

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DIED.

PLATT—At her residence, London West, on Tuesday, Feb. 24, Mrs. J. E. Platt, aged 38 years.
Funeral will leave the residence, Wharncliffe road, London West, on Thursday, at 3 o'clock, for the cemetery at 2:30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading two cents per word each insertion. No advertisement less than 10 words.

DON'T MISS THE BENEFIT CONCERT tendered to the Grand Hospital, in King Street Methodist Church tonight, select talent. Doors open 7:15. Come early.

WOMAN'S MORNING MUSIC CLUB concert, Knights of Pythias Hall, Saturday evening, Feb. 22, at 8 o'clock. Admission 25c.

TICKETS FOR MISS JESSIE ALEXANDER'S recital may be had at Heintzman & Co.'s and Johnson's shoe store, Price, 25c.

CENTRAL RINK—BAND FRIDAY NIGHT Children's carnival Saturday afternoon; prize for best English, Irish and Scotch costume; every child receives a present.

CENTRAL RINK—NATIONAL CARNIVAL Tuesday night; prizes for best English, Irish and Scotch costumes of eighteenth century. Everybody 10c.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—MONDAY March 2, Thora Combs Opera Company, in musical comedy, "Daughter of the Regiment." Catchy songs, brilliant music. Prices—10c, 25c, 35c. Plan open tomorrow.

GIFFY AND TAMBOURINE DANCE Grand Opera House, Monday night, fine costumes. 341 wtyw.

MISS JESSIE ALEXANDER, The great elocutionist, Dundas Center Church, Friday night. Admission 25c.

CONCERT—MISS BAXTER, MODON, All-Union Club, Monday, Messrs. Stockwell, Dr. Ziegler, Tancor, Alexander and others, Friday night, St. James' Presbyterian Church. Silver collection.

ART LOAN—PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Feb. 27. Admission 10c. Afternoon tea 4 o'clock.

BENEFIT CONCERT TO SANDY DREN N.Y. Falcon Club and Orient Minstrels. Minstrel first part. Hear Miss H. Lovina Taylor, of Hamilton, violinist; sixteen young ladies drill. Falcon Club, Friday night, at 8 o'clock. Music Hall, Friday, Feb. 22. Admission 25c. See programme.

Cecil Rhodes did not stay long in England; he could not keep away from the gold and diamond mines of South Africa. FRANK B. CLARKE, who sells ocean tickets, Richmond street, next "Advertiser," will tell you the cost to go there.

DANCE DANCING ACADEMY—LAST term commences Monday evening, last Wednesday evening, Children Saturday afternoon. DANCE & MUSIC. 341 wtyw.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING by Mr. R. B. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princess avenue. A thorough system of teaching the modern and all fashionable dances guaranteed. Lessons given any hour.

Meetings.

One cent per word each insertion. No advertisement less than 10 words.

SONS OF ENGLAND—GRAND LODGE delegates will meet at Lodge Chisholm, Friday night, at 8 o'clock. W. J. ANDERSON, D.D.

Domestics Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT with city references. Apply Mrs. S. STEVENS, 496 King street.

WANTED—HOUSEMAID—REFER- ENCES required. Apply at 236 Queen's avenue.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED—BY EL- DERLY gentleman—Must have recom- mendations. Apply 176 Wellington street after 3 p.m.

WANTED—10 FIRST-CLASS GEN- eral servants—Must be good of city, country at Armstrong's Intelligence office, 58 Dundas street, Phone 352.

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT— Must understand plain cooking; no washing or ironing; references required. Apply Mrs. PARKER, South London.

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT—Apply between 7 and 8 p.m., 132 Maple street.

ON HAND AT DWYER'S EMPLOYMENT Agency—General servants, dining-room girls, housekeepers to suit, man and wife to work on farm, etc. 591 Richmond street. Phone 1121.

Male Help Wanted.

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167 MEN WANTED TO ORDER OUR 82, 83 and 84 pants; a perfect fit guaranteed or money refunded. 291 Wellington street. R. H. SEMPLE, tailor. Open evenings.

ORGANIZERS WANTED—PROFITABLE permanent employment. Apply by letter, Grand Organizer Odell, 499 King street west, Toronto.

AGENTS WANTED—\$20 PER WEEK—Apply to Geo. Mastaglio & Co., tea importers, 235 Dundas street.

Marriage Licenses.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. BARTRAM, 99 Dundas street.

W. H. WESTON, GROCER, ISSUES marriage licenses at his office, 64 Stanley street. No bonds required.

LICENSES ISSUED BY THOS. GILLEAN, Jeweler, 402 Richmond street.

MARRIAGE LICENSES AT SHUFF'S drug store, 540 Dundas street east, corner William. Trolley cars pass the door. No witnesses required.

Massage Treatment.

"SWEDISH MASSAGE"—MRS. RAY Gadsby, 328 York street, graduate of Walker's Park Sanatorium, Berks county Pa. Swedish Massage and electric treatment given. Removal of facial blemishes a specialty.

MISS SHUFF—GRADUATE OF DR. S. Webb Mitchell's Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Philadelphia. Massage and Swedish movements. 497 King street, London, Ont. Phone, 502.

Jewelers.

REM VAL—J. T. WESTLAND, JEWEL- ER and engraver, removed to 519 Richmond street, next to Grigg House.

Insurance in the

Liverpool & London & Globe Ins. Co (FIRE). Capital and Assets. \$54,000,000.

EDWARD TOWSE, Agent. Office over Bank of Commerce, London. Telephone No. 507. Money loaned at 4% per cent.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

BRICK HOUSE TO LET—CORNER KING and Burwell; eight rooms; all modern conveniences; possession at once. J. H. MORAN. 380 ywt.

TO LET—459 YORK STREET—NEAT frame house, in good order; 7 rooms; Apply A. D. CAMERON & SON, 316 Burwell street. 37k

TO LET—WARM, COMFORTABLE COT- TAGE, six rooms, pantry and cellar; 38 Bruce street. Apply H. GREENWOOD, 130 Bruce street. 37m

OFFICE TO LET—DOUBLE ROOM WITH vault, first floor Albion Building; also front room on first floor; immediate possession. Apply T. H. CARLING, at the brewery. 33f

TO LET—COTTAGE, CORNER RIDOUT and Craig streets, South London; rent \$13. Apply GEORGE C. GUNX, barrister, 424

TO LET—RESIDENCE, 481 COLBORNE street, corner Dufferin avenue, 10 rooms, modern conveniences. Apply FRASER & FRASER. 42m

Agents Wanted.

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WANTED—EARNEST MEN AND WO- MEN to circulate "The Sword of Islam" or "Suffering Armenia," a thrilling work, Turk, Armenian and Mohammedan with its horrible massacres. Numerous startling illustrations taken on the spot. 448 pages, only \$1.90. Send 50 cents for canvassing book. Agents make \$15 to \$50 weekly. BRADLEY GARRISON & Co. (Limited), Bradford, Ont. ywt

Lost and Found.

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LOST FROM 37 P'CADILLY—BLACK cooker spaniel (dog) pup; half grown. Reward for return.

Articles for Sale.

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SET OF HEAVY TEAM HARNESS, cheap. J. DABOH & SONS, wholesale and retail, 377, 379 Talbot street.

FOR SALE—PIANO AND BICYCLE— Apply 58 Euclid avenue, South London.

PONY, CART AND HARNESS FOR SALE cheap. 637 Elias street. 38c

SECOND-HAND PIANO FOR SALE—A large Heintzman & Co. Upright Piano, nearly new; easy terms of sale. J. S. WILLIAMS & SON, 171 Dundas street. 38c

NEW AND SECOND-HAND PIANOS— R. S. Williams upright, nearly new. Heintzman & Co., 235 Dundas street, H. W. Burnett, Manager.

Business Chances.

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GROCERY BUSINESS FOR SALE IN good part of city; good opening for energetic man; any reasonable offer accepted; present proprietor retiring. Address "B.D." at this office.

Miscellaneous.

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I HEREBY NOTIFY THE PUBLIC THAT I will not be responsible for any debts contracted in my name without my written order, and I forbid anyone to give any person any money or goods upon credit on my behalf. WILLIAM WEBB, 359 Hill street, city. 40a

Musical Instruction.

CHARLES E. WHEELER, ORGANIST OF St. Andrew's Church, late of Conservatory of Music, Leipzig, Germany, instructs in organ, piano, singing and harmony. 513 Richmond street.

MR. HALL HAS RESUMED PIANO lessons at his residence, 23 Stanley street.

W. H. HEWLETT, ORGANIST DUN- DASH Center Methodist Church, late organist, Carlton Street Methodist Church, and graduate, gold medalist, teacher of the Toronto Conservatory of Music. Pupils received in piano, organ, harmony and composition. Address 464 Dufferin avenue.

Laundries.

LAUNDRY CALLED FOR AND DE- LIVERED—All hand work. Best finish. For SING, 322 Dundas street.

Architects.

MCBRIDE & FARNCOMBE—ARCHI- TECTS and surveyors, 213 Dundas street Dundas Block. H. C. MCBRIDE, F. W. FARNCOMBE.

MOORE & HENRY—ARCHITECTS AND civil engineers, Albion Buildings, London. JOHN M. MOORE, FRED HENRY.

HERBERT MATTHEWS—ARCHITECT— (formerly with C. C. Halsey, New York), Carling Block, Richmond street.

Veterinary Surgeons.

J. H. WILSON & SON—OFFICE 994 KING street, London; residence, 345 Richmond street. Telephone.

J. H. TRENNANT—VETERINARY SUR- GEON—Office, King street, opposite Market House, residence, corner King and Wellington. Telephone.

Brokers.

JOHN WRIGHT— ywt

Real Estate.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

FOR SALE CHEAP—THE FOLLOWING property, viz—Lot 27, south side East Bathurst street, city, 100x150 feet, running through to the G. T. R. track. On the property is a LARGE FRAME BUILDING CONTAINING ROILER AND STEAMBOILER, SUITABLE FOR MANUFACTURING PURPOSES. Apply to W. M. F. BOLLEN, manager Ontario Loan & Debenture Company. 10f-feed

Educational.

SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING taught by professional teachers at the Western Ontario Shortland Academy, 76 Dundas street, London. Situations secured for graduates when competent. Wm. C. COO, Principal. ywt

SELECT PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR boys and girls. Public school course. Music, drawing and painting thoroughly taught. Mrs. BASKERVILLE, 114 Mill street.

Point Edward, Feb. 27.—A fire on Tuesday night burned the fish houses, a yacht and other property belonging to Mark Hitchcock. Loss, \$3,000; insurance, \$1,400.

Home Again!

Return of the Expedition From Ashantee.

Sensational Dispatches Regarding Egypt Contradicted.

More Accounts of Massacres by the Terrible Turks.

British Cabinet Meeting—Arrest of Plotters Against the Sultan—The Dervishes May Join King Menelik's Forces.

\$5,200 FOR A BOOK.

London, Feb. 27.—A copy of Chau- cer's "Canterbury Tales," of the first edition printed by Caxton in 1478, was sold at auction yesterday for \$5,200. This is the highest price for the work on record.

BRITISH CABINET MEETING.

London, Feb. 27.—A Cabinet meeting was held at the Foreign Office yesterday, Lord Salisbury presiding. After the adjournment of the Cabinet meeting Lord Salisbury had a long interview with Costaki Pasha, the Turkish ambassador, at the Foreign Office.

BACK FROM ASHANTEE.

London, Feb. 27.—The military expedition which was sent to Ashantee under command of Col. Sir Francis Scott has returned to England. The troops disembarked in the Thames this afternoon, and were inspected and congratulated by Gen. Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief of the British army.

SENSATIONAL DISPATCHES DENIED.

London, Feb. 27.—In response to inquiries made at the Turkish Embassy here, it was learned that Costaki Pasha had made no proposals to Lord Salisbury, and was not aware of the existence of an Egyptian commission. He was also, it is said, completely ignorant of the whole question, as reported in the Times. The Foreign Office, according to the Post, also denies knowledge of the matter.

THE SULTAN'S PERIL.

Constantinople, Feb. 27.—Among the persons taken into custody on suspicion of being implicated in a plot to assassinate the Sultan are several naval and military officers, including Col. Shefik Bey, who has been publicly degraded to the ranks and ordered to join a provincial corps. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Riza Bey, a prominent resident of Constantinople, upon the charge of treason.

"THE AMERICAN SORROW."

London, Feb. 27.—The War Cry, the official journal of the Salvation Army, publishes a statement signed by Bramwell Booth, chief of staff in London, under the caption, "The American Sorrow." The statement includes the following: "The resignation of Ballington Booth is deeply deplored, but the general has only given fresh proof of his conscientious and resolute determination to administer the affairs of the Salvation Army without regard to family or personal preference."

MORE MASSACRES.

London, Feb. 27.—The Daily Chronicle publishes a dispatch from Constantinople saying a fresh series of massacres occurred in the Sivas and Kharpout districts.

It is learned from private sources that the Turks in Marsovan surrounded the Armenian quarters in that place on Feb. 11 and demanded that the inhabitants accept Islamism. About 500 of them refused, whereupon they were attacked and massacred.

For weeks past all the news from Asia Minor has been carefully suppressed, and the fact has caused great uneasiness in official circles, in which it is feared that news of fresh massacres will hasten Russian occupation of the country.

PORTUGUESE POSSESSIONS IN AFRICA.

London, Feb. 27.—In the Portuguese Chamber of Deputies last night Senhor De Sovoral, Minister of Foreign Affairs, replied to the inquiry made in the Chamber on the 23rd inst. by Senator Carvalho as to the truth of the report that the territory on the bank of the Catene River, opposite Lourenco Marquez, East Africa, had been ceded to a German named Eiffel, who had sold the concession to Germany.

Senator De Sovoral declared that Portugal had ceded nothing to a German Government. Senhor Carvalho, however, was not satisfied with this reply, and pressed for an answer to the question regarding the concession to Eiffel, whereupon the Minister stated that the Government was examining into the question, and would seek to settle it in the customary diplomatic manner or by other means permitted by law.

MAY HELP MENELEK.

Rome, Feb. 27.—The Journal Don Marselo, the organ of Signor Crispi, states that the Dervishes are about to repeat the invasion of Erythraea of 1894, advancing against Keren, Adigrat, Godeflessi, Ameking, Italy's weak garrisons; then join their ally, King Menelik, and send reinforcements in face of this threatened calamity are insufficient.

The Panfulla announces the sending of sixteen battalions of troops. King Humbert, in accord with Signor Crispi, is resolved to obtain victory without loss of time. The fact that King Menelik is threatening Adiquala causes renewed anxiety. It is feared that the entire Italian force under the command of Ras Sebati, one of the native chiefs, who some time since defeated a number of his followers. The battle resulted in the defeat of the

Abyssinians, who lost 80 killed and 100 wounded. Nine of the Italian soldiers were killed and 28 wounded.

THE SITUATION AT MARSOVAN.

Constantinople, Feb. 27.—Inquiries made here seem to establish the fact that there is no truth in the story from this city published in the Daily News of London today, saying that on Feb. 14, the first day of the Ramadan festival, the Turks surrounded the Armenian quarters in Marsovan, ordered the Armenians to accept Islam, and killed 150 who refused to do so. Mr. Milo A. Jewett, the United States consul at Sivas, passed recently through Marsovan and telegraphed that he was proceeding to his post, thus indicating that Marsovan is tranquil.

The ambassadors of the powers have made representation to the Porte regarding the precarious situation at Aintab, Asiatic Turkey.

CABLE NOTES.

Heavy snow storms are prevailing throughout Hungary in many districts, blocking railways and causing a suspension of traffic.

Much comment has been caused at St. Petersburg by the frequent audiences with the Sultan of M. De Neidoff, the Russian ambassador. These audiences, it is said, are held in compliance with the request of the Sultan.

The London Times says three Russian naval officers have been fined for sketching the Hong Kong forts.

M. P. Desmet de Naeve, Belgian Minister of Finance, has been appointed Premier, in succession to M. J. De Burlet, who resigned the Presidency of the Council of Ministers yesterday.

Mr. De Burlet is going to Lisbon as Belgian minister to Portugal.

20,000 Men

Have Been Lost by the Spaniards in Cuba

Since the Insurrection Began on That Island.

The Revolutionists Win a Battle at San Cristobal—News Suppressed.

New York, Feb. 27.—A dispatch from Havana reports 10,000 Spanish soldiers missing in Cuba. The fact has been mentioned to the Madrid Government, and the search for whereabouts is going on day and night.

Official circles are alarmed, for 15,000 men, with 15,000 rifles and 500,000 cartridges, are an enormous item to the Spanish army. The disappearance of the men will ultimately be traced to either death in battle, the number of which has been concealed to hide Spanish losses, details to positions in various parts of the island of which no record has been kept, or desertions to join the insurgents.

The Spanish records show that the rebels have joined the rebels with their arms in every province in the island. An order was issued by Gen. Weyler several days ago for a report of number, position and content of the public library or mechanics' institute after presenting such petition.

Mr. Gibson (Huron) wants the Assessment Act amended so that assessors shall be required to swear that they have assessed real property at its actual cash value, as it would be appraised in payment of a just debt.

The Opposition are after Provincial Librarian Preston, who was a delegate to the I. O. F. Supreme Grand Lodge in England, and replenished the library while there to the extent of \$3,000.

In the public accounts committee, an order was passed for the production of all accounts in detail for farm labor, feed and fodder at the London Asylum.

In the Legislature yesterday, the anti-remedial legislation resolution by Mr. Crawford was laid over. A special day will be set for its discussion, probably next week.

Mr. Garrow brought up his bill for the speedy settlement of boundary disputes. Farmers often fought vigorously over a few feet of land that wasn't worth a tenth of what the legal proceedings over it usually cost, he said, and settlement outside of court was both desirable and possible. The bill got its second reading.

Mr. O'Keefe's bill to amend the Ontario Voters' List Act got its second reading. It affects cities only. In the revision of the voters' list the amendment provides that in case of a complaint notice to the party affected may be sent through the mails or delivered at any address he may have previously given by affidavit. The present act requires personal service.

Mr. Beatty's bill provides that school teachers and chessmakers, who only spend a portion of the year in one locality, have the same right to vote as sailors or lumbermen. The Government promised to try and draft some satisfactory legislation for next session, and Mr. Beatty withdrew his bill.

Then the discussion of the budget went on, Mr. St. John resuming his attack on the Administration, and Mr. Gibson (Huron) taking the ground that Provincial affairs have been well managed.

AMBASSADOR BAYARD'S CASE.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Chairman Hitt, of the Foreign Relations Committee, has handed to the speaker the finding of the committee as to Ambassador Bayard's public utterances in England. Severe censure is recommended on the ground that the language was an offense against diplomatic propriety and an abuse of a position which requires the ambassador to be the representative of the whole country and not of any one political party.

Kur-a-Kof, the new cold and lung remedy, 25c at Anderson & Nelles' Drug Store.

Ontario Legislature

Mr. Hobbs, M.P.P., Brings in Three Measures.

Proposed Changes in the Election of Aldermen.

A Measure for Holding the Municipal Elections on New Year's Day.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—John Weir, reeve of Albemarle, and Mr. Chisholm, of Bruce, waited on Hon. A. S. Hardy yesterday, and asked for an increased grant for roads in the northern part of the Bruce peninsula, which is still a backwoods region.

Mr. Hobbs (London) yesterday introduced several important bills into the Legislature. One measure is an act to amend the Municipal Act. It provides that in case a council of any city having a population of 30,000 or over, not exceeding 80,000, shall pass a bylaw affirming the expediency of a new division of the city into wards, reducing the number of wards by at least one-third, the lieutenant-governor may, by proclamation, so divide the city, and afterwards four aldermen are to be elected for each ward. The term of office in the class of cities mentioned is extended to two years, two aldermen for each ward retiring annually. The act further provides for the redvision by the council, upon the petition of 300 freeholders, the new division to be based as far as possible upon the assessed value, population and territorial extent; and in all cases, where the new division is, to reduce the number of wards by one-third or more. Four aldermen are to be elected for each ward in the manner provided in the preceding clauses of the act. If the council neglects or refuses to make a sub-division according to the petition, a commission may be issued by the Lieutenant-Governor in council in the same manner as at the present time provided in the case of cities of 100,000 or over.

Another bill brought in by Mr. Hobbs authorizes cities to hold polls for municipal elections on New Year's Day, enables the council of any city by bylaw, not later than Sept. 15, to provide that nominations shall be held on Christmas eve, or on the preceding day, when Christmas falls on Sunday, in which case the polls shall be opened on the Monday following New Year's Day.

The third measure introduced by the member for London is to amend the Public Libraries Act, 1895, and provides that in cities, towns and incorporated villages, where a petition has been presented by the board of management of a public library or mechanics' institute, praying for the appointment of a board of management by the council; that if a public library or mechanics' institute has already been appointed in such municipality, the municipal council may appoint such board of management of the public library or mechanics' institute after presenting such petition.

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House and Lobby.

Speculation as to the Present Crisis in High Tax Circles.

Sir Charles Tupper and His Nova Scotia Friends.

Declarations, Libel Suits, and Queer Proceedings Generally.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The first item in the proceedings yesterday was the denial by Sir Charles Tupper of the charges alleged to have been made against him by Mr. Weldon, M.P.P., and Mr. Cahan, two Maritime Province Conservative leaders. Sir Charles said he had taken criminal libel proceedings against the papers which had published the statement. He also read a certificate of character from Sir Leonard Tilley, who denied that he had said anything derogatory against him. The effect of the criminal proceedings is to prevent any discussion of the question until it is brought before the courts. Mr. Weldon made no explanation when Sir Charles sat down. Conservative newspaper men assure me that there has been no blood between Mr. Weldon and Sir Charles for years past. It is telegraphed here today that Mr. McConnell, of the Halifax Chronicle, has written another letter concerning the Tupper charges, in which he challenges Mr. Cahan's denial that he did make the charges against Sir Charles Tupper, and invites him to have the question settled by a resort to law.

Mr. Cameron (Huron) elicited the information that the piers and breakwater at Goderich were in a bad condition, and that it would take \$55,000 to repair them. The Government has not taken any steps to make the repairs. The belief now is that the expenditure, if there is to be any, is being kept back, so that it may be used to influence votes in the general election. It was used once in the bye-election.

The Controller of Inland Revenue informed the House that an illicit still had been found on the premises of the Trappist monks at Oka, and a fine of \$500 imposed, and the apparatus confiscated, but as it is an incorporated body, nobody could be imprisoned, and it was believed that the interests of justice were fully served by the infliction of the pecuniary penalty.

Mr. Charlton (Norfolk) brought in his bill providing for the better observance of the Sabbath day, and briefly explained its provisions.

Mr. Mulock's bill to prevent members of Parliament from accepting Government positions until one year after the expiration of the Parliament during which they occupied a seat in the House was side-tracked by the motion of the Minister of Justice for a three months' hoist, which was carried on motion for second reading.

Mr. Sproule proposed the second reading of the bill respecting detective corporations and mercantile agencies. The purpose is to regulate detective corporations and mercantile agencies, which are at present work much injustice and annoyance to private citizens and business men. The debate was adjourned on motion of Sir Adolphe Caron.

The House adjourned at 10:40 p.m. At the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association Major-General Gascoigne said that as to the new rifle, he had read much in the papers which he did not agree with. There was nothing, after all, which would bring a rifleman to perfection but training, no matter what kind of a rifle he had. His platform was to be musketry, and the statement was received with applause.

The Canadian Electric Railway and Power Company Bill was up before the railway committee yesterday. The promoters of the scheme are in London, England, and Toronto. It is proposed to construct a single track from Montreal to Windsor. The capital stock is fixed at \$1,250,000. Mr. Hargrave made the important announcement that it was not the intention of the Government to interfere with the Ontario law regarding electric railways, and that their operation would be left to the Province. Mr. Wainwright, assistant general manager of the Grand Trunk, made a vigorous protest against the bill. The provisions were amended to prevent any branches being built until the main line was completed from Montreal to Toronto. The time limit for building the road was put at five years. The bill was allowed to stand.

The statement published that Mr. Laurier had agreed to allow estimates for three months to pass is unfounded in fact.

It is reported that the Bale des Chateaux Railway Company has offered to sell the road to the Government. It has proved a white elephant.

It is generally understood here today that Major "Johnnie" Mason, the popular senior major of the Thirteenth Battalion, will be the adjutant of this year's Bisley team.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto World (Conservative) sends the following: "The Remedial Bill will never be carried this session, nor will any general supply bill get through."

"A caucus of the private members of the Conservative party, without the Ministers, will be held on Friday morning, and a second one next week. The talk is that Sir Mackenzie Bowell will retire from the Premier's chair within four weeks. There is also a rumor that Sir Charles Tupper may shortly resume the High Commissioner'ship."

A LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron states: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice I procured the medicine, and less than a half-bottle cured me. I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a state trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

PATRONS YET EXCLUSIVE.

Leader Haycock's Resolution Voted Down.

The Party Refuses to Do Away With Its Pass Words and Admit the Professional and Other Classes to Their Order—Prohibition to be Submitted to the Sub-Lodges.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—The Grand Association of the Patrons of Industry last night decided not to extend the list of those eligible for membership in the order. Mr. Haycock, leader of the Patrons in the Local Legislature, brought in a motion to the effect: "That the Patron constitution be so amended as to admit all classes and professions who believe in the necessity of the existence and extension of an independent party in this country, and to abolish all pass words, signs and pledges, beyond the acceptance of our platform and principles, as being more fully in the interest of our people than any other existing party."

The discussion over this resolution was long and warm, but when, at midnight, the question was put to the meeting, the motion was lost by a two-thirds vote. THE PROHIBITION PLANK. The liquor question also came up for discussion yesterday. Upon the suggestion of a sub-lodge, it was resolved to submit the matter of prohibition to all the sub-lodges of the association. If 90 per cent of these sub-organizations vote in favor of prohibition it will be made the fourteenth plank of the party platform.

Upon the motion of A. Gifford, seconded by J. Lockie Wilson, the Grand Association endorsed Mr. Mulock's bill before the Dominion House, the object of which is to fix the rate of interest on overdue contracts at 4 per cent, instead of 6 per cent.

A HOPEFUL YOUTH.

His Shady Reputation Is Not Quite Bad Enough For Him.

Brantford Examiner: Luman Schyler, the newsboy, who served six months' jail in London some time ago for fraud, in representing that he was an agent of The Toronto Mail, is sustaining his reputation around Waterford. Schyler was away from home for a while, and when he returned a few days ago he had himself interviewed by the Waterford Star. He put in the paper that Luman Schyler, of Waterford, had shot a detective at Saginaw, Mich., and wound up his escapade at Bismarck, South Dakota, of a large sum of money. The article wound up by saying that \$1,000 was offered for his arrest. A number of residents around Waterford telegraphed the police at these places that they could locate Schyler, but were sent back that the whole thing was a hoax. Schyler is about 20 years of age, and is stoutly built. Schyler left a note in Chief of Police Goodwin's office at Waterford, saying he was the man wanted, and that he would see Goodwin in the place where the police don't visit.

Detective Adams had the matter in hand for a day or two, but he had no difficulty in tracing the story to be an unmitigated lie.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

The Coldstream Free Library contains over 700 books.

Miss Aggie Ferguson returned to Glencoe from a visit to London and Toronto.

The young ladies of Glencoe, who so successfully gave a Japanese concert there some time ago, will give a concert in Melbourne Monday night under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church there.

The Coldstream saw and grist mill is running full time this winter. On Thursday an incipient fire was discovered by the head miller, Mr. Daniel Smith, but was fortunately soon controlled. Large quantities of lumber have been shipped to Buffalo by Mr. Marsh, the proprietor.

CRUMLIN.

Crumlin, Feb. 26.—Mr. Thomas Mahan is now visiting friends in St. Marys, where he will remain for a few days.

Mr. George Essey and Herbert Stevenson have nearly completed their wood contract with J. Quinn, of this place.

Mr. Samuel Sloan, a wealthy farmer of this place, is now in Bothwell testing his oil wells. If the test proves successful, Mr. Sloan no doubt will proceed to put down a number of wells on his place.

STRATHROY.

"Advertiser" Agent, J. D. Meekison. Strathroy, Feb. 27.—Mr. W. J. Dryas, of Toronto, is in town.

Mr. H. S. Rapley, who has been visiting friends in Cleveland the past week, returned here Tuesday night.

A subscription list in aid of the Armenian sufferers has been opened. Fifteen dollars has already been subscribed.

The committee of the public library are at present engaged in picking out a new list of books to be put on the shelves in April.

Last evening at Frank Street Methodist Church Mr. J. J. Sadler gave a short address, which was both interesting and helpful to the young people.

Miss Ina Gamble is spending a few days with her friend, Miss Annie Graham, High Street.

Word was received here yesterday morning of the death of David W. Buttery, of St. Thomas, Dakota. Mr. Buttery is a son of Mr. Joseph Buttery, of this city, and was well known here a good many years ago. The cause of his death was typhoid fever. His remains will be interred at Winnipeg.

Mr. S. Gale, of Adelaide, left for Fort Worth, Texas, last week.

Mrs. R. Richards is visiting friends in Sarnia.

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Exhaustion is Waste—Overwork Means Shorter Life—Dodd's Kidney Pills Mean Rest for the Kidneys.

Overwork is what you do after common sense asks you to quit.

Overwork of any kind does more than tire, it exhausts you.

The Retail Grocers.

The Discussion on the Early Closing Movement.

Unanimously Advocated—A Social Time Spent at the Last Meeting.

The retail grocers held their social meeting on Tuesday evening, and a very pleasant evening it was. There were about 75 of the representative retail grocers of the city present. Mr. McCutcheon, president of the Retail Grocers' Association, occupied the chair, and set the ball rolling by discussing the usefulness of the grocers' association. Perhaps one of the most important things was the keeping track of delinquents or bad pay parties. This had no doubt been a great benefit to the members of the association. There were certain people in the habit of running accounts as long as they could at one store, and then going to another, and the grocers had been imposed upon by this class, but as a consequence there was not the credit given to this class of persons as there formerly was. Another good result of the association was a more friendly feeling among the grocers.

Mr. A. McCutcheon, the first president of the association, said he fully endorsed all that had been said by the president, especially as to the friendly feeling of the grocers. Mr. W. T. Stenberg, entitled, "The Flag That Never Fails," read a paper on the early closing of stores on Saturday evenings was the next question introduced for discussion. Mr. R. A. Jones said he thought it was time to take more definite action. He did not think it was necessary for any grocer to make slaves of himself and employes, working from fourteen to sixteen hours a day. If the grocer would look fairly and squarely into the matter they would agree to the work could be done in much shorter hours, could not keep their employes and horses out until 1 or 2 o'clock Sunday morning. No matter how late the customers were those living next door or very close to the store, and could do their purchasing earlier if they only would.

Mr. W. H. Branton said he believed no one would be worse off in pocket, and certainly live much longer, if he closed at a more reasonable hour. Several of the customers had already stated that they were pleased to see that steps were being taken to shorten the hours of keeping the stores open on Saturday nights. The next parties who would be kept came to complain would be might have electric light company. The grocer said the movement was a popular one with the citizens, and if the grocers did not take such action they would be to the public, and they could cater to the needs of their customers. He would like to see a popular vote of the meeting as to the most suitable hours for closing on Saturday nights. He would be in favor of 9 o'clock, but would be in favor of 10 o'clock he would quite willingly go with the majority in order to make it unanimous.

Mr. James Fitzgerald said he would like to see the grocers question of understanding on all days of the week. Several grocers remarked that they agreed with Mr. Fitzgerald. It was moved, and carried unanimously, "that this meeting is in favor of shorter hours on Saturdays, and an amendment favoring 10 o'clock on Saturday evenings, and 7 o'clock all other evenings, except before holidays. The amendment carried unanimously."

It was moved that the secretary prepare a petition for early closing, favoring closing at 10 o'clock on Saturdays and 7 o'clock other evenings, and that April 1 be the date for carrying the movement into effect. Reading, entitled, "They Cared Too Far," and as it had no reference to the early closing movement, it brought the house down. The question of the next annual meeting brought Mr. J. C. Terrell to his feet, and the citizens of London would be lost, and they would not know what to do with themselves if the grocers did not have a picnic. It might be a good idea to vary it a little. They might go to Springbank this season for a picnic. Mr. P. McLaughlin said that London grocers are not noted for good picnics from Montreal to Vancouver. He would be in favor of going out of the city this season for a change.

Mr. F. Harley was of the same opinion as Mr. McLaughlin.

A vote was taken to ascertain the feeling of the meeting and the excursion idea carried.

A resolution of regret and sympathy for Mr. T. A. Rowat, who was not present through severe illness, was passed. It was also decided to have a picnic, also, best wishes for Mr. W. H. Ferguson, absent, but remembered.

Mr. E. Ryan favored with a song. The caterer then announced that the coffee was hot, and the president declared it a very fitting time to test its quality, and for the next half-hour justice was done to the good things provided. As the grocers are in favor of shorter hours, the meeting broke up at a very reasonable time by singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Young Men Take Warning.

Alas, how prevalent are those distressing diseases and weaknesses which make young men prematurely old, pale, listless, low spirited, languid, easily tired, forgetful and incapable; fill mad-houses and swell the list of suicides; separate husbands and wives; bring untold suffering to millions, even unto what class of maladies we refer. A complete and scientific treatise (sent only in plain sealed envelope) on receipt of 10 cents, (the cost of postage). If inclosed with this notice to World's Dispensary Medical Association, 608 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y.

According to the Indianapolis Journal a clergyman of that city has undertaken to demonstrate that the sayings of Scripture that "though your sins be as scarlet," etc., is really a statement of scientific fact so far as the color of sin is concerned. He has devised a series of scientific experiments have developed that sin is scarlet. These experiments were made at the Smithsonian Institution. By means of a chemical process the perspiration of a person aroused by sinful passion was subjected to a test that disclosed a pinkish color. Forty experiments were made, and in each test the result was the same.

Rev. Sir John Warren Hayes, Bart., who has been 26 in his 97th year, was the oldest clergyman of the Church of England, the oldest Freemason, and the oldest baronet in Great Britain.

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We have a quantity of Tinware on hand which is slightly damaged, and we are selling it at prices that will astonish you.

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Wash Bowls, Milk Pans, etc., Covered Sauce Pans, large, with iron handle, 5c.
A few Teapots, Dish Pans, Milk Strainers, Steamers and Dinner Pails, 10c.
Deep Jelly and Pie Pails, 9 and 10 inches, 2c, worth 5c and 7c.
Tin Tea Kettles, 8c and 9c. Copper Bottom, worth 45c and 50c, now 25c.
Bread and Cake Boxes, large, square, japanned, also slightly damaged, formerly sold at 80c and 85c, going now for 35c.
Round Japanned Cake Boxes, damaged, sold at 75c and 80c, now 25c.
Pudding Pans, good sizes, worth 7c, now 3c.

Other kinds of Tinware in the damaged line, which would take too much space to specify, we are clearing out at great sacrifice.

Sap Pails! Sap Pails!

The season is now here for Sap Pails, and remember this is the place to purchase them. Our Sap Pails are made of the very best tin, and are wire bound. Can sell you No. 8, extra deep and straight for 5c each.
No. 12, extra deep and straight, for 6c.
10-quart Flaring Pieced, 6c.
Maple Leaf Sap Spouts, 6c per doz. These are made of tinned steel, and will

Trade Supplied

176 and 176½ Dundas St.

EVA BOOTH

Makes a Statement Regarding the Salvation Army Troubles.

New York, Feb. 27.—Commissioner Eva Booth is in full command of the national headquarters of the Salvation Army. She makes this statement of both sides of the case:

"The Salvation Army is doing its work quietly, and will continue doing so. My brother has given up his command, and I will do his work until Commander Booth-Tucker, who has been appointed to fill his place, arrives. There will be no opposition. After the meeting yesterday nearly all the officers swore to continue allegiance to the army. As far as my brother Ballington is concerned, I know that he will do what is right. He has advised to lead the army. He has refused to stay in the army. He has refused to lead a secession movement. I feel assured that he will hand over the property in this country to me. The whole trouble began with Ballington. He had been commanding the army in this country for nine years. That is longer than any other commander held a commission in one place, with the exception of my sister, the marshal, who remained longer in France because she could speak French. My father decried it in compliance with discipline and rule. Instead of obeying orders, he sent in his resignation, and to our surprise his letters contained reflections on my father. He said that he did not believe that father was handling the army right, and believed his policy was wrong. When he refused to obey orders there was no alternative but to have him removed from his command. There is no feeling in our family against Ballington, but the good of the Salvation Army is dearer to us than flesh and blood."

FAKE PLUMBERS

Make a \$5,000 Haul in a Pawnbroker's Shop.

New York, Feb. 27.—Four men, representing themselves as plumbers, entered the pawnbroking shop of Daniel Ferguson, in Long Island City, yesterday, and asked to see the water tape. The Ferguson foolishly took them to the rear of the store, where one of the gang, armed and gagged him and rifled the open safe, capturing diamonds, watches and jewelry valued at \$5,000. The pawnbroker was found later by some of his family.

PICTURING THE BRAIN.

Edison Says It Is Out of the Question—Big Experiment 8 on.

New York, Feb. 27.—Thomas A. Edison is fitting up a room in his laboratory for the purpose of making a shadowgraph of the human skull.

The inventor says he has succeeded in making tubes that will answer his purpose, and in a day or two will have everything ready. He added that getting a photograph of the brain was out of the question, but he is confident of getting a shadowgraph of the skull bone.

A sample of the snaps offered by Keene Bros. are high back, wood seat chairs, 25 cents each; solid walnut cane seat chairs, 50 cents each. These are but a specimen of the snaps at KEENE BROS., 127 King street, opposite Market House.

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6 cakes Glycerine Transparent, 5c.
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God's in His heaven,

All's right with the world.

—Browning.

London, Thursday, February 27.

The Cause of Dull Trade.

On the announcement being made

that it is the intention of the Dominion

Government to ask Parliament for

three million dollars with which to

purchase munitions of war, a proposition

was made that the Administration

should float the loan in Canada,

and give the people of the Dominion

a chance to take it up. It was pointed

out that when the United States Government

required a loan of \$100,000,000,

the other day, there was no difficulty

in getting the money in that country,

and a like treatment of Canadians by

our Government was suggested as in

the interests of the public.

Objection is made to this proposition,

on the ground that it is the intention

of the men in power at Ottawa to borrow

at least twelve millions of dollars.

This sum, an Ottawa correspondent

asserts, is needed to enable the Government

to spend five millions of dollars

on new buildings, etc., four millions

of military expenditures. The Government

will not raise this sum by popular loan,

it is explained, because the banks

would object, and the money will

be obtained from old world money

lenders.

When is this borrowing and increasing

of the public debt and adding to the

burdens of the people to end? Our

net public debt is now \$233,000,000,

and it would be \$25,000,000 or more greater

if every worthless or unrealizable asset

were included. This public debt

has been added to by \$114,000,000 since

the present Government took office,

and the interest which has to be paid

on it every year takes over \$10,000,000

of our taxation. Years ago the present

Finance Minister promised that the

limit to the indebtedness of the Government

had been reached, and that the debt

would either be reduced, or be kept stationary.

But the promise was delusive. Since then a large

addition has been made to the public

debt, and now we are told that it is

once more to be added to—this time

by twelve millions of dollars at a

whop. It seems that no change for the

better can be expected until there is a

change of managers at Ottawa. Change

there must be if the country is to prosper

and progress as it ought to, and if

the present difficulty in making ends

meet is to be overcome. Though the

opponents of Alexander Mackenzie

were wont to allege that he could wipe

out the results of world wide depression

by imposing additional taxes on

Canadians, this view has long since

been exploded. It can no longer be

denied by any man of sound sense

that the removal or reduction of all

taxes on necessities of life would be

very beneficial to the Canadian people.

Many men engaged in business have

in recent years, been compelled to com-

promise with their creditors or have

been sold out, and the number who

get into financial difficulties, we

regret to say, continues large. The

difficulty in making ends meet is almost

entirely caused by dullness in trade.

What causes that dullness? Inability

on the part of customers to obtain the

money wherewith to pay for the

goods. While the farmer has been

getting low prices for his products,

Food and Drink in Cities.

We learn that an important measure

has been prepared by the Provincial

Board of Health. It will likely be

submitted to the Legislature and pass-

ed during the present session. The

proposed new law relates to "Food

and Drink," and supplies additional

agencies for protecting the public

health. For Londoners the most im-

portant provision is that which enacts

that a public slaughter house or

abattoir be established in every city

and town in the province, and the

board of health in such municipalities

be to provide out of fees charged for

inspection and slaughter of animals for

the maintenance of the abattoir and

for the expenses of an expert veteri-

narian. A project for the establishment

of a slaughter house in this city has

been for some time under considera-

tion. It was to be under private

auspices; but if this bill passes the

slaughter house will be a municipal

institution. Another provision of the

bill is that all animals whose meat

is intended for consumption in any

city or town shall be inspected both

before and after slaughter. The bill

will also enact that the cows in all

public dairies supplying milk to cities

and towns must be tested by the tub-

erculin as to their freedom from tub-

erculosis before any milk from such

cows can be sold to the public. In

several of the neighboring States sim-

ilar laws are now in force, and they

have resulted in substantial benefit to

the community.

Fy the Way.

It is not generally known that the

man or woman who sends false news

to a newspaper is guilty of a criminal

offense, and is liable to be punished

with severity. Correspondents cannot

be too careful.

Last year United States farmers re-

ceived an average of \$161 for their

export of horses.

The funniest statement made at Ot-

tawa this session was the remark of

Sam Hughes, M.P., at the annual meet-

ing of the Dominion Rifle Association

yesterday. Mr. Hughes told the as-

sembled politicians that the reason

why Canadians are loyal is all owing

to Sir Charles Tupper's inspiration!

Now we know why the sun shone so

brightly today.

Dr. Jameson runs a good chance of

being acquitted by the well-known

verdict, "Not guilty; but don't do it

again."

It is to be hoped the Dominion Gov-

ernment will strike a better bargain

in purchasing Northwest lands than in

handling butter. The Government sel-

dom buys anything without being sold.

If the North Pole is really accessible,

the Hudson Bay Railway promoters

can do a good stroke of business by

extending their line to the Pole for the

summer excursion traffic. No doubt the

Dominion Government would grant

them a bonus.

The embargo on live cattle in Britain

is alleged to be a "protectionist" meas-

ure. How do the Canadian high tax-

ationists like the dose of their own

medicine? If the British law is a

"protectionist" measure, Canadian

high tax advocates who have been

urging the people over there to follow

the example of our present rulers are

in part responsible for the boycott of

our cattle.

The anniversary of Washington's

birth has called forth the usual flood

of panegyric from the United States

press. It is somewhat shocking, how-

ever, even to Canadians, who hold his

memory in the highest esteem, to read

this from the Boston Standard:

"Washington was a born aristocrat.

He had a high regard for distinction

in rank, and was himself punctilious

to the last degree. He would have

fainted away if anybody had suggested

either political or social equality with

him. He had such a temper as would

do credit to a trooper, and a vocabu-

lary of red-hot oaths that on occasion

would be the envy of the most profane

trooper that ever lived."

The late "Bill" Nye, the humorist, is

reported to have made \$80,000 a year

by his writings and lectures. Nye was

by no means a great genius, but his

extraordinary success proves that literary

talent was never so profitable as at

the present time.

We are told that during the recent

cold spell there was an unusually se-

vere drain on the water supply of this

city. The cause was clearly traceable

to the reprehensible practice of house

owners permitting the water to run all

night rather than provide protection

for their indoor water pipes. Another

way in which much water is wasted

is by the leaking of a faucet through

a loose washer. A chemist, who mea-

sured exactly the amount of water

found that about 50 drops fell every

minute; within 90 minutes there would

be 4,500 drops of water, which is equiv-

alent to a quart, so that there would

be a loss of four gallons of water

every 24 hours. In a year almost 1,500

gallons of water would be wasted

uselessly from such a faucet. Leaking

faucets are quite frequent, and the

immense waste of water becomes ap-

parent.

BRITISH ENTERPRISE RECOGNISED.

Has Nansen really found land at the

North Pole? If so, he had better put up

a fence. John Bull will be claiming it.—New

York Sun.

THE CLIMATE.

By man, forever ill at ease,

This still misunderstood,

One day we fear that it may freeze,

The next we wish it would.

—Washington Star.

THE NEW ROAD COMMISSION.

It is said that the Government will

endeavor to secure the services of Mr.

A. W. Campbell, city engineer of St.

Thomas. Should they be fortunate

enough to do so, the office of highway

commissioner will at once become

popular, and as useful to the prov-

ince as we have suggested it might

be. Me have many excellent engineers

in the country, but there are probably

none who have devoted so much time,

energy and enthusiasm to the subject

of road-making and improvement as

Mr. Campbell. He himself has made

good roads both in town and country,

and is thoroughly familiar with every

phase of the question. He is a man of

fine address, peculiarly competent to

deal with the subject before gatherings

of farmers. Should Mr. Campbell be

offered and accept the position, road

reformers everywhere may congratu-

late themselves; and the Ontario Gov-

ernment will have taken a step which

will produce far-reaching and bene-

ficial results to the country.—Wood-

stock Sentinel-Review.

"THERE CAN BE NO WAR."

But, gentlemen, if that be so, there

can be no war between the two na-

tions. (Cheers.) It would be an ab-

surdity, as well as a crime, and all that

is necessary is that we should have

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Hood's Pills cure all liver ills, biliousness, indigestion, etc.

Winter Sport.

Woodstock Curlers Defeated by the Forest City Club.

Result of the Annual Dog Races at Goderich.

The O. H. A. Final Contest Won by Queens of Toronto.

BILLIARDS.

Elmer Haight, of Port Huron, made a run of 60 balls at continuous pool the other night. This is said to break the world's record.

W. H. Clearwater, the world's champion pool player, has accepted the challenge of Jerome R. Keough, of Scranton, Pa., for a continuous match for the championship emblem and \$250 a side, the match to be played in Pittsburgh, March 19, 20 and 21.

THE TURF.

TIPS.

The proprietors of leading tracks in Paris agree to pay leading American riders salaries in addition to their winnings for racing in France.

After the mile and sixteenth race was run at San Francisco the judges discovered that the course was 135 yards short, and ordered it run over 20 minutes after. Little Cripple won the first race, but in the second finished next to the last, Red Root winning. Bellicose broke the coast record for seven furlongs, making it in 1:26 flat. This is the fifth consecutive race that this horse has won.

HOCKEY.

QUEEN'S WINS THE FINAL.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—The final contest in the Ontario Hockey Association series took place last evening in Mutual street rink, between Queen's and Stratford. Queen's had an easy victory, forging ahead from the start and tallying five to one in the first half. In the last half Queen's added seven more goals to their score, and Stratford two, making 12 to 3.

HAD HIS NOSE BROKEN.

Mr. W. Gibson, of the Bank of Commerce, Brantford, who was seriously injured in the recent Simcoe-Brantford hockey match, is convalescing. His nose was broken by a blow from the puck, and he underwent an operation on the injured member. He will soon be able to return to his duties.

THE KENNEL.

RACES AT GODERICH.

Goderich, Ont., Feb. 27.—The annual dog races under the auspices of the Goderich Kennel Club, took place yesterday. The track was around the court house square. With the exception of a few collisions the races were exciting, and created much interest. Following are the names of the winners: Free-for-all race, beat two in three heats—J. Baker's Photo, 1; N. McIvor's Perhaps, 2; 3; D. McPhail's Cliff, 3. Second race, open to dogs under 75 pounds—J. Miller's Watch, 1; J. Duff's Moonlight, 2; 2; F. Beatty's Billy-Go-Easy, 3. Third race, consolation—N. McIvor's Huss, 3; 1; J. Durnin's Holt, 1; 3; 2; A. McDonald's Sport, 2; 3.

ATHLETICS.

Doc Palmer, of this city, and H. Smith, of Chicago, are billed to box ten rounds in Westminster township on Feb. 28, for a purse of \$100.

POOR PETER!

Pittsburg, Feb. 27.—Broken in spirit and in body, Peter Maher wandered

BIRD BAKERS come call us, and we certainly do make Bird Bread, which is to birds all and more than wheat bread is to you: so the name is not so badly put. For years our wholetime has been devoted to bird foods, and we are proud to point to a result to

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The name of bird fanciers' skill. Our "Buck on Birds"—valuable to bird-keepers—96 pages in a handsome cover, by mail 25c. BART, COTTAM & Co., London, Ont.

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ARE IN.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY.

REDUCED PRICES.

A. SLATER, Tailor,

Late of Slater Bros.,

427 Richmond Street,

Opposite Free Press Office.

into Pittsburg at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, in company with his backers and trainers. There was no demonstration at the depot. Only a few straggling sports welcomed the aggregation home, and vainly endeavored to cheer the brawny Peter with liberal applications of the glad hand. The defeated pugilist was hopelessly blue, however, and traveled with an air of exclusiveness that defied approach. Michael Connolly said that punch of Fitzsimmons was all an accident, and they were ready to back Maher again, and against any man in the business. Said he: "We advised Maher not to enter the ring, but he said if he did not he would be stamped as a coward, and he would rather be licked a hundred times than have that said of him."

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

To the Editor of the "Advertiser":

I am prepared to skate either Kent Campbell or G. P. McLaren to race at Westminster rink on Monday next for a gold medal.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

Geo. P. McLaren.

NATIONAL LEAGUE MEETING.

New York, Feb. 27.—The annual spring meeting of the National League of Professional Baseball Clubs has come to a close. The opening days of the season are the same for all clubs—April 15, 16 and 18. In the east, Boston will open the season with the Quakers at Philadelphia, Brooklyn will set the ball rolling with the champions at Baltimore, and the Giants will start the game by playing Washington at the Capital City. The western circuit opens up as follows: Pittsburg at Cincinnati, Cleveland at St. Louis, and Chicago at Louisville.

In future umpires must immediately remove from the game and field any player guilty of improper or indecent conduct or language, instead of having the option of fining the offender as heretofore. With regard to the coaches or players leaving the bounds of their positions, the umpire, after a warning, may fine the offender a sum not less than \$5 or more than \$10. In case of a second violation, a fine of \$25 will be imposed, and for a third offense must positively order the player from the game and field, and forfeit the captain of either team when he shall appeal to the umpire on a question of an interpretation of the rules. When the umpire orders a player from the game he must also insist that any such player be removed from the field, and shall suspend any player until such order is obeyed. The other changes are unimportant.

The minor league magnates were much perturbed over the action of the National body in altering the National agreement in such manner as to impose hardships on the lesser organizations. A meeting was held to consider the course of action. It was decided to postpone action until March 16, when a meeting will be held at Washington, under the new National agreement, on the aggregate population basis, some of the minor leagues will be forced into lower classes than they are now in.

FLYS.

Toledo hopes to have 25 men signed by April 1. Those who are already bound to play there are Pitchers Polard and Hopkins, Catcher Shroder, First Baseman Winters, Second Baseman Beck, Third Baseman Rafferty, Shortstop Miles, Fielders Vetter, Whalen and McLaughlin. General Players Ford and Ostrander. Grand Rapids will play at Toledo April 13, 14 and 15.

CURLING.

FOREST CITY WINS.

The Forest City and Woodstock curling clubs, three rinks each, had an enjoyable time at the Simcoe Street rink yesterday, the local men winning by 18 shots. Score:

FOREST CITY. Rink No. 1.

R. Gardiner, J. Carrie, J. Goodwin, J. Brown, C. S. Hyman, skip, 13.

Rink No. 2.

J. M. Brown, J. Hamilton, C. J. Serling, C. McQuaig, Dr. McDonald, D. W. Karu, R. Reid, jun., skip, 15.

Rink No. 3.

S. Stevely, D. Hutchinson, J. B. McKillop, W. Walper, W. T. Strong, skip, 20.

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Cannot Keep Sober.

Hugh McCurdy's Fifty-Fifth Appearance in the Police Court.

Given a Month—Two Months Sentenced—Runaway Boy.

When Hugh McCurdy stood up in the Police Court cage today he was handed a document which informed him that this was his 55th appearance before the magistrat since he first made his worship's acquaintance in an official capacity. McCurdy is a carpenter by trade, a very clever workman, and not a bad fellow when sober; but his fondness for drink has ruined him.

McCurdy looked over his record, and mournfully pronounced it correct. He admitted having twice signed pledges. Once he had taken it before Rev. Mr. Courtney the second time before Rev. Mr. Johnston.

"Recall that I said I would send you to the Central Prison if you ever appeared here again," said the magistrat. "Are you willing to go?"

"Yes, sir," replied McCurdy, in a hearty broken tones, affected or real; "I hardly like to ask mercy."

"In all the times you have appeared before me, you have never been charged with dishonesty. Otherwise I should give you a very severe sentence. You seem to be an unfortunate man, whose chief fault is getting drunk. I can't understand why you don't do better. One month in the common jail!"

A bold youth, Frank Fitzsimmons, said he arrived from Chatham Tuesday and had been engaged by the mother superior of St. Joseph's Hospital to take care of the furnaces there. He fell in with John Huggin, who said he should give the two very severe sentences. They had been arrested in a drunken and disorderly condition.

Sergt. Crawford telephoned to St. Joseph's, and was informed that no such person as Fitzsimmons had been engaged there. Fitzsimmons was then out, and insisted that there must be some mistake, but the magistrat said he would take the mother superior's word in preference to his. Detective Rider said he had his official eye on Fitzsimmons and Huggin, and that they had been hanging around bar-rooms and doing nothing but loaf. The two were given one month each in jail.

Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid Society, had charge of a 14-year-old Brantford lad who had come here with a chum. The latter had been returned at the request of the Brantford chief of police, but the other did not seem to be wanted by the chief or by his relatives. He said his mother worked in a shoe factory at Brantford, and had nine children.

Inspector Sanders said the boy had been in the orphanage here, but left it. He was not wanted there, and as his example to the children was bad, the magistrat ordered him to be sent back to Brantford.

WAGES DIFFICULTIES.

Hamilton Foundrymen Go Out—The Tailors' Lockout in Toronto.

Hamilton, Feb. 27.—On Tuesday at Copp Bros' foundry a cut of 10 per cent was announced in the wages of the men employed in the blacksmithing department. The cut was to affect both day and piece hands, and all the men declined to accept the reduction. Eventually the firm agreed to restore the old rate, and the men were concerned, and the piece hands decided to strike. Mr. W. J. Copp stated that but a few men were affected. The firm expect to reopen the molding shop next week.

The lock-out of Toronto tailors are not going to allow the masters to employ outside hands to do their work without strong efforts to prevent them. The masters brought eight men up from Montreal, and the lock-out men got hold of them and shipped all back on Monday night. Two American hands were also sent back to Buffalo. The masters have at present about 25 men on hand, and employ some of whom were brought from London and other parts of the Province. They are also having some of their work done by outside firms. This is the tenth week of the trouble.

FURIOUS FLAMES.

Port Huron Has a \$100,000 Fire—Blaze in Bothwell.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—The Kurtz & Buhr Foundry Co. have been burned out with a loss of \$100,000.

Port Huron, Feb. 27.—The Bryce block, corner Water and Military streets, burned this morning, causing a loss of nearly \$100,000. The fire originated in the basement, which was occupied by M. G. Young as a shoe store. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, who occupied the third floor, when aroused, were nearly suffocated, and had to be assisted to the street. M. G. Young's loss, \$50,000. The building, owned by H. Bush, was valued at \$20,000.

Bothwell, Ont., Feb. 27.—Moore Bros. oil well derricks, engine house, tanks, etc., were burned to the ground Tuesday night. One iron tank, containing about 60 barrels of oil exploded, throwing oil in all directions. The property is supposed to have been set on fire, as the well had been shut down during the day for repairs. Loss about \$800.

Steamers Arrived.

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LOVE AND LUCRE

The wedding took place about 6 o'clock in the afternoon on the plateau in front of the great stone cave, a spot where the projecting rocks cast a shade upon the heated ground. Cheditafa, attired in the best suit of clothes which could be made up from contributions from all his fellow-countrymen present, stood on the edge of the line of shadow, his hands clasped, his head slightly bowed, his bright eyes glancing from side to side, and his face filled with an expression of anxiety to observe everything and make no mistakes. Maka stood near him, and behind the two, in the brilliant sunlight, were grouped the other negroes, all very attentive and solemn, looking a little frightened, as if they were not quite sure that sacrifices were not customary on such occasions.

Capt. Horn stood, tall and erect, his jacket a little torn, but with an air of earnest dignity upon his handsome, unburned features, which, with his full, dark beard and rather long hair, gave him the appearance of an old-time chieftain about to embark upon some momentous enterprise. By his side was Edna, Marikama, pale, and dressed in the simple gown in which she left the ship, but as beautiful in the eyes of Mrs. Cliff as if she had been arrayed in orange blossoms and white satin.

Reverently the two answered the simple questions which were put to them, and made the necessary promises, and slowly and carefully, and in very good English, Cheditafa pronounced the marriage ceremony. Mrs. Cliff then produced a marriage certificate, written, as nearly as she could remember, in the words of her own document of that nature, with a pencil, on a leaf torn from the captain's notebook, and to this she signed her name, to which the African, under her directions, affixed his mark. Then Ralph and Mrs. Cliff signed as witnesses, and the certificate was delivered to Edna.

"Now," said the captain, "I will go aboard."

The whole party, Edna and the captain a little in the lead, walked down to the beach where the boat lay, ready to be launched. During the short walk Capt. Horn talked rapidly and earnestly to Edna, confining his remarks, however, to directions and advice as to what should be done until he returned, or, still more important, as to what should be done if he did not return at all.

When they reached the beach, the captain shook hands with Edna, Mrs. Cliff and Ralph, and then, turning to Cheditafa, he informed him that that lady, pointing to Edna, was now the mistress of himself and Maka, and that every word of command which she uttered must be obeyed exactly as if he had given it to them himself. He was coming back, he said, and when he saw them again their reward should depend entirely upon the reports he should receive of their conduct.

"But I know," said he, "that you are a good man, and that I can trust you, and I will hold you responsible for Maka."

This was the end of the leave-taking. The captain stepped into the boat and took the oars. Then the four negroes, two on a side, ran out the little craft as far as possible through the surf, and then, when they had scrambled on board, the captain pulled out into smooth water.

Hoisting his little sail and settling himself in the stern with the tiller in his hand, he brought the boat round to the wind. Once he turned toward shore and waved his hat, and then he sailed away toward the western sky.

Mrs. Cliff and Ralph walked away together toward the caves, leaving Edna alone upon the beach.

"Well," said Ralph, "this is the first wedding I ever saw, but I must say it is rather different from my idea of that sort of thing. I thought that people always kissed at such affairs and there was general jollification and cake, but this seemed more like a new-fangled funeral, with the dear departed acting as his own Charon and steering himself across the Styx."

"He might have kissed her," said Mrs. Cliff, thoughtfully, "but you see, Ralph, everything had to be very different from ordinary weddings. It was a very peculiar case."

"I should hope so," said the boy, "the uncommon the better. In fact, I shouldn't call it a wedding at all. It seemed more like taking a first degree in widowhood."

"Ralph," said Mrs. Cliff, "that is horrible. Don't you ever say anything like that again. I hope you are not going to distress your sister with such remarks."

"You need not say anything about Edna," he exclaimed. "I shall not worry her with any criticisms of the performance. The fact is, she will need cheering up, and if I can do it I will. She's captain now, and I'll stand up for her like a good fellow."

Edna stood on the beach, gazing out on the ocean illuminated by the rays of the setting sun, keeping her eyes fixed on the captain's boat until it became a mere speck. Then, when it had vanished entirely among the lights and shades of the evening sea, she still stood a little while and watched. Then she turned and slowly walked up to the plateau. Everything there was just as she had known it for weeks; the great stone face seemed to smile in the last rays of the setting sun; Mrs. Cliff came to meet her, her

face glowing with smiles, and Ralph threw his arms around her neck and kissed her, without, however, saying a word about that sort of thing having been omitted in the ceremony of the afternoon.

"My dear Edna," exclaimed Mrs. Cliff, "from the bottom of my heart I congratulate you. No matter how we look at it, a rare piece of good fortune has come to you."

Edna gazed at her for a moment and then she answered quietly: "Oh, yes, it was a fine thing no matter what happens. If he does not come back, I shall make a bold stroke for widowhood, and if he does come back he is bound, after all this, to give me a good share of that treasure. So you see we have done the best we can do to be rich and happy, if we are not so unlucky as to perish among these rocks and sand."

"She is almost as horrible as Ralph," thought Mrs. Cliff, "but she will get over it."

CHAPTER XVIII.

After the captain set sail in his little boat, the party which he left behind him lived on in an uneventful, uninteresting manner, which gradually, day by day, threw a shadow over the spirits of each one of them.

Ralph, who a days slept in the outer chamber of the caves, had been a very faithful guardian of the captain's treasure. No one, not even himself, had gone near it, and he never went up to the rocky promontory on which had raised his signal pole without knowing that the two negroes were at a distance from the caves, or within his sight.

For a day or two after the captain's departure Edna was very quiet, but she soon threw off this dangerous disposition and took up her old profession of teacher, with Ralph as the scholar and mathematics as the study. They had no books or even paper, but the rules and principles of her specialty were fresh in her mind, and with a pointed stick on a smooth stretch of sand diagrams were drawn and problems worked out.

This occupation was a most excellent thing for Edna and her brother, but it did not help Mrs. Cliff to endure with patience the weary days of waiting. She had nothing to read, nothing to do, very often no one to talk to, and she would probably have fallen into a state of nervous melancholy had not Edna persuaded her to devote an hour or two each day to missionary work with Maka and Cheditafa. This Mrs. Cliff cheerfully undertook. She was a conscientious woman, and her methods of teaching were peculiar. She had an earnest desire to do the greatest amount of good with these poor, ignorant negroes, but at the same time she did not wish to do injury to anyone else. The conviction forced itself upon her that if she abandoned her own religion, she might in some way invalidate the marriage ceremony which he had performed.

"If he should truly come to believe," she said to herself, "that he had no right to marry the captain and Edna, his conscience might make him go back on the whole business, and everything that we have done would be undone. I don't want him to remain a heathen any longer than it can possibly be helped, but I must be careful not to let his priesthood entirely aside until Edna's position is fixed and settled. When the captain comes back, and we all get home, they must be married regularly; but if he never comes back, then I must try to make Cheditafa understand that the marriage is just as binding as any other kind, and that any change of religious opinion that he may undergo would have no effect upon it."

Accordingly, while she confined her religious teachings to very general principles, her moral teachings were founded upon the strictest code, and included cleanliness and all the household virtues, not excepting the proper care of such garments as an indigent human being in a tropical climate might happen to possess.

(To be Continued.)

Hints to Housekeepers.

DAILY BILL OF FARE.

BREAKFAST—Oatmeal. Chopped: Beefsteak. Bread Omelet. Baked: Apples. Waffles. Coffee.

DINNER—Chicken. Biscuit. Dumplings. Mashed Potatoes. Celery. Canned String Beans. Spiced Cranberries. Picadilly. Bread and Butter. Canned Peach Cobbler.

SUPPER—Baked Beans. Brown Bread. Fruit Cookies. Tea.

WAFFLES.

Heat one quart milk, cool; one quart pastry flour; add two well-beaten eggs; pour gradually into the flour, beating smooth; add a teaspoon each of salt and sugar; and dissolved yeast cake; let rise over night, beat and bake twenty minutes; bake in waffle irons.

Results Tell the Story.

A vast mass of direct, unimpeachable testimony proves beyond any possibility of doubt that Hood's Scurvy Pills actually does perfectly and permanently cure diseases caused by impure blood. Its record of cures is unequalled and these cures have often been accomplished after all other preparations had failed.

HOOD'S PILLS cure all liver ills, biliousness, jaundice, indigestion, sick headache.

It is well to take in learning in rather small doses at a time. "Try it out your mind as a narrow-necked bottle, and don't try to learn too much at a time," said an old schoolmaster to his pupil when he left his roof to begin the battle of life. If you try to fill the bottle too fast, very little will go into it."

Piles! Piles! Itching Piles!

SYMPTOMS—Moisture; intense itching and stinging, mostly at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue, tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. Swayne's Ointment stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. At druggists, or by mail, 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia. Lyman, Sons & Co., Montreal, wholesale agents.

An old schoolmaster was once in a boat crossing the stream which drove his mill. The stream was flooded and his boat was capsized. His wife, seeing the danger he was in, ran frantically along the side of the water crying for help, when to her amazement she was brought to a standstill by her better half yelling out, "If I am drowned, Mary, remember that flour is up tuppence a stone."

Worms cause feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Extirminator is pleasant, sure and effectual. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

Kansas hail storms beat the world.

Red-Hot News.

Fire Chief Roe's Annual Statement for 1895.

Suggests that the Fire Alarm System be Reconstructed.

Five Accidents and One Death in the Department.

Some Pertinent Hose Pointers, and an Interesting Summary of Fires, Losses, Insurance and Values—How the Fires Originated.

Chief Roe has prepared his report for the year 1895, and a very complete statement it is. It is necessarily a very bulky document, but the following extracts will give "Advertiser" readers a good idea of its general contents:

"The destruction of Queen's Avenue and Dundas Center Methodist Churches on the 2nd and 13th of February respectively, makes the fire loss for 1895 much larger than for the preceding year, and in excess of any year since 1886. Outside of these two fires, the loss from 95 actual fires is less than \$18,000, and as many of these fires were in exceedingly dangerous localities, it proves that the department was prompt and efficient in the discharge of their duties, and it affords me great pleasure to embrace this opportunity of expressing my hearty appreciation of the work performed by both officers and men throughout the year, and also to thank them for their gentlemanly conduct as well as the uniformly good behavior displayed by all.

ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES.

"Five members were injured while attending or working at fires. One was injured while at work in his fire station, and six were off duty from sickness for an aggregate of 195 days. Fortunately none of the accidents were of a fatal nature, though all were of a serious character. One case of sickness had a fatal termination, and it became my painful duty to record the death of James Gleason, driver of No. 1 hose wagon. The sad event occurred on the 11th of April, at St. Joseph's Hospital. He had been for thirteen years a faithful and energetic member of the department, and every man in the department mourned the loss of a true friend and an agreeable comrade.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

"I would suggest the advisability of commencing the reconstruction of the fire alarm system, in accordance with the recommendations in the report of the expert employed by the council of 1895. It would be much better if the telegraph system were renewed at once, if possible. But if this cannot be done, then the alternative plan might be adopted, if a contract can be entered into on those conditions. The line is in good condition, and if a first class non-interfering box, with the necessary instruments and gongs, are procured, an accurate and reliable system would be assured at a comparatively small cost, as the work of putting up the boxes would be done by our own men. Unless this change is effected provision will have to be made for getting new gongs and instruments to improve the working of our present system, the cost of which will be in the neighborhood of \$400.

HOSE AND EQUIPMENTS.

"We have 4,000 feet of good hose, 1,300 feet that is only second-class, and 950 feet that is unreliable. We will require 1,500 feet of new hose in order to keep our stock up to the standard. It also wants 100 feet of three-inch cotton hose, rubber lined, to be used on the aerial ladder as a water tower, with play pipe and large nozzle. A great saving could be effected in this line if the city would get a few hundred feet of good second-class rubber hose for flushing sewers and other corporation work. Cotton hose is utterly unfit for this kind of work, and one month's use does it more injury than a whole year's fire service. It also frequently happens that there is from 400 to 600 feet out for three or four days at a time which practically reduces our stock to that extent. Unless something is done in this direction our stock of hose will have to be increased."

FIRES, LOSSES, INSURANCE, VALUES.

"We received notice of 140 alarms in the city during the year; 97 of these were for fires from which more or less damage resulted; 29 were for chimney fires, causing no loss, and for which no insurance or loss is calculated; 12 were false alarms and 2 were test runs. We attended 121 actual fires, and let 14 of these. We also attended 3 fires in London West, making a total of 143 alarms in all.

"The insurance on the property at risk was \$267,020 on buildings, and \$251,935 on contents; total, \$518,955. The loss was \$56,779 on buildings, and \$23,427 12 on contents; total, \$80,206 12. An approximate gives the value of buildings at \$431,175 and contents at \$900,800; total, \$791,475.

"Compared with 1894 these figures show a decrease of 12 alarms, 8 fires and 6 test runs, and an increase of 1 chimney fire and 5 false alarms. We attended 4 more fires and worked at 14 more. The insurance shows an increase of \$89,185; the losses show an increase of \$58,239 16, and there is an increase of values of \$84,165.

AN INTERESTING RESUME.

"In attending these fires the apparatus at No. 1 station traveled 1594 miles, laid 26,150 feet of hose and used 55 streams. No. 2 station apparatus traveled 1672 miles, laid 9,050 feet of hose, and used 19 streams. No. 3 apparatus traveled 2304 miles, laid 11,500 feet of hose and had 23 streams in operation; 1,180 feet of ladders were also used. The quantity of water used was approximately 1,051,700 gallons. The number of buildings destroyed was 9. With the exception of the two churches they were light frame structures. Forty-three alarms were received from the street boxes; 53 were sent in by telegraph and 44 were verbal or still alarms.

"As nearly as could be ascertained the fires originated as follows: Careless use of matches and cigars, 8; dirty and defective chimneys and grates, 34; lamps upset or exploded, 11; coal oil stoves, 2; coals from stoves and grates, 6; gas or lamps set fire to woodwork or draperies, 6; over-heated stoves, furnaces or pipes, 12; hot ashes, 8; burning rubbish, 2; coffee roaster, 1; core oven, 1; fumigating houses, 2; smoke houses, 2; sparks from chimneys, 3; started by plumbers, 3; varnish and polish boiled over, 2; second calls to ruins of previous fires, 3; false alarms and test runs, 14; incendiary, 8; unknown, 15. Total 143.

"I beg to thank his Worship the Mayor,

the members of No. 3 committee and the council of 1895 for kindness and courtesy shown the department. I also wish to thank the chief of police and his staff for valuable assistance rendered. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. ROE, chief of department.

Advantageous Agriculture.

Meeting of the East Middlesex Farmers' Institute.

Pleasant and Profitable Gathering at Harrietsville—Some of the Topics Discussed.

Harrietsville, Feb. 26.—At yesterday morning's session of the East Middlesex Farmers' Institute, Miss B. Livingstone of the School of Cookery, Ottawa, gave some valuable points on "The food value of milk and the cooking of milk and eggs," and "The cooking of albuminous foods."

Mr. Stephenson, of Ancaster, spoke on "Selecting dairy cows."

AFTERNOON.

Mr. T. G. Rayner's subject for the afternoon was "Clover culture." He recommended every farmer to have a patch of lucerne near the barn for soiling; three or four cuttings may be taken from it during one season. To seed down use fifteen to twenty pounds of seed; sow in the spring, always using a "nurse crop"—perhaps one-half bushel of oats. Cut lucerne before blossoming, for on becoming ripe it gets very woody. It makes a permanent pasture, the speaker having some seeded down for eight years and still yielding a good return.

EVENING.

In the evening a large number were present. Mr. K. Venning occupied the chair. Excellent music was given by the Venning String Band.

The president, Mr. Thos. Baty, gave a stirring address on "The late war spirit."

The question box was a pleasing feature of this meeting.

Mr. Stephenson gave an instructive paper on the "Feeding of dairy cows," which was followed by a lively discussion.

Mr. Robert Facey, the popular cheese maker of the village, gave a paper on "Care and handling of milk." To Mr. Facey largely the noted success of the Harrietsville district is due. In this neighborhood almost each farmer on 100 acres keeps no less than fifteen cows; each man draws his own milk. The whey is scalded and each man on getting the weight of his milk is given a ticket with the amount of whey he is entitled to. The speaker's principal points were: 1. Be careful what is fed; give good food or diseased roots. 2. "Cleanliness is next to Godliness," so keep all utensils clean. 3. Brush or wash the udder of the cow. The speaker claims that no time need be lost by doing this. A man uses warm water in washing the udder of the number if he is to milk; then by the time the last is washed the first is dry enough to milk. A little vasoline put on the hands does away with all temptation to wet the teats. 4. When the milk is drawn, strain it immediately, and do not expose it to an impure atmosphere. 5. The chief point is the airing of milk. Very few nights in the summer does the milk require cooling if properly aired. A good means for airing is an inverted milk pan, with an iron handle, a few holes being bored in the bottom of the sides to allow the air to escape, and this on being forced up and down in the milk gives it a thorough airing. The milk needs to be aired in the winter as well as in summer.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

A TORONTO TRAGEDY.

Another Suicide at the Bridge from Which Scott Threw Himself—Death of Scott's Daughter.

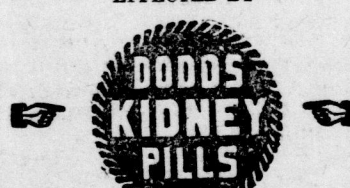
Toronto, Feb. 27.—About 2:30 yesterday afternoon a man, apparently 25 years of age, ended his life by jumping from the same Rosedale bridge which was the scene of James Scott's death last Saturday morning. The man stood upon the railing and leaped headlong into space. He was killed instantly. The body was identified as that of Albert Long. Letters found in his effects show he has a brother, Edward Charles Long, employed by the Bleikman Company, Bismarck building, Trenton, N. J. A letter found in his trunk addressed to another brother living at Newcastle, Ont., and dated Tuesday, announced his intention of committing suicide. His bank book showed he had a balance to his credit of \$335.

This is the third suicide from the same bridge. A policeman will now be posted there all the time for a while to prevent other cranks following Scott's example. Mrs. C. Cockburn, daughter of the suicide James Scott, died last night. She was critically ill when her father died, and the blow undoubtedly diminished her chances of recovery.

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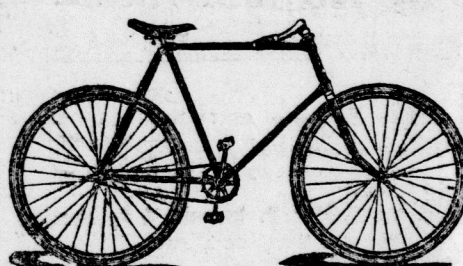
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