after a hurried meeting of the board had been held this morning.
 "We will rebuild at once," replied Mr. Lanceley. "Of course," he continued, "we have not got the corner stone laid yet. However, we will not let the grass grow under our feet, but will clear away the rubbish as fast as it comes. Mr. Lanceley said they had, like their brethren in distress at Queen's Avenue, received several kind offers from different churches. Both St. Andrew's and the Christian Church had offered them the use of their churches for one service a day. A committee consisting of Messrs. C. J. Beale, Col. Lewis, Isaac Webster, J. G. Shuff, D. A. McDermid and the pastor was appointed to entertain the various offers for immediate relief and report on their feasibility at a meeting of the board to be held to-morrow.

The plan which has been on tapis for some time to build a new Sunday School will of course be dropped. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the building of a church to cost at least 1,200 to 1,500.
CONDITION OF THE INJURED.
 Both Chief Roe and Fireman Riddell are resting quietly at their homes to-day. Dr. MacArthur reports that the chief is apparently the most seriously injured of the two. However, unless some unexpected change occurs in the condition of both men, they will probably be out in a few days. Fireman McDonald suffers much from bruises, and Fireman O'Brien has a very sore head. The firemen remained on the scene of the fire until about 8 a.m. Each man looked like a walking dead being, and was covered with grime from head to foot. The hose was frozen stiff in a great many instances.

NOTES.
 St. Andrew's board of managers to-day decided to hire a watchman for a temporary period, at least to guard the church at night.
 The walls of the church as they stand are exceedingly dangerous. Steps will be taken immediately to pull them down before the first wind-storm does the work instead.

The loss on the Sunday School library will not be total, as Sunday last about 500 of the 1,200 books were distributed among the scholars. The library was valued at about \$750. The loss will probably reach \$400.
 All day long absurd rumors were flying around town to the effect that an attempt had been made to set the Tai-bot Street or Adelaide Street Baptist churches on fire. They proved to be utterly without foundation.

THE CHURCH HISTORY.
 Dundas Street Center Church, which was recognized as one of the most influential local branches of the Methodist denomination, was the outgrowth of a mission station of exceedingly mod-

est origin. In 1856 a small body of ardent Methodists, some twenty in number, among whom were recognized No. 1 English, Geo. Webster, James Carey, James Whiting, Leonard Perrin and Murray Anderson, concluded that indications were sufficiently hopeful to warrant establishing a congregation in the east end of the city, to be conducted as a mission station in connection with the North Street Church (lately Queen's Avenue), then, as it then days ago, the powerful center of the district. In the same year a lot situated on the corner of King and Adelaide streets was purchased as the intended site for the edifice. The response to the building fund was, however, too meager to allow of the erection, even upon the smallest scale, and in the following year, to keep the spark of life aglow, a small cottage was taken on Adelaide street at an annual rental of \$15, and utilized as a place of worship.

THE FIRST PASTOR.
 Rev. John Douse was the first to occupy the pulpit. At the outset the effort to establish a congregation in the locality seemed as if it would prove futile, and at a meeting of the trustees held in September of the same year, pecuniary assistance and more strenuous exertions decided upon. This proved the critical moment in its infant history, and from that time to the present date the march had been steadily one of increasing effort and remarkable progress.
 The Rev. James Preston followed Mr. Douse, who was in turn superseded by the Rev. George Sanderson, and by him (1860) the infant congregation had time to such an extent that more extensive accommodation was found necessary. Rev. Dr. Rooney was also

AN EARLY PRAEACHER.
 There, the lot purchased years previously was now called into service, and a frame structure capable of seating some 300 was erected. Revs. Richard Jones, James Bishop, W. J. Hunter and James Elliot followed as pastors in the order named, each remaining for three years. In 1869, in the second year of the pastorate of Rev. Wm. Briggs, now steward of the Methodist Book Room, Toronto, the circuit had become so populous and the congregation so increased in strength that the erection of the ruined structure known as "Dundas Center Methodist Church" was decided upon. Operations were commenced forthwith, the corner stone being laid in the summer of 1869, the late Rev. Wm. Morley Punshon presiding, in presence of a large assemblage.

THE DEDICATORY SERVICE.
 The sacred edifice was dedicated on April 3, 1870, Rev. Mr. Punshon preaching in the morning a sermon replete with the charm of his eloquence, from the parable of the sower. In the afternoon Rev. John Connelley occupied the pulpit, and Rev. Dr. Dewar, editor of the Guardian, at night. Mr. Amos Bradford conducted the singing on that day, Miss Burgess presiding at the organ. Externally the church was almost puritanical in its simplicity.
 The church trustees at the time were: Alex. Johnston, Anthony Keenleyside, Murray Anderson, Isaac Webster, Geo. Burdett, John A. Nelles, John Green, Rev. Dr. Smith, George Robinson, Charles Douthwaite, Thos. McCormick, Amos Bradford, Obadiah Richards and R. Lewis. In the meantime the sale of the old frame church had been effected to the Episcopalians for \$500. Afterwards it passed into the hands of the Baptists.

The pulpit of the new church was supplied alternately till the succeeding Conference by Rev. Mr. Elliott and Rev. Mr. Briggs. Succeeding Mr. Briggs in the pastorate was the Rev. Alex. Langford, and after him Rev. Dr. Parker, Rev. G. N. A. F. T. Dickson, Rev. J. S. Ross, Rev. Dr. Rykman, Rev. J. S. Rev. J. V. Smith was stationed in charge. Mr. Smith was duly succeeded by Rev. A. C. Courtice, who was called from the Montreal Conference by the Dundas Street Methodists. Mr. Courtice went to Kingston after his term as pastor was concluded, and was, at the last General Conference in this city appointed to succeed Rev. Dr. Dewar as editor of the Christian Guardian. Rev. J. Cooper Antiff, D.D., followed Mr. Courtice, but only stayed two years, having been called to

THE PROFESSORSHIP.
 of the Wesleyan Theological College in Montreal, made vacant through the death of Rev. Dr. Douglas. Dr. Antiff's stay in London was a busy one, and through his earnest efforts the church work rapidly assumed greater dimensions. And then, from Ridgeway, came the present pastor, Rev. E. B. Lanceley, a comparatively young and able preacher, who, in his very undertaking, is backed up by the large congregation.

THE COST OF THE CHURCH.
 The edifice was erected at a total cost, including the parsonage, of about \$20,000, but extensive alterations and improvements materially increasing its value have since been made. In the spring of 1887 large transepts were added to the east and west of the church at a cost of some \$6,000. The entire church property was valued at about \$30,000, and the edifice, with the addition of the transepts, would accommodate 1,200 to 1,300 worshippers. Extensive alterations were also made in the interior, the choir gallery having been enlarged.

THE CHOIR AND SCHOOL.
 Dundas Center has long been noted as possessing one of the best choirs west of Toronto. Its reputation is widespread. For several years Mr. W. J. Birks was the talented and popular organist and leader, and it was he who brought the choir to its state of efficiency. Over a year ago, however, Mr. Birks resigned to take charge of one of Montreal's largest Methodist churches, and he was succeeded by Mr. Wm. Moxon, of England. Mr. Moxon has proven himself thoroughly capable to fill the position. His choir concerts have pleased thousands of Londoners.

That all-important branch, the Sunday school, has largely increased its usefulness and proportions. The school at the cottage started with a membership of some 40 scholars, but at present the school of Dundas Center boasts a roll of 700 scholars. The average attendance being about 600. The teaching staff number 50 and the officers 15. The superintendent is Mr. D. A. McDermid, and he is assisted by Mr. Wm. Yates.

FORTUNE FOR A FENCE-BUILDER.
 ST. THOMAS, Feb. 12.—Mr. Davis, fence-builder on the M. C. R., has been notified by his son, a lawyer in England, that he has fallen heir to \$215,000 by the death of an uncle. Mr. Davis will leave for the old country in a short time to get possession of the estate.

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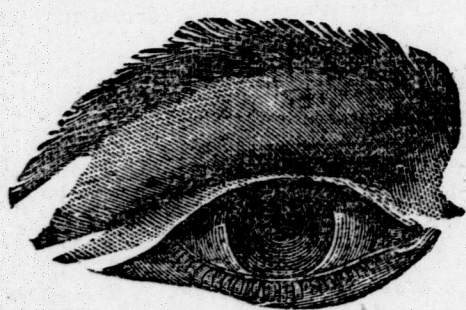
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HOMELESS, BUT NOT HELPLESS

There is the warmest sympathy throughout the community with the congregation of Dundas Street Center Church, rendered homeless by the fire which devastated their fine structure at an early hour this morning. But ten days ago the managers of the church were the first to offer shelter to the Queen's Avenue congregation, similarly burned out. Little did they then think that before two weeks had elapsed they, too, would be without a place of meeting, even more completely burned out than the sister congregation. But so it has happened. It is an awkward position in which to be placed, and coming so soon after the kindred disaster on Queen's Avenue, the disadvantages to the congregation will be with some difficulty tided over. From the start of the church, however, the congregation has given many illustrations of its pluck, and we doubt not that it will overcome its present misfortune, and at the earliest possible moment supply itself with a home worthy of its record and of the enterprise and devotion of pastor and people. Such, we feel assured, is the hope and desire of the Christian people of this city and neighborhood.

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WERE THE CHURCH FIRES ACCIDENTAL OR INCENDIARY?

It may be only a coincidence, but it does seem strange that two leading churches in this city, both of them belonging to the same denomination, should be burned down within ten days. The ready explanation of the burning down of public structures during the winter months is that a furnace or stove fire becomes overheated, or worn out, and the woodwork is exposed to undue heat, and finally ignites. Immediately prior to the discovery of fire in the Queen's Avenue Church there was a very strong fire to overcome the zero temperature then prevailing, and the defective flue theory was readily adopted. But in the case of the Dundas Street Center Church the furnace flues had only been subjected to moderate heat, and hours before the outbreak was discovered the janitor had banked the fires, and reduced the heat to a minimum.

These facts certainly give rise to a suspicion that, after all, these church fires may not be the result of accident, but of design on the part of some semi-maniac or incendiary. It would not be the first experience of that kind in London. Twenty years ago next May and June this city was for several weeks thrown into a state of consternation through the mysterious outbreak of fires, all apparently of an incendiary origin. One of the buildings which it was attempted to burn down was the Moorhead furniture factory, and other valuable properties were also attacked. In one week as many as twenty outbreaks of fire were chronicled, and the citizens were thoroughly alarmed. The employees of the Moorhead Manufacturing Company met and offered a large reward for the arrest of the supposed incendiary, and the strongest possible exertions were put forth by the police. Nothing came of the search that was instituted until one morning a maid in a Carlisle street hotel, having occasion to go to the stables at the rear of the structure, saw a man in a stooping position. When he observed her, he dropped a half-lighted match and made off. The alarm was given, and the man was arrested. He confessed that he was the cause of all the fires, and coolly said that his only object was to get work through the destruction of the buildings! The incendiary was sent to Kingston Penitentiary for seven years—a none too severe sentence for his diabolical crimes.

It may be that the recent fires are not incendiary—the work of a person possessed of a mania—but in view of past experiences, and taking into account the fact that only a week or two since almost every church in the city was burglarized, it would be well for the authorities for some time to come to keep a strict watch over properties of this description.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY.

There is abundance of reason for believing that the discredited Ottawa Cabinet would gladly, yea, joyously, avoid holding either another session of Parliament or a general election for many months to come. They fear to face the representatives of the people, and they fear to face the people themselves. But they must permit themselves to be impaled on either horn of the dilemma before many weeks have elapsed. They must either face Parliament or dissolve it, and let the people choose a new House. What these men

are figuring on now, unless they can be prevented, is to make it as difficult as possible to secure a full vote of the electorate in the many constituencies which they know are ready to vote no confidence in them. Two methods have been suggested:

(1) To hold the election in these districts at a time of the year—say in April or early May—when the roads are almost impassable.

(2) To conduct the vote on the antiquated voters' lists, now several years old.

Either course would be shameful, and would exemplify the desperation of the men adopting it. Nevertheless, it is made apparent that if either one or the other expedient to stifle the public voice is resorted to, the average high tax advocate is ready to throw up his hat in its favor.

The "Advertiser" has no misgivings as to the coming triumph for trade freedom in any case. But it holds that unnecessary burdens and unneeded expenditures should not be caused to either of the political parties. What the country should insist on is the holding of the election at a time of the year when the electors, young and old, can go to the polls conveniently, and only when a revised voters' list can be used.

It would be a disgraceful disfranchisement if voters' lists several years old were used in any constituency.

TOWN AND COUNTRY HAVE COMMON INTERESTS.

Everywhere the farmers and workers are pinning their faith to Hon. Wilfrid Laurier. He expresses his desire to make the bone and sinew of the country his first consideration. Too long have the farmers supported the charlatans who promised them, in return for increased taxation, steady and high prices for their products. The farmers have found out how little faith can be placed in promises of this kind. They now desire to have established the right to buy and sell as freely as possible. If, as we believe, their emancipation would add them to make more money, then would we all profit by their prosperity. There is not a city artisan, laborer, merchant or professional man who is not benefited when the farmer is prosperous. If he is, he spends his money freely in buying supplies; these are chiefly made and sold in centers of population like this city, so that good times in the country means more work and better returns for all of us. For this reason, the reaction in favor of Mr. Laurier's policy ought to be, and is even now, general. The country needs a change, and will command it when opportunity offers.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Advertiser": Permit me to correct error in my letter on the prerogative of dissolution as it appeared in your issue of the 8th. Instead of "when Parliament was of far more importance" it should have been "when Parliament was of far less importance." This will appear from the context. Yours faithfully,

GOLDWIN SMITH.

Toronto, Feb. 10.

A PREGNANT QUERY.

Would it not be better to suffer the discomfort of two hours of slightness at a theater rather than, by clipping the wings of a peculiarly fascinating and decorating bonnet, to freeze and perhaps ruin the feminine impulse to self-adornment?—New York Sun.

HAS NO USE FOR THEM.

The Durham Chronicle says: "We have no use for anonymous communications, especially those making attacks upon persons, as we are of the opinion that anyone wishing to ventilate his views through the public press should first be prepared to do so open and above board. To do otherwise is to take an unfair advantage. Anonymous communications, though frequently received, do not put in an appearance through our columns."

COL. DENISON'S REMARKABLE START.

Col. Denison says when he was a boy he was "lurched around the school of Upper Canada College every day for six months, until the teacher gave up in despair. He was as obtuse as a mule." Some people carry their school-boy traits through life.—Hamilton Times.

NOT USED TO IT.

How the Recent Cold Spell Affected the Britishers.

Nothing Like It Since 1813—Many People Die—The Thermometer Useless.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Everybody expected to be at liberty last week to devote undivided attention to Parliament and to the burning question whether the Ministry could live through the month or not. It has been, however, willed otherwise. A more serious problem still has been presented, that of whether the British people en masse were not going to be frozen to death. One recalls vaguely that up to Christmas we talked about an exceptionally mild winter, and were even rather unhappy about it. Heaven forgive our folly! At New Year's snow came and things froze, and with trivial exceptions have remained frozen ever since. The past ten days constituted the longest sustained period of extreme cold known since 1813, when an ox was roasted entire on the frozen Thames, and a fair was held on the ice for three nights. The mercury has fallen below zero in some districts as far as 12 degrees. When it is remembered that the ordinary English thermometers are only made to go down to 10 degrees above, and that the present generation of Britons count from the freezing point and hardly know that there is such a thing as zero, one can imagine the general consternation and excitement that this long arctic wave has produced. Stoves and anthracite are unknown, and every water pipe in the land has been at the mercy of floods, plants are destroyed, and the entire domestic economy of the country is upset. Every day brings reports of people frozen to death or dying of heart disease caused by the cold. Thrushes and starlings have died in myriads, and tales are told in the Highlands, where numerous trains are imbedded in drifts, of wild deer driven from the passes by cold and hunger to come and warm themselves by the locomotive fires and solicit food from the passengers. The sea is

heavily frozen over in Whiteable Bay, and it is feared that the great oyster beds there are destroyed. The panic about catching typhoid fever from the oysters had nearly wrecked that business earlier in the season. This new calamity threatens to crush it altogether.

All this has compelled Parliament to play a very subordinate second fiddle in the public mind.

A DASTARDLY ATTEMPT

To Blow Up a Steamer—Dynamite Concealed in a Cotton Bale.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The Sun's special from New Orleans says: The United States marshals engaged in protecting the negro laborers engaged in loading the steamer Florida, of the West Indian and Pacific Steamship Line at Southport, the southern terminus of the Mississippi Valley Railroad, detected a suspicious-looking man on the wharf yesterday morning concealing something in a bale of cotton. He was arrested, and the cotton examined. It was found he had put enough dynamite in the cotton to blow the Florida to pieces. The federal authorities refuse to give the name of the man, but there seems to be no reason to doubt that the attempted crime was due to the bitter feelings growing out of the labor troubles here. The West Indian and Pacific Steamship Company was one of the first lines to employ negro labor in loading against whites. The white laborers were indignant and struck. The wharves of the company were set on fire a few days afterwards and burned with all the freight, the total loss being \$300,000.

LADY SOMERSET'S RECEPTION.

The Local W. C. T. U. Making Arrangements—Will Help the Y. M. C. A.

(Communicated by the Secretary.)

Yesterday's meeting was opened auspiciously with a Bible reading, given by Rev. W. J. Clark from Acts, iv. 19 to 31, which was greatly appreciated.

Nominations for new active, and two honorary members were received.

The pleasant task of arranging for the expected visit of Lady Henry Somerset on Feb. 27 was entered upon with zest. Her ladyship being to her Canadian comrades in a sense more than Frances Willard was to the English people, the London Union are specially anxious to show their loyalty to their English sisters, and their admiration of the noble woman who is to be their guest, by according to her a reception worthy of the occasion.

Another subject was discussed, one that many citizens of London are growing to feel is of vital importance to the welfare of hundreds of young men who have not the comfort and influence of home life, viz., the lack of a suitable Y. M. C. A. building, such as would be a credit to this city, and supply a fit and elevating resort for the young men who several evenings of the week are forced to choose between a cold, cheerless room in a cheap boarding house and the warmth and brightness but degrading influences of one of the bar rooms and saloons of which the city is so abundantly supplied. A plan was formulated for the purpose of arousing attention to this much felt want and a desire expressed to help the Y. M. C. A. in every way possible in their efforts to secure the needed accommodation.

More will be heard of this subject at the next meeting, Feb. 26, which promises to be one of greater than usual interest.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

—Hon. David Mills spoke at the Kent Liberal nomination this afternoon.

—Mr. Snazelle, the popular entertainer who starts a three-day engagement at the Grand tonight, is at the Tecumseh House.

—Practice games are being played daily between curriers of the Forest City and London teams in preparation for the tankard games on Thursday.

—Lieut.-Col. Lindsay and the officers of the Seventh have been invited to attend a smoking concert in Hamilton on Thursday evening, to be given by Hon. J. M. Gibson and the officers of the Thirtieth.

—P. C. Gillson warned a street railway employee against putting salt on the rails between William and Maitland streets this morning. The waste water from the fire had frozen in some cases entirely over the rails.

—At a meeting of the senate of the Western University yesterday, a committee was appointed to consider the practicability of reviving the arts course in this city. Dr. E. T. Harrison was nominated a member of the senate.

—Council No. 193, R. T. of T., East London, held its regular fortnightly meeting last night. The initiatory ceremony of the royal degree was impressively exemplified and a member balloted for the select degree. Several members were reported on the sick list and a sick committee was appointed. Under the head of "Exercises for the Good of the Order" the council listened to a short literary and musical programme.

—The marriage of Miss Jessie E. Hodgins, eldest daughter of the late Edward Hodgins, took place on Monday, Feb. 11, to Mr. S. T. Butler, of the Chicago Sugar Refining Company, Chicago. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Dunn at 11 a.m. The bride was handsomely attired in golden brown and point lace. Her ornaments were diamonds. Miss Hodgins acted as bridesmaid, while the groom was supported by his brother, Dr. W. J. Butler. The happy couple left for the Southern States amid showers of rice. —(Com.)

—At Osgoode Hall yesterday in the case of the village of London West vs. London Guarantee and Accident Company, James Pearson and W. R. Riddell for the defendants moved to set aside findings of a jury for plaintiffs entered thereon by Meredith, J., at London in an action upon an employee's guarantee bond given by defendants in 1890, and to enter judgment for defendants upon the undisputed facts shown in evidence, or for a new trial. The defendants moved on the ground that the answers given by the then receiver of the plaintiffs to the various questions put by defendants to employees were untrue, and upon other grounds. E. R. Cameron, London, for plaintiffs, contra. Reserved.

—The death of Mrs. Edward Gorman yesterday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Fleming, No. 217 Colborne street, removed one of the earliest settlers in this city, and a highly esteemed resident. Deceased was 65 years of age. She was a daughter of the late Mr. Osborne, who settled in this country when deceased was a girl of 12 years. Up to a short time since, when failing health affected her seriously, Mrs. Gorman was a class leader and Sunday school teacher in the Wellington Street Methodist Church. Her worth was recognized on the occasion of her resignation by numerous handsome tokens. Besides Mr. Gorman, three sons and two daughters survive—William, Arthur and Henry, of this city, and Mrs.

Ed. Fleming, also of London, and Mrs. Robert Middleton, of Toledo, Ohio.

Latest Business Changes.

Joseph Barker, shoes, Brecken, sold out to R. D. Hill. D. G. Gray, hats, Brockville, assigned. Thos. Hadwin, Kinardine, assigned. P. A. Skinner, shoes, Niagara Falls, offering 50 cents on the dollar. Thos. Wilson, grocer, Oil Springs, dead. Agnes Schumacher, grocer, Paisley, sold out to Mrs. Willets. J. S. Macrae & Co., drygoods, Strathroy, assigned. B. G. Evans, general store, Woodville, assigned.

At the Grand.

Lincoln J. Carter's great scenic production of "The Tornado" was on the boards at the Grand last night. The galleries held the major part of the audience, which was very liberal with its show of appreciation of the striking scenic effects. They included about everything that could be desired by the most ardent lover of novel situations. The first act included a great tornado scene, the second a shipwreck, the third a fire and the fourth a dissecting room. Mr. Jaxon Gordon took the leading male part, while Miss Gracie Beebe essayed the part of the heroine to perfection.

Want Him to Stay.

Last evening the quarterly official board of the Askin Street Methodist Church met in the board room of the church. There was a very large attendance, and a good deal of business received prompt attention. The finances were found to be well in advance of the corresponding term of the previous year. Favorable reports were heard from the society classes, and from the Sabbath school and Bible classes. A very cordial and unanimous invitation was extended to Rev. Thomas Cullen to remain for a third year as their pastor, which was most heartily accepted by Mr. Cullen, subject to the sanction of the conference. Rev. Samuel Wilson made some very complimentary references both to the pastor and to the courtesy and gentlemanly deportment of the board. Several others spoke very kindly of the pastor, of his wife and family, and of his work.

Woman's Morning Music Club.

The 17th programme of the above organization was rendered today before a good audience as follows:

Concerto—(Two pianos).....Ferdinand Hiller
Mrs. Jessie Moore and Miss Steele.
Song—Romance.....Rubinstein
Miss Lena Labatt.
Romance—(In E flat).....Rubinstein
Miss Helen Fitzgibbon.
Duet (vocal)—The Bird.....Rubinstein
Mrs. E. Paul and Miss F. Chadwick.
Nocturne—Opus 9.....Rubinstein
Poem arranged by Helen Gray Coae.
Reader, Mrs. Betts; piano, Mrs. Chadwick.
Song—"Thou'rt Like Unto a Flower.....Rubinstein
Mrs. R. Burns.
Minuet—(For the left hand).....Rheinberger
Mrs. Frances J. Moore.
Trio (vocal)—Peace.....Hiller
Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Moore and Miss Coeling.
Duet (piano), No. 1—Ballet Music.....Rubinstein
From the opera "Faramorz."
Miss Ethel Holmes and Mrs. Moore.

SMOTHERED IN GRAIN.

Terrible Death of a Malt-House Employee.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Henry Humphrey, employed in a malt-house, was drawn into a chute from which malt was passing from an upper to a lower bin. The twelve-inch spout caught the man fairly and he began a great battle for his life in the maelstrom of grain passing down the chute. Two companions working with him were unable to afford him any assistance, and inch by inch Humphrey went to his death. In a few minutes the doomed man was in the malt up to his neck.

"My God, I'm going, I'm going," screamed the man, and he gave a series of agonizing shrieks as the malt closed over his head. Down he went out of sight. In a few moments the spout was closed. When he was dug out twenty minutes later it was found that he had clutched the malt and had gripped it so tightly that he had squeezed the grain into his fingers and into the palms of his hands. He was four feet deep in the grain and it was away above his hands, which were stretched straight over his head.

When the spout stopped a dozen of his fellow employees hurried to the upper bin to drag him out, but it is certain that he was dead before the spout was stopped. His feet had reached the floor of the bin right at the sides of the spout, but his body was too large to pass through.

Nothing impure or injurious contaminates the popular antidote to pain, throat and lung remedy and general corrective, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. It may be used without the slightest apprehension of any other than salutary consequences. Coughs, rheumatism, earaches, bruises, cuts and sores succumb to its action.

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CHAPMAN'S.

Again we have to thank our competitors for their kind attention to our business. A sore head is a disagreeable thing. If our store is crowded while others find nothing to do, it is because we do not deal in antiquities and won't be governed by antiquated methods. Our modern retailing meets with a cordial response from the public and we ask them to call and see the many useful and ornamental articles just to hand, to be given away free to our customers, while we wait for the next objection from the advocates of the rusty past.

One Case

Of Beautiful American Prints, just to hand, warranted fast colors and comprising, navy, crimson, gray and black at 7½c.

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Dress Gingham, in checks and plaids, at 7½c, 10c. American Apron Gingham, with borders, 40 inches wide, for 10c.

Also wide Apron Check Gingham at 5c, 8½c, 10c.

Don't Forget

That our great Cotton and Sheetting Sale will continue all through the present month. Yard Wide Cotton, 3c, 4½c, 5c, 6½c, 7c, 8½c, 10c.

Selling

Twilled Sheetting, 36 inches wide, bleached and unbleached, at 8c, 10c, 12½c and 15c.

And 72 inches wide at 18c, 20c, 22c, 25c, 30c, is what we have been doing in the past and will continue to do till further notice.

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"For five or six years I had Dyspepsia in its worst form, sometimes completely prostrated; so much that it was impossible for me to work more than half an hour at a time. I had tried various remedies but did not receive any benefit, when I was recommended by a druggist to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I have taken two bottles and feel like a new man. I can eat and drink anything and enjoy my food. I never felt better. Hood's Sarsaparilla too much for me. I cannot praise it enough. It cured me of dyspepsia but also of rheumatism." JAMES FERGUSON, St. John, New Brunswick.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures
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WINTER PASTIME.

Scots Win the Great International Bouspiel.

Tonight's Hockey Match—Various Sporting Events.

CURLING.

SCOTLAND YET.

The great international bouspiel between Scotland and England was played last month in Talkin Tarn in Cumberland. It was carried out under the auspices of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, and 200 Scottish rinks entered, but with only 68 English rinks to oppose them the Scottish clubs were selected by lot. The Scotchmen won by 1,102 to 827 shots. About 5,000 spectators witnessed the game, which was played on first class ice, seven inches thick. The international bouspiel was originated by Wm. L'Anson, the famous north country trainer of racehorses, last year, but no ice was had. Mr. L'Anson skipped a winning rink, which included Fagan, the famous jockey. Another rink from the L'Anson establishment was beaten only one shot by the rink skipped by Sir James Gibson Craig, president of the Royal Caledonian Club, a year or two ago.

THE TURF.

GRAND CIRCUIT DATES.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 12.—A meeting of stewards of the grand circuit was held at the Iroquois this morning. Dates were claimed for the grand circuit meeting and were decided as follows: Saginaw, July 15 to 20 inclusive; Detroit, July 22 to 27; Cleveland, July 29 to Aug. 2; Buffalo, Aug. 6 to 16; Rochester, Aug. 19 to 23; New York, Aug. 27 to 31.

HOCKEY.

THE BANKERS' GAME.

A game of hockey was played at the Westminster rink at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon between a combination team of bankers and the clerks of the Bank of Toronto. The latter team was victorious. Score: 3 to 0.

SAT ON THE SPALDINGS.

INGERSOLL, Feb. 12.—The Spaldings of Chicago and a picked team from Ingersoll and Woodstock played a game of hockey here this evening. The game was decidedly one-sided, the home team winning by six goals to one. The Chicago team go to St. Thomas tomorrow.

TONIGHT'S MATCH.

The following will comprise the junior hockey team tonight in their match with Stratford at the Princess Rink: Goal, Glover; point, Scroton; cover, Carmichael; center forwards, Lind and Barry; wings, Reid and Graydon.

BASEBALL.

DOC SIFFI GOES TO TORONTO.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—Toronto Baseball Association has signed Arthur Siffi, of London, to play second base, and has accepted the terms of Shortstop Demont, last year with Binghamton, N. Y., and Louisville.

The trolley strike in Brooklyn is now practically over. President Lewis, of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company, will decide today whether it shall be carried on any longer or not.

Live News in a Line.
Eccles Tower, one of the best known landmarks on the east coast of England, was blown down during the gales of last week.

During last month officers of the Fishmongers Company, of London, seized and destroyed at Billingsgate market 42 tons of fish which was unfit for human food.

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Confessed Conspiracy.
BROCKVILLE, Feb. 12.—W. A. Williamson, of Gananoque, arrested a week ago on a charge of conspiracy in the Dempster bigamy case by defrauding J. A. Dempster out of a portion of his property, came up before Judge McDonald today and pleaded guilty. He will be sentenced tomorrow.

The Hawaiian Political Prisoners.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Mr. Thurston, the Hawaiian Minister, has received an official communication from his Government, stating that up to Jan. 30 the court-martial was in trying the insurgents at Honolulu had rendered decisions in 22 cases. Sentences of capital punishment have been delivered in the cases of R. W. Wilcox, Samuel Nowlin, H. F. Bertelmann, C. T. Gulick, W. H. Rickard and W. T. Seward. The others were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment. Fines in addition to the imprisonment were imposed in a number of cases. All are subject to the approval or disapproval of President Dole.

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CASEY IS ALL RIGHT.

West Elgin's Veteran Representative Renominated.

Sir Hector's Name Dropped by His Three Rivers Associates.

LEEDS AND GRENVILLE LIBERALS.
BROCKVILLE, Ont., Feb. 12.—Despite the heavy roads the Liberal convention held here today to select a candidate to contest the riding in the Liberal interest was largely attended by representatives from the riding of the riding. Over a dozen persons were nominated, but all retired in favor of Jas. Cumming, of Lyp, who was made the unanimous choice. The Liberals enter the fight with sanguine expectations, and in spite of an adverse majority of 200 in the riding claim that they will be able to elect the nominee of the convention. Resolutions were passed expressing confidence in the platform of the Liberal party and its leader, Hon. Wilfrid Laurier.

SIR HECTOR'S NAME LEFT OFF.
MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—The secretary of the Conservative Association of the city of Three Rivers has issued an invitation to leading Conservatives in Maskinonge, Three Rivers, St. Maurice, Champlain and Nicolet inviting them to attend a convention to be held on Thursday evening, the 14th inst., to form a district association. The name of Sir Hector Langevin, M. P. for Three Rivers, does not appear in the list of delegates named in the circular, and this is interpreted to mean that he is to be thrown overboard by not being asked to seek re-election for the next seat of Three Rivers.

FOSTER WANTS A SURE THING.
Hon. G. E. Foster does not intend to run for Kings county, N. B., again. His majority at the last election was only 70. He may run for York county in place of Mr. Temple, who will get one of the eleven vacancies in the Senate.

CASEY IS ALL RIGHT.
BISMARCK, Ont., Feb. 12.—A large and very enthusiastic convention was held in Bismarck today to nominate a candidate in the Reform interest for West Elgin. Representatives were present from every part of the riding, and the utmost unanimity prevailed. Mr. Geo. E. Casey, the present member, who so ably represented the county for the past 22 years, was chosen as the standard-bearer. The riding will give a larger majority for Mr. Casey than ever before.

NOTES.
The trial of the West Durham election petition against the return of Mr. W. H. Reid, M.P.P., comes on Monday, Feb. 18.

It is rumored in Toronto that J. D. Hay, of the firm of Davidson & Hay, will oppose D'Alton McCarthy in North Simcoe.

The Patrons of Industry will hold a convention at Regina on the 14th. They are going to nominate a candidate in opposition to Mr. Nicholas Flood Davis.

Mr. T. W. Gillmore informs the Prince Albert Advocate that the requisition which he is circulating, asking the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier to run for Saskatchewan at the next general election, is being largely signed in every part of the district.

It is understood that the Conservative candidate in Montreal, Gen. St. Amant, division, in place of Mr. Curran, who goes on the bench will be Mr. J. F. Quinn, Q.C., the crown prosecutor and president of the Junior Conservative Club.

The Toronto Evening News says: There will be a monster Conservative convention in Toronto in about two weeks. Every Conservative organization will send delegates, while Premier Bower and some of the Cabinet Ministers will address a mass meeting in Massey Hall.

SMOKE AND FLAME.
Fire Does \$17,500 Damage at Harrow, Ont.

HARROW, Ont., Feb. 12.—About 12:30 this morning fire broke out in Roseburgh's Block, the family barely escaping with their lives. The fire then spread to Wright's barber shop, which was also destroyed, thence it spread to the general store of James A. Straith & Co. Mr. Manning, the manager, who lives above the store, saved practically nothing but what he had on his back. The fire then spread to Jos. Wright's store, also burning a brick residence adjoining. The brave work of the firemen saved further destruction. The estimated losses are: James A. Straith & Co., \$10,000; E. Wright, \$500; P. Roseburgh's store and residence, \$3,000; J. E. Webster, tailor, \$2,500; J. S. Wright's store and residence, \$2,500; F. C. Manning, \$1,000. The insurances are: J. A. Straith & Co., \$3,500; B. Wright, \$300; P. Roseburgh, \$1,600; J. E. Webster, none; J. S. Wright, \$1,300; F. C. Manning, \$500.

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday.
CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The 88th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday was observed here today with more ceremony than usual. The banks, Board of Trade, Stock Exchange, and all the city and county offices, with the exception of police and fire departments, were closed. The schools were open, but the sessions were devoted to patriotic songs and recitals.

Died at Her Post of Duty.
HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 12.—Mother M. Berdotti of the Home of the Guardian Angel died today. Deceased was a native of Chatham, N. B., and her name was Harrington, but for nearly 20 years she had been a resident of Halifax and was superintress of the order to which she belonged in Canada. She enjoyed the esteem of all who knew her.

Pine-malt is the new cure for coughs, colds, and all throat, bronchial and lung ailments. It is in the new way on the new lines of medical advancement, antiseptic, cleansing and healing to all diseased parts. Unlike old style remedies, it neither injures the delicate nervous system with narcotics to overcome coughs, nor impairs digestion with nauseants, to cure the disease. Pine has been celebrated in all ages as a cure for throat and chest troubles. The tall pines (not shrubs) of Gilead furnished the famous balm of Scripture history. Malt stands in the front rank as a remedy in all throat and chest ailments. Malt is a powerful in nourishing and stimulating properties. Pine-malt is a rare combination; it is both a local and constitutional remedy. Pine-malt is not a cure-all—does not pretend to be, but all the same, and more surely, it cures in its special field, and here it stands unrivalled. Rev. J. G. Calder, a prominent Baptist minister, has the following to say: "What shall I take to break up this bad cold?" Answer: Pine-malt. "But it has gone to my lungs and hangs on." Then get a bottle of Pine-malt and Hypophosphites instead. I advise this from personal and family experience. It acts like a charm, allaying coughs, curing hoarseness and other symptoms with surprising quickness. It is a great family medicine, safe and pleasant. My faith in Pine-malt is unbounded. The new medicine is all the talk hereabout. J. G. Calder, pastor, Brooke Baptist Church, Lambton, Ont., Jan. 30, 1898.

SENSATION IN TORONTO!

Two Business Men Charged With Murder.

The Victim Carried \$36,000 Insurance on His Life.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—Dallas T. Hyams, aged 35, and Harry P. Hyams, aged 39, both brokers and both Americans, who have been resident in this city for nine years, coming here from New Orleans, were tonight arrested on a charge of murder.

The alleged victim was a young Englishman named Wm. C. Wells, who on Jan. 16, 1893, was found

at the bottom of the elevator shaft of the warehouse on Colborne street of the Hyams Bros., with whom he had been employed as a bookkeeper. Deceased was 22 years of age.

AN EXPLANATION.
The explanation of the death at the time that Wells was making some repairs at the foot of the hoist and it fell upon his head.

INSURED FOR \$36,000.
Deceased was insured for \$36,000, \$31,000 being carried by the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, and the balance in the Mutual Accident Association.

The policies were payable to deceased's sister Martha, who at the time was engaged to be married to Harry Hyams. The policies had been issued but a couple of months previous.

The New York Company investigated the case, but found no evidence of foul play, and the money was paid to Miss Wells, and in May last she was married to Harry Hyams, and they shortly afterwards removed to Montreal, returning to Toronto two weeks ago, and took up their residence with Dallas Hyams at 75 Gould street, where tonight they were arrested.

GROUND FOR ARREST.
The police refuse to disclose the nature of the evidence, but it is understood the following facts are counted against Harry Hyams: The premium on the policy was paid by him amounting to \$364, and he was alone when the warehouse with deceased when the fatality occurred. Since then it has been learned that Hyams endeavored to get insurance policies on his wife (the Miss Wells, that was) to the extent of \$300,000 in different American and English companies, and this fact may have an important bearing on the arrest.

Late Canadian News.
Burned-Out Trinity College School Boys Meet in Port Hope Town Hall.

The Madco branch of the Midland Railway, which had been closed since Saturday, was opened Tuesday.

Lady Henry Somerset will visit Toronto on Feb. 26, under the auspices of the Toronto District W. C. T. Union.

Jan. Hannigan, age 60, while at work shovelling snow in the railway yard at Moncton, N. B., dropped dead Tuesday morning of apoplexy.

J. S. Monahan, the court stenographer, who was so terribly injured in the Western Railway accident, is still at the point of death at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Trinity College School, Port Hope, re-assembled Tuesday morning, the classes being organized and the lessons resumed in the town hall. There the scholars have very comfortable quarters.

Mr. J. A. Tucker, of Toronto, has received a notice from the registrar of the University that he must cease attendance at lectures. This is an enforcement of Mr. Tucker's suspension owing to the "Varsity trouble."

The late Alexander Wood, Smith's Falls, left \$20,000 to Miss Agnes Lamb, for twenty years his trusted housekeeper. His sons, William and Stephen, were each bequeathed \$6,000 in cash and a yearly income of \$2,500.

Volney Ashford and his brother Clarence, now of Honolulu, and reported as being concerned in the rebellion there, were sons of Mr. Jas. Ashford, formerly of the town of Hope, near Port Hope, Ont., where they were both born.

A sale has been consummated at Ottawa whereby the property known as "Ward's," on the Rouge River is transferred to Mr. E. J. Swan, of New York, the sum of \$100,000 being involved in the transaction. The area is about 550 square miles.

On the Eastern division of the C. P. R. the fight which the company experienced in keeping the roads cleared during the heavy snow was almost unprecedented in the history of the line. In some places they grappled with banks of snow 18 to 20 feet high.

Chief Electrician Davis, of the Toronto Street Railway Electric Company, whose name came up frequently during the recent municipal investigation, has left the service of the Toronto company and engaged with the Detroit Street Railway Company.

On Sunday at Kingston a petition embracing a request for the maintenance of the rights of the Roman Catholic minority in the Province of Manitoba, to be presented to the Governor-General, was circulated among the congregation of St. Mary's Cathedral, and many signatures were affixed.

GEN. BOOTH.
Visits the Toronto Central—His Closing Meeting—Sir Oliver in the Chair.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—Gen. Booth visited the Central Prison this morning. This afternoon he addressed a "select gathering" in St. George's Hall.

His last public meeting in Toronto took place tonight in Massey Hall, which was well filled.

Sir Oliver Mowat acted as chairman, while Hon. G. W. Ross, Chancellor Burslem, and Rev. T. Marter, M.P.P., Aid. Hallam and Rev. Dr. Dewar were among those on the platform.

Sir Oliver Mowat introduced the general in a speech, in which he spoke in high terms of the work of the army. Gen. Booth delivered a powerful and vivid sketch of the social side of his work and called for help in his amelioration of the condition of the poor.

Hon. G. W. Ross moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Chancellor Burslem in an impassioned appeal for aid for the army's work. The vote was enthusiastically carried.

The general leaves for Ottawa as soon as his interview with the Dominion Cabinet has been arranged.

From Ottawa he goes to Buffalo, and will sail from the latter city for England after visiting Boston and New York.

MANAGED BY A SAW.
HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 12.—A terrible accident occurred at McMillen & Winn's sawmill. Truro, N. S., yesterday, by which Edward Brenton lost his life. While employed near the saw-mill machine his coat became in some way entangled with the machinery and he was

In the Old Land.

Success of Italian Moderates Over Radicals and Socialists.

Great Britain's Cotton Trade in a Thriving Condition.

The Gasconne's Captain Honored—Steps to Stop Gambling—Canadian Cheese in England.

THE MODERATES WIN.
ROME, Feb. 12.—In the communal elections throughout Italy the Moderates everywhere defeated the Radicals and Socialists.

JOSEPH WELCOMED.
PARIS, Feb. 12.—Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria arrived at Mentone today. President Faure wired his Majesty a message of welcome.

THE GASCONNE'S CAPTAIN HONORED.
PARIS, Feb. 12.—The directors of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique have voted a gold medal to Captain Baudouin, of the Gasconne, and have adopted resolutions expressing their felicitations on the skill, courage and sangfroid shown by him on the perilous voyage just ended.

THE JAPS' LATEST SUCCESS.
LONDON, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says Gen. Oyama reports under date of Feb. 8 that on that morning the Japanese took the Kuan-Tao and Yeh-Tan forts at Wei-Hai-Wei, and blew up the magazine of the latter. On Feb. 9 two shells from the eastern forts struck the Chen Yuen, which immediately sank, and first, blowing her propellers as she went down.

COTTON TRADE THRIVING.
LONDON, Feb. 12.—Sir William Harcourt, referring to the alleged depression in the cotton trade, said that the imports of the raw material for 1894 amounted to 1,788,000 pounds, or 874,000 pounds over those of 1893, which were 18,000,000 pounds, and he attributed the increase to the fact that the exports of yarns for 1894, Sir William stated, were 236,000,000 pounds, or 30,000,000 pounds over those of 1893; the exports of cotton piece goods amounted to 5,212,000 yards, being 690,000,000 over those of 1893. Other data proved that the cotton trade was in a thriving condition.

IN THE COMMONS.
LONDON, Feb. 12.—The lord mayor and high sheriff of the city of Dublin appeared before the bar of the House today and presented a petition for the release of Sir Henry Heneghan (Unionist) asked whether the Government was in communication with the American or other Governments with regard to gambling in agricultural commodities, or whether the Ministry proposed to co-operate with the powers with a view of establishing an international entente whereby the practice shall be suppressed.

Sir William Harcourt said that he was in entire sympathy with the desire to suppress such gambling, but he was afraid that the point had hardly been arrived at where an international agreement could be desired. The Government, he said, had not received any communications on the subject from other countries.

CANADIAN CHEESE IN ENGLAND.
LONDON, Feb. 12.—The dealers interested in the cheese trade here who are urging that the date of the manufacture should be stamped on Canadian cheese are not having it all their own way. It is contended from another point of view that the adoption of this suggestion would lead to the boycotting by English buyers of May and June cheese, which is the worst of the year. It is argued that the Government should be the experience of traders in past years, when each month's make was marked on the product. For several years both May and July makes have been exceptionally good, and it is believed that the trade on both sides of the Atlantic would be losers by the proposed experiment. It is a question also whether English buyers have not been blaming themselves when selling their cold storage cheese in not being perfectly candid in explaining the character of the goods they were offering. The general opinion appears to be that there is nothing to check the growth of the export of Canadian cheese, and that the cold storage cheese in not being perfectly candid in explaining the character of the goods they were offering. The general opinion appears to be that there is nothing to check the growth of the export of Canadian cheese, and that the cold storage cheese in not being perfectly candid in explaining the character of the goods they were offering.

STRAATHROY.
Feb. 11.—Mayor Smith and Mrs. Smith are spending two or three days visiting friends in St. Thomas.

A deputation from the Lambton County Council were in Strathroy on Thursday last, visiting the House of Refuge, as the question of a house of refuge for Lambton County was under consideration. They were hospitably entertained by Mayor Smith, who, with Reeve Owens, accompanied them and gave them all desired information, and were very favorably impressed with the character and work of the refuge here.

Anniversary services will be held in the Baptist Church here on Sunday, Feb. 24. The sermons, both morning and evening, will be preached by Rev. P. K. Dayfoot, formerly pastor, but now of Port Hope.

On Sunday evening last in St. Andrew's Church, Rev. W. G. Jordan preached the funeral sermon of the late Thomas Gordon to a crowded congregation. The pulpit and rail were draped in black, and the whole service was most impressive. The town council and high school board have passed resolutions of esteem and condolence with the family, and on Friday evening last the committee of the Strathroy Branch Bible Society, of which he had for seven years been president, took a final action, and also decided, out of respect to his memory, to leave the position vacant till next annual meeting.

The Women's Christian Association, the chairman of the relief committee, and others have been busy relieving the cases of destitution arising from the severe weather and scarcity of employment. There seems to be more need of relief than in any previous years.

A dairymen's convention will be held in the Fireman's Hall on Feb. 19. Two sessions will be held, at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., and addresses are promised from Hon. Edmund Pennington, Stratford; A. Pattullo, Woodstock; Prof. Harcourt, Guelph; J. W. Wheaton, London; J. S. Pearce, London, and a prominent dairymen from the State of Illinois.

Francis Pigeon met his death at Winsor's distillery in Prescott by falling into a tub of water.

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A Chesley Woman Hangs Herself With a Scarf.

CHESLEY, Ont., Feb. 12.—This morning Mrs. Wm. Cruikshank committed suicide while laboring under mental depression. She was found suspended by the neck with a scarf tied to a bedpost in her bedroom. When found life was extinct. She leaves a husband and a large family of children.

WE DON'T WANT IT HERE.
Another Big Storm Developing on the North Atlantic Coast.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The weather bureau has information that another big storm is developing off the North Pacific coast. Storms arising in this section move as a rule along the northern edge of the United States, and leave their effects also in the New England and Middle States. A ridge of high pressure extends west of the Gulf of Mexico. Snow during the next 24 hours is predicted for all the Middle and New England States and for a number of other States.

FIFTY YEARS IN PENITENTIARY.
Bill Cook, the Outlaw, Tried and Sentenced.

PORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 12.—In the United States Court today Bill Cook, the notorious outlaw, was found guilty on half a dozen counts and sentenced to 50 years in the penitentiary at Albany, N. Y. He will start for Albany tomorrow.

A FAITHFUL DOG.
Saves His Master and Mistress and Loses His Own Life.

BUFFALO, Feb. 12.—The fire on Lock street today was caused by an explosion in the Burdick envelope factory, which shook the neighboring buildings and cracked the ice in the canal on which the Gilbert building abuts.

A number of canal boats occupied by families are wintering in the canal at the back of the building. One of them was the Flower City, which was occupied by a boatman named Brooks and his wife. A few minutes before the explosion Mr. Brooks' dog, a large mastiff, began whining and growling, and his master got out of his bunk, gave the dog a kick and sent him out of the cabin. The animal howled all the louder, and marked with such vengeance that Mr. Brooks got up again to eject the poor beast from the boat. In return for his master's hand and continued to howl pitiously.

Brooks dragged the dog to the deck, intending to put him off the boat, when he discovered the fire. Hastily returning, he aroused his wife, and with no little difficulty they escaped only a few seconds before the explosion, which blew out the rear of the third and fourth stories and rattled the deck of the canal boat. A shower of bricks, pieces of iron and heavy timbers fell and crushed the boat. The dog, after saving his master and mistress, was caught in the falling debris and killed.

STORM-TOSSED SHIPS.
The Captain of a Schooner Washed Overboard—Enough Experience of a Steamer.

HALIFAX, Feb. 12.—The schooner Baby, Richardson, Captain George Ives, bound from Newfoundland to Gloucester, Mass., called at Sand Point a few miles from Shelburne, N. S., last night, and reported the loss of the captain, who was washed overboard a few days ago.

GLoucester, Mass., Feb. 12.—The fishing schooner Gladstone that sailed from here a few days ago has arrived at St. Pierre-Miquelon with her deck swept, losing dories, foremast, jib and boom, and having her gaffs broken. John Gillies, one of the sailors, was washed overboard and drowned.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The British steamer Chicago City, which arrived at Bristol yesterday from New York, sustained considerable damage by the storm through which she passed. The seas carried away her fly bridge, a part of lower bridge deck, started her upper bridge and dented her bulkhead and wheelhouse.

HON. J. J. CURRAN GOING ON THE BENCH.
MONTREAL, Que., Feb. 12.—It is generally stated in Conservative circles here and accepted as well founded that Hon. J. J. Curran, Solicitor-General, is about to be raised to the Superior Court bench to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Francis Johnson.

THE SMALLPOX IN MALAHLIDE.
TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 12.—Dr. Hodges, medical health inspector for the Provincial Board of Health, has returned from the Aymer district, where he inspected the smallpox epidemic. He reports that there have been in Malahide township seven cases, of which two have been fatal. The period of incubation of those exposed is more than a week, and it is believed that the outbreak has been successfully checked.

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