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REAL ESTATE IS IMPROVING DECEMBER TRANSFERS INCREASE

A Falling Off for 1908. However, as Compared With Previous Year—Last Three Months Were Favorable—Assessment Commissioner Grant Is Hopeful.

The real estate transfers for the year 1908 throw some interesting light on the financial conditions of the city. The number of transfers for the year is considerably less than the year previous—in fact, the lowest for the past five years. The decrease, taking the assessed value as a criterion, is about one-third, or 33 1/3 per cent. The difference between last year and the other four is not so marked, save when compared with 1906, which was the banner year, when a marked difference is noted.

Conditions improving. However, conditions are improving. The last three months of 1908, as compared with the last three months of 1907, are decidedly favorable, and a marked increase is noted, both in the number of transfers, as well as in the assessed value. December alone shows an increase of eleven transfers over December, 1907, while during the last three months the increase numbers 29, a really good showing, and demonstrating that confidence is again restored and that business is much improved of late.

The Values. The selling value of property changing hands during the past five years reaches the splendid total of \$3,081,465. The assessment was somewhat lower, reaching a total of \$5,784,637, showing that the purchasers had great faith in the future value of the property they were buying. The total number of transfers was 5,717. The selling price for business places for the past five years also reached a handsome total, the sum of \$2,037,114, being paid for 196 business properties.

Mr. Grant Speaks. Assessment Commissioner Grant was well pleased with the increasing number of transfers, and declared it spoke volumes for the future of the city. "Conditions will be normal in a very short time," he said. "The transfers for the past three months show that confidence is returning and that people are buying better than they have for some time. The returns are encouraging now."

GOOD NEWS FROM MESSINA F. FENECH RECEIVES MESSAGE

Brother Wires That All Is Well—Luigi Fenech Escapes Death in Awful Sicilian Disaster—Other Cablegrams May Be Looked for Shortly.

Mr. Frank Fenech, this morning received the glad news that his brother, Luigi Fenech, who is professor of astronomy at the University of Messina, had come through the awful catastrophe unscathed. No details are available, the cable which comes from Catania merely reading: "Luigi safe," and signed, "John Fenech."

John Fenech is another brother of Mr. Frank Fenech, who is an officer in the Italian army, stationed at Conigliano, North Italy.

As the telegram does not come from near where Mr. John Fenech's regiment is stationed, but rather from

the direction of Messina, Italy, Mr. Fenech believes that his brother must have gone to Messina himself to inquire after the fate of Luigi Fenech. The fact that the telegram did not come from Messina gives credence to the idea that the telegram lines from that place are being held for Government use. The news will also come as a great relief to other Londoners who have been in the destroyed cities, as it seems likely that their silence may be due to lack of facilities for communication, rather than to injuries or death of people from whom messages are expected.

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Two Years Sojourn for Jas. Collins Many Thefts Send Him to Kingston

Magistrate Did Not Take Any Stock in Letter for Clemency.

James Collins, the man who was recently found guilty by Magistrate Love of breaking into the blacksmith shop of Ald. Saunders, the office of Messrs. Copp on York street, and of stealing a photographic lens from the store of J. Westlake in Chatham, was sentenced to two years in the Kingston Penitentiary.

Collins wrote a letter to Magistrate

Love, stating that he was penniless, homeless and hopeless, and asking him to be as lenient as possible. Collins stated that he had committed the thefts while drunk.

"I cannot believe that you committed all these thefts while intoxicated," said the court, "as they took place in so many different places. Besides that, you have a police court record, and have been in the Central Prison. The public at large must be protected, and in taking everything into consideration I have decided to send you for two years to Kingston Penitentiary."

600 More Cases in Police Court Than Were Recorded in Year 1907

1908 Appears To Have Been a Record Breaker Because of the Indian Listers.

According to a statement which Police Court Clerk Moulie is preparing there were about 600 more cases heard in the local police court last year than the year previous.

The figures have not yet been completed, but it is understood that the greatest increases will be in the charges of drunkenness.

A very large number of charges of this kind have been heard, owing to both the determination of Inspector Galpin and Magistrate Love to prosecute drunkards to the full extent of the law.

The large number of cases that have been heard under the head of Indian listers bears ample testimony to this fact.

Many hundred dollars in fines have been received from those who, while on the list, have continued to drink. A noticeable result of the prosecution

tion is the practical disappearance of the gang of worthless "drunks," who formerly infested the market.

A Good Effect. The prosecution of Indian listers who have been found in or about any hotels, no matter for what cause, has also had its effect on inebriates, and many of them keep as shy of hotels as it is possible for them to do.

Inspector Galpin states that both hotel proprietors and bartenders are giving him every assistance in his efforts to prosecute Indian listers, as they do not want these habitual drunkards around their bars.

Watch the Calendar. "It is surprising," said Inspector Galpin to The Advertiser this afternoon, "how these Indian listers keep track of the time they are on the list. They know to a day when the year expires, and sometimes some of them come up to me and wave their official document under my nose and say, 'Now you can't touch me if I drink, for my year expired last night.'"

"Many of these people, however, are put right on again by relatives or friends who have their interests at heart."

Women Acquitted of Murder Charge

Media, Pa., Jan. 7.—Mrs. M. Florence Erb, wife of Capt. J. Clayton Erb, who was well known in political circles all over Pennsylvania, and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Belsel, who were charged with the sensational murder of Capt. Erb, on the night of Oct. 6, 1908, today walked from the Delaware County Court here a free woman.

After the jury had been out nearly

eighteen hours, it brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case of each woman, both of whom have been charged separately, and jointly with shooting the captain. Thus ends a trial that has held the interest of the people of the state for more than a week, during which much scandalous evidence was brought out, some of which did not reach the reading public.

LIEUT.-COL. REID TO LEAVE SEVENTH

Made Announcement Last Night at Dinner in the Kennels.

MAJOR CAMPBELL IS SUCCESSOR

Many Other Promotions Will Likely Follow Very Shortly in the Regiment.

At a dinner given by Lieut.-Col. Reid, of the Seventh Regiment, to the officers of the regiment at the Kennels, he made the formal announcement that he would retire from the service at the expiration of his term of office on Feb. 23. His successor will probably be Major A. A. Campbell, at present senior major of the regiment.

A number of the officers of the Seventh, as well as several military friends of Col. Reid, were present at the banquet. After the dinner had been disposed of, a toast list was introduced, and a number of bright speeches were made.

Colonel Makes Announcement. Col. Reid made a brief speech, in which he announced that he had definitely decided to retire in February. He spoke of the pleasant time he had enjoyed as commander of the regiment, and he thanked the officers for the enthusiastic support and encouragement given him since his appointment. He had been proud to be in command of such a corps as the Seventh at Buffalo. The regiment had made an excellent showing and many compliments had been given them. In Quebec they had compared favorably with any regiment at the review. At all times the officers and men had done their best and in retiring he desired to thank all for their kindness.

Colonel Campbell Now. Col. Reid said that it was highly probable that Major A. A. Campbell, at present senior major, would be the next in command. He prophesied a most successful term of office for Major Campbell, and expressed the hope that the officers and men would stand behind him as loyally as they had supported their commanding officers in the past.

Colonel Smith. Col. A. M. Smith made a brief reply on behalf of the officers. He expressed regret on the retirement of Col. Reid, who had been a good officer, well liked by both the officers and men.

Other speeches were made by a number of those present. The guests included Col. Reid, Col. A. M. Smith, Major Shannon, Major Wynne, Major Lamb, Major Campbell, Capt. McCrimmon, Captains Graham, Kingsmill, Coles, Little, Bentley, and Becher, Lieutenants Gibson, R. C. R. Ingram, Carling, Ware, Hunt, Leonard, Reid, and others.

Many Promotions. As Major Campbell is next in line for the promotion, it is more than probable that the command of the regiment will be turned over to him on the retirement of Col. Reid. He has been connected with the regiment for many years, and has been deeply interested in it at all times.

With the promotion of Major Campbell, Captain McCrimmon will be advanced to the position of senior major, and Captain Campbell Becher as senior captain, will be advanced to the junior majorship.

It will also mean a promotion of several other officers. "The command of the regiment will be offered me as next in command," said Major Campbell. "I presume I shall accept it, if it is offered me. There is some time yet to think of it."

FARMER'S WIFE ASSAULTED
Beaten With a Hammer by the Hired Man and May Die.

Bradwardine, Man., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Hunter Cooper, wife of a farmer near here, was brutally assaulted by a hired man named H. Scarr, a young Englishman, who beat her on the head with a hammer, inflicting injuries which are likely to cause death. He has been arrested and is now in Brandon Jail.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—VERY COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—8 a.m.

Today—Fair and very cold; below zero in most localities tonight.

Friday—Easterly winds and very cold, with light local snowfalls.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Today.	Yesterday.
	8 a.m.	Min. Max.
London	9	7 22
Calgary	42	28 20
Winnipeg	25	40 28
Port Arthur	32	30 20
Perry Sound	34	10 20
Edmonton	2	10 26
Ottawa	8	2 26
Montreal	6	10 26
Quebec	10	10 24
Father Point	6	32 20
Edmonton	32	20 24
Battleford	46	28 24
Prince Albert	42	28 24
Moose Jaw	42	30 24
Qu'Appelle	42	34 24
St. John	42	34 24
Halifax	38	34 24
Minus (-) means below zero.		

PAID \$33,000 TO POISON EMPEROR

New York, Jan. 7.—Special cable advices to The Herald from Penang, Straits Settlement, say that Kang Yu Wei, China's exiled reformer and leader of the Chinese Empire Reform Association, claims credit for the overthrow of Yuan Shi Kai, the eminent Chinese statesman, as member of the grand council.

According to the dispatch Kang Yu charges Yuan Shi Kai, with complicity in the death of the Emperor. He is quoted as follows:

"We know Yuan Shi Kai paid a physician 40,000 taels (about \$33,000), to poison the Emperor. Yuan Shi Kai, seeing the Dowager Empress' death impending, feared retribution at the hands of the Emperor for his betrayal a decade ago, which forced my flight, and resulted in the Dowager Empress seizing the reins of control."

MICHIGAN METHODIST PASTOR MURDERED AND DISMEMBERED

Remains of His Body Found in Stoves of Little Church Near Port Huron, Where He Had Gone To Conduct Revival Meetings.

Detroit, Jan. 7.—The dismembered body of Rev. John P. Carmichael, a Methodist minister, was found yesterday partially consumed by fire in the two heating stoves of one of his churches near Columbus, in the southwestern part of St. Clair County.

Identification of the dead clergyman was made by Orville Lindsay, who was sent to the church by Mrs. Carmichael, who had been in great distress since her husband's failure to return home as expected on Tuesday evening. The cold wind drove him to seek shelter in the church. He was surprised to find the church doors unlocked, and was terrified to see the church floor, the pews and even the communion table drenched with blood, and fragments of bloody clothing scattered all around. Evidently the clergyman, who was 55 years old and of athletic build, had made a terrific struggle for his life.

Brown hurried to the village of Hickey, from whence he notified the sheriff's office at Port Huron.

The authorities on their arrival at the church found parts of the dismembered body in the two stoves, respectively at the front and rear, and discovered in one stove the head of what was apparently a

PAISLEY'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY

Evidence Adduced Last Night Went To Show That the Deceased Was Killed by Yard Engine No. 30—Was Working Double Shift and Had Just Thanked Man Who Got Him Job.

After hearing the evidence in the inquest into the death of David Paisley, the jury, which, under Coroner MacLaren, investigated the affair, brought in the following verdict: "That the said David Paisley came to his death on the evening of Jan. 1, 1909, at the Richmond street crossing of the Grand Trunk, by being struck by yard engine No. 30. We believe said death to have been purely accidental, and exonerate the Grand Trunk from all blame."

The Grand Trunk interests were looked after by Mr. W. W. Pope, of Montreal, and Mr. E. H. Flock appeared for the relatives of deceased.

The Evidence. Fireman Joseph Nolligan, of yard engine No. 30, was first called, and stated that on the evening of Jan. 1 he had been told by Engineer Walton

that a man had been killed by their engine.

The yard engine had backed down and crossed over Richmond street, and was on the westbound track. Witness did not see anybody about the tracks. When he was told of the accident the engine was between Richmond and Talbot streets.

There was so much smoke and steam blowing about that it was impossible to see very much of the tracks. The bell was ringing all the time, and the headlight lamp was lit.

Witness stated that a freight train had gone east about the same time they were near the crossing.

There was no one on the rear coach to give any warning of the approaching train to pedestrians.

Engineer Walton. Engineer Walton stated that he was unaware of any accident until told by

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SPLENDID GIFT OF THE PRIESTS

Archbishop McEvay Presented With Magnificent Team.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Jan. 7.—Priests of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto have expressed their sentiments of admiration towards Archbishop McEvay by presenting him with a most beautiful and valuable team of jet-black drivers. The archbishop is himself an excellent judge of a horse and delights to drive behind one.

North Bay, Jan. 7.—Two freight trains met in a head-on collision 22 miles west of Chateaufort yesterday, the result of a trainman's error in running over a time order. Fireman William Thompson, of Chateaufort, was killed, and others slightly injured in jumping. A score of cars were demolished, and the line blocked for half a day.

Bank Clearings Increase. The local bank clearings for the week amounted to \$1,628,680, an increase of \$177,639 over the same week of 1908, the figures of a year ago being \$1,451,041.

PIECE OF WOOD FLEW FROM LATHE

Geo. Couke, of Wellington Street, Had Hand Injured.

George Couke, of 245 Wellington street, met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon while engaged in operating a wood lathe at the McClary works. In some manner the piece of wood that was being turned became loose and struck Mr. Couke a terrific blow across the back of his hand.

The hand is very painfully lacerated, and the thumb badly smashed. Had the wood struck Mr. Couke in the face or body the injury would have been much more serious. Dr. H. A. Stevenson attended to the case.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE WINTER

Mercury Dropped to 7 Above—Is Nine Above Today.

Last night was the coldest night of the winter, and the thermometer at the local observatory sank until it was only seven above zero. To many people who were out it seemed much colder, as the northwest wind blew the cold right through one's garments. Not a few people, under the impression that the mercury would take a big drop, kept in special fires in order to protect water pipes from damage by the frost. At 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer had risen to nine above.

FAIR VOTERS MAY GO TO PRISON

Refused To Give Up Unmarked Ballots on Election Day.

A FINE OF \$100 IS PRESCRIBED

For Such an Offense—City Clerk Baker Almost Gray-Haired With Troubles.

City Clerk Baker is not at all satisfied with women voters.

As a matter of fact, the aforesaid genial clerk has some real grievances, and he threatens dire things to the fair suffragettes who are causing him some trouble today.

The difficulty is right here. When the ladies went into the polling booth the other day to exercise the franchise they were handed several ballots.

The majority of them were only interested in the street car vote, and as a result utilized only one or two of the ballot papers given them.

These they handed back to the deputy, but continued to hold on to the others, which they had not marked. They were looked upon as personal property, and the fair voters refused to give them up.

Ballots Missing. Then followed a wordy war between the deputy and the lady.

Some of the persuasive deputies got the ballots back, but others were not quite so successful.

In some instances a number of ballots were missing. City Clerk Baker was handed one that was found on the street. Several of the deputies were many ballots shy.

"We have had a lot of trouble," said City Clerk Baker to The Advertiser. "A large number of women voters persisted in keeping the ballots. Some of the deputies got them all back, some did not. I am afraid that several of the deputies will lose their jobs as a result of their carelessness. This must stop. Some of the men made the same mistake, but the most of the difficulty came from the fair sex. There is a \$100 fine attached to this, and if there is no improvement next time we vote there will be some trouble."

The thought of some of the suffragettes languishing in jail with a \$100 fine attached is a maddening thought, but they will have to be good.

WITNESS IS \$18 OUT OF POCKET

Mr. William Cook Compelled To Pay for Stop over Here.

Mr. William Cook, the man who discovered the body of the late David Paisley on New Year's night, and one of the principal witnesses at last night's inquest, stated to Coroner MacLaren, after giving his evidence, that it had cost him \$18 to remain in the city for the investigation.

Mr. Cook inquired if there was no way in which he could be reimbursed for his expense, as it had not been voluntarily incurred by him.

Coroner MacLaren replied that unfortunately there was no law governing the case by which remuneration could be made.

Mr. Cook was greatly displeased, and said it would have served the authorities right if he had gone on to Dresden, where he had important business, and had put them to the trouble and expense of fetching him back. He left for Dresden as soon as he could last night.

—Toronto Star: London has voted for Sunday cars. If London keeps on till he is as wicked as Hamilton after a while.

SCRAMBLE FOR BOARD OF WORKS

Several Aldermen Are Extremely Anxious To Be Placed On It.

FIGHT FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP

Ald. Rose Is Said To Be Very Anxious for It—Speculation as to Other Bodies.

What a nice scramble there is amongst the aldermen for a place on the board of works!

For some reason the city fathers have started a real stampede for a berth on that committee.

And that is the committee that is causing all the trouble about the city hall, when it comes to fixing up the committees for the coming year.

It is not exactly correct to state that all the members of the council are out for the board of works, because that would not be justice to the members of that body of last year.

Ald. Parsons, Ald. Beattie, Ald. Stevenson and Ald. Ferguson are content to go on the finance committee. As Ald. Beattie will not accept the chairmanship, it is more than likely that Ald. Ferguson will be given the place.

Want This Plum.

The other members of the council want the board of works. Ald. Garratt is out for a place on it. He does not want to be chairman, so he states, but wants to be on the committee. He would rather be placed there as an ordinary member than take the chairmanship of No. 3 committee, which would be tendered him if he would accept.

Ald. Rose not only wants to be on the board of works, but he wants the chairmanship. He will not be given it, however, as some of his own slate are opposed to him.

He may be placed on No. 3 committee, and given the chairmanship, but he would take it, but it is not at all likely that he will accept that. However, he may be asked to do so.

On the last analysis, the chairmanship of No. 3 committee will be between Ald. Rose and Ald. Garratt, and the one who is not selected will go on No. 2. It is more than probable that Ald. Rose will land the latter plum.

The Committees.

That will form the regular committees as follows:

No. 1—Ald. Ferguson, chairman; Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Parsons and Ald. Beattie.

No. 2—Ald. Gerry, chairman; Ald. Rose, Ald. Saunders and Ald. Cooper.

No. 3—Ald. Garratt, chairman; Ald. Fitzgerald, Ald. Stewart, Ald. Moorhead.

Power Committee.

Of course there will be a special power committee, of which Ald. Stewart will probably be chairman. That was the feeling about the city hall today, although circumstances may change before the meeting on Monday.

Ald. Stevenson can have the chairmanship of the manufacturers and reception committee if he desires, although Ald. Beattie may be offered it.

Board of Health.

Yesterday it seemed more than likely that Mr. Thos. Gillean and Mr. William Skinner would be selected for the board of health, but this morning a number of aldermen stated that they would favor Ald. Stevenson and Mr. John Graham for the places. These four names have been all that have been mentioned, and the selection will be made from these.

In all events, there is a merry scramble for the board of works, and that eagerness for positions on this body is causing Mayor Stevely some worry in endeavoring to get the committees straightened out for the year.

HICKS ACQUITTED

Winnipeg Murder Trial Ended—Rogers May Be Arrested.

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—Hicks was acquitted on the charge of murder this afternoon after the jury had been out only twenty minutes. The report tonight is that Rogers, one of the witnesses, will be arrested.

RAINED SEVEN DAYS

Fifteen Lives Lost in Floods in Costa Rica.

New York, Jan. 7.—Fifteen lives were lost, three large iron bridges swept away, a railroad disabled for 30 miles and telegraph lines destroyed by a week of torrential rains on the Atlantic Coast of Costa Rica, Central America, at the end of last month, according to news brought today by the steamer Sberia. Many fruit farms were ruined.

Condensed Advertisements.

No Advertisement Accepted Less Than Fifteen Words.
 Amusements—Five cents per line each insertion, or two cents per word if set could.
 Meetings—When no admission is charged one cent per word each insertion.
 Articles for Sale, to Let, Help Wanted, Situations Wanted, Board and Lodgings, Lost and Found, Rooms to Let, and all similar condensed advertisements—First insertion, one cent a word; each subsequent insertion, one-half cent per word. No advertisement less than fifteen words.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES

GRAND—Tonight
 Julian Edwards' Comic Opera.
"THE GAY MUSICIAN"
 Prices, 25 to 50; Rows F, G, H, 12.
ALL NEXT WEEK
Partello
Stock Co. 10c, 20c, 30c; few 50c.

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5c 5c
Amateur Night Friday
Allan Line

Weekly service between Canadian ports and Liverpool and Glasgow. Those going home or bringing out friends should consult or write F. B. Bennett, 415 King street, for bookings from the old Country.

CLOCK CORNER, LONDON.

SIMCOE STREET RINK—HAND-TO-NIGHT. Skating afterwards. Phone 1008.

SKATING TONIGHT, EAST END RINK. Band tomorrow night, and skating every afternoon and night.

SKATING AT NORTH END RINK. corner Grosvenor and Wellington, every afternoon and evening. 517.

WESTMINSTER RINK—CADET BAND every night and Saturday afternoon. Ice in perfect condition. Open afterwards. 517.

GRAND BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT in aid of unemployed, Bennett's Theatre, Monday evening, Jan. 11. One of the best programmes ever presented in London. Band of 14th Regiment. Tickets from 5c to 50c.

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FOUR CANVASSERS WANTED. Apply between 8 and 9, Alfred Taylor, 325 Clarence street. 517.

WANTED. 121 Richmond street, 413 to 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 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HOTELS AND COMPENSATION.

"It seems clear to us that many of the hotels which now exist are simply drinking places. They do not provide public accommodation. They serve no useful purpose. For the open bar and the treating system it seems impossible to find a rational argument. It is difficult to contend that the question of public accommodation is really involved in a reduction of the number of more drinking houses. Beyond this The News maintains the ground which for years it has consistently advanced, that compensation should be associated with the extinguishment of licenses. In proportion to the number of licenses is reduced the remaining hotels will increase in value. This increase in value, we believe, should be set aside as compensation for the houses whose licenses are cancelled."—Toronto News.

The plan outlined by The News is a feature of the present English licensing law. When a license in England is cancelled, the licensee is compensated out of a fund raised by a tax upon the trade itself. It is really a system of compulsory insurance. If this method were adopted in Ontario it would undoubtedly work to the advantage of the temperance cause. Many persons who see no excuse for the barroom hesitate to vote it out of existence because most of the hotel property in the province depends for its value upon the sale of liquor. They would have no compunction about voting for the reduction or abolition of licenses if they knew that the owners of licensed premises would not be financially ruined. Many of the owners or mortgagors of hotel buildings are not engaged in the liquor traffic.

A surtax upon licensees to indemnify those deprived of their licenses would meet the objections to the principle of state compensation, and would weaken the resistance to license reduction, even on the part of the liquor interests. It would be merely an assessment on the "unearned increment" of license value. The plan is one which the politicians should think over. The Liberal party would have itself to blame if the Whitney Government bowed to the blast of temperance sentiment by adopting such a system and rescinding the three-fifths clause, before the Opposition made a move.

BRITISH AND GERMAN NAVAL PLANS.

The recent assertion in the Reichstag by the Imperial Chancellor, Prince Buelow, that Germany has reached the limit of naval expansion in the act of last year, and that a halt must now be called, is rather significant, coming, as it does very closely after the announcement by Premier Asquith that the present Government of Great Britain is determined to maintain the two-power standard with a ten per cent margin.

The German Navy League has been clamoring for further expansion of the fleet, but Prince Buelow claims that the extent of German naval armaments has been fixed by law, and that this law has been adopted solely with a view to the defence of German coasts and the protection of German commerce. The chancellor gave reasons which, he said, "preclude the possibility of our exceeding in our ship-building programme that which is necessary for our defence and has accordingly been laid down."

If the navy law of 1908 is obeyed, Germany, after 1911 will be content to lay down annually two capital ships, two protected ships, and twelve destroyers—in other words her output of capital ships will be reduced by one-half. The chancellor's declaration is all the more significant if his Government ever had any intention, as many observers believe it had, to embark upon new proposals. It is not so long since Emperor William declared that the German fleet was being constructed in order that Germany may assert her position in the Pacific. Since then, however, the Germans have learned that Britain is determined not to abdicate her position as the world's greatest naval power, and that the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, Japan, the United States and Russia stand together for the preservation of the status quo, with France in agreement with that policy, and no power acting independently can hope to change the course of events in the near future.

Meanwhile there are signs of activity in the British admiralty. Clyde shipbuilders have been advised that "further orders for battleships may be expected shortly," which doubtless means that the execution of the programme of next spring is to be hurried, so that at least some of the capital ships may be ready by the summer of 1911. This expedition will no doubt be necessary if the two-power standard is to be maintained with any degree of liberality, and if German ship-building progresses as fast as the Imperial marine office is said to anticipate.

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE.

It may be taken for granted that the Ontario Government will refuse to erect and maintain consumption sanatoria, and that provision for these unfortunate must be made by the municipalities or by private effort. Mr. Hanna's reply to the deputation urged that this great charity should be a provincial one was discouraging, if not decisive. There are substantial reasons from the Government's standpoint for Mr. Hanna's attitude. The Provincial Treasurer has no more Cobalt Lake concessions or similar "nest eggs" to swell the exchequer, and enable him to boast of his surplus. On the strength of new-found riches, the Administration freely opened its purse. The expenditures soared, but the revenue soared higher. Now the revenue is coming down, but it is not easy to bring the expenditure down with it. Mr. Matheson's next budget speech will not be so cheerful as his last one. He will have to try his hand at economizing for the first time. It is not likely in these circumstances that he will spare much money for the poor consumptives.

In several Canadian municipalities provision has been already made for local needs in this respect. It has been done in Hamilton and Toronto through private benevolence. In this city the ratepayers have voted money to provide for incurable and emergency cases, but for patients in the early or curable stages of the malady there is no place but the Muskoka hospitals, where only a limited number can be admitted. The city and county should join forces in establishing a sanatorium for these cases unless it can be done under private auspices elsewhere. The latter plan is preferable. In view of the expense of municipal institutions, which get little or no revenue from charitable citizens. The Government could not refuse aid to such a project. Something ought to be done without loss of time. The matter has dragged on for years.

The west is a great country, but it would be more appreciated here if it would keep its cold waves at home.

Insurance rates in Toronto have been cut 25 per cent by the high-pressure system which some wise-acre in London call a fad.

In Great Britain several plays have been written around the tariff question. Can't some Ontario genius dramatize the ditches and water-courses act?

Would St. Paul have enjoined the women of his day to keep their heads covered in the churches if they had worn the spacious headgear of the present season?

It has leaked out that Mr. John Ross Robertson gave \$10,000 to the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital as a Christmas present. His benefactions already amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. He is the Santa Claus of the sick children all the year round. If any more titles are to go to the newspaper profession, Mr. Robertson should have one.

DUSK IN THE BARREN GROUNDS.

[Arthur Stringer, in Everybody's.]
The hills lie black and low against the west,
Far northward stretch the valleys of the dead—
Here where life weary grew and sighed for rest,
And God put all His worn-out world to bed.

For this the silence is where some last word
Was whispered and earth's twilight tale
And Emptiness and Sorrow only heard
The ghastly cry of ashen things and old.

And through the pallid light three dead pines crown
The plain that lies so like a yellowed stage;
And wide and dark the blood-red sun burns down
Beyond each iron hill that aches with age.

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Was whispered and earth's twilight tale
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STRATFORD AND THE POWER BY-LAW.

[Stratford Beacon.]
The Niagara power by-law has been submitted to the ratepayers of Stratford three times, with the result that the majority has grown less with each voting. Following were the majorities:

1907	738
1908	638
1909	211

The drop this year shows that the people are getting educated on the subject. A couple more elections and the majority might disappear. As evidence of the need of this education the fact may be cited that there were fully two hundred blank ballots cast yesterday. In several of the polls as high as fourteen blanks were found, the voters having adopted this means of showing that they had formed no opinion on the question.

GOLDWIN SMITH ON THE AGE.

"Then and Now," the title of an article bearing his Christmas message to the students of Cornell University, which he once taught, shows Goldwin Smith at the age of 81 still one of the torch-bearers of civilization. "Man, let the evolutionists remember, advances and rises. The beast does not." Unlike brutes, humanity advances, "and we cannot let that the end will be; whether it may not be the final ascendancy of the spiritual over the material in man." He has witnessed the after-blasts of the French revolution; they have been the political fact of Europe and careered far into the stagnant East. Everywhere he sees democracy triumphant, invading autocratic palaces, and possessing constitutional monarchies and the old world with greater force even than our own republic. Indeed, he re-

gards the United States as relatively a backward nation in the march of democracy. But his many years' insight perceives something more momentous in this age than its political movement in the advance of science. This is making the nations commonwealth by providing the means of closer communication. The Suez Canal is transforming India. The locomotive, which bore Greville fifty years ago at the shuddering pace of forty-five miles an hour, will soon be the aid of electricity attain 15 miles an hour, converting the whole countryside into a suburb.

THE HOME OF POETS.

The blazing indiscretion of the Kaiser and the bruise of his pride that followed, have given the poem "Hoch der Kaiser," which was made famous at a New York lunch dinner, a renewed vogue. How many people know that these clever verses were written by a Scotch-Canadian, one—Gordon, a graduate of Edinburgh, who spent the best part of that short fever, his life, on the Montreal Herald. Poor Gordon scattered his many talents, and he went his brief erratic way, but nothing that attained the dignity of being bound in a book. The "Akodon of Swat" is another peculiar tour de force in verse in which our American cousins take great delight. It will be news to many that this was also by a Canadian, George Lanigan, who learned his business on the Montreal newspapers.

MONEY.

[New York Herald.]
What it can buy:
Material independence.
Leisure.
Opportunities.
The homage of inferiors.
Society.
What it cannot buy:
Mental independence.
Culture.
Friends.
Health.
Love.

THE LOCAL OPTIC LAW.

[Toronto Star.]
A significant feature of the day's work is the defeat of almost every attempt at repeal. Evidently the movement for closing the bars is not only rapid, but steady, and there are no signs of reaction. This is in part due to the working of the method of prohibition by small areas. But it is also an indication that the bar is in process of extinction. It will be confined in a few years to a few hotels, and even there the number of bars will be gradually reduced until they disappear entirely. This, at least, is the present tendency, and there are no signs of a reaction.

PHILOSOPHIZING ON THE EARTH-QUAKE.

[Goldwin Smith, in Farmers' Sun.]
Once more the Tower in Siloam has fallen; fallen on the most tremendous scale and in the most awful form. Again it may not be said that the sufferers were not sinners above their fellows. They had settled in a volcanic region, where Nature warned them by her volcanoes she would them by her beauty. How does this in the plague and famines, sweeping off innocent multitudes, how do all the inevitable scourges of man's life comport with the belief in the provident government of the universe? What is the explanation? The answer is, that there appears to be no explanation visible to the intellect. Had there been one, it would hardly have been missed by so acute an apologist as Paley. The mystery extends beyond things which the human mind can apparently grasp a spiritual idea. In this, it seems, we must rest.

BRITISH SOLDIERS' NEW OUTFIT.

[London Graphic.]
An Aldershot correspondent writes: An important change is now being made in the infantryman's new outfit. The outfit is being superseded by the new "web equipment," which is sure to be warmly welcomed by the men. A great improvement has been effected in the distribution of weight. In marching order the handkerchief nor the haversack strap is worn, so the chest is free and breathing is made easier. When in fighting kit nothing that is not essential to action will be carried, but the bandolier will have to be added.

WOMAN AND LADY.

[Exchange.]
There are persons (finely organized, of course) who have a low opinion of the word woman. It is so vulgar, don't you know! Among people so unfortunate as to possess this super-sense this opinion is one of such expressions as saleslady. Yet woman is the sweetest word in the language. Your mother, your wife, your sweetheart, your sister is a woman. Furthermore there is the warrant of Genesis for the use of the word. In Genesis II, 22, it is said that of the rib taken from the side of Adam was created a woman, not a lady.

A WORTHY DESIRE.

[Lippincott's.]
An ambitious young Chicagoan recently called upon a publisher of novels in that city, to whom he imparted confidentially the information that he had written a "book" and that he would be pleased to afford the publisher a chance to bring it out.
"May I venture to inquire as to the nature of the book you propose to write?" asked the publisher, very politely.
"Oh," came in an offhand way from the aspirant for fame, "it is about doing something on the lines of 'Les Miserables,' only livelier, you know."

COGNATE REASONS.

[Philadelphia Record.]
Nell-I wonder why Mr. Sillicus doesn't mind his own business.
Belle—For two reasons. In the first place, he has no business, and in the second place he has no mind.

MERCANTILE FLEETS OF THE WORLD.

[New York Sun.]
The annual shipping statistics just published by the Nautical Gazette show that the world's mercantile fleet tonnage has increased by 628,000 net tonnage over last year. The mercantile steamship fleets of the principal nations, with their increase of decrease of tonnage, are:

Country.	Tonnage, one year.	Change.
Great Britain	1,350,000	12,000
Germany	2,257,000	60,000
United States	1,263,000	50,000
Norway	841,000	65,000
France	462,000	75,000
Japan	683,000	16,000
Italy	556,000	38,000
Netherlands	529,000	12,000
Russia	483,000	22,000
Sweden	498,000	28,000
Austria	443,000	20,000
Spain	428,000	5,000
Total tonnage	13,870,000	Decrease.

The decrease in sailing vessel tonnage continues. In nineteen years, 1889 to 1908, the total has run down from 11,081,500 to 10,000,000. In the same period the steam tonnage has increased from 7,748,000 to 20,635,000. The sailing fleet of the Netherlands, at one time by far the largest in the world, now takes fourteenth place, with only 74,000 tonnage, while the American sailing fleet is now second to that of Great Britain. The tonnage of these two nations is: Great Britain, 1,350,000; the United States, 1,263,000.

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO FEEL "DOPEY"

—to have headaches—an easily-tired body—constant feeling of being out of part of the time. There are too many keen, alert men and women, always at their best, to give much chance of success to one thus handicapped.

These things are the direct results of a sluggish liver—constipated bowels—dry skin—overworked kidneys—in short, of a body whose sewers are clogged.

IS BLYTHE INSANE?

May Be Chief Defense of the Agincourt Railwayman.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—Insanity may be the chief defense offered on behalf of Walter Blythe when he comes up for trial on the charge of murdering his wife at Agincourt.

"Dr. Sisley and probably Dr. C. K. Clarke will examine Blythe as to his sanity," said Mr. T. C. Robinson, who, along with Mr. T. N. Phelan, is his counsel.

"We are communicating with his relatives in England as to the family history. It is inconceivable that a man who is sane should beat a woman in this way."

It has been arranged that the preliminary investigation will be held before Magistrate Ellis at the old court house next Monday morning.

"There will be little evidence taken, and Blythe will be committed for trial, and appear before Chief Justice Falconbridge next week. The trial will probably be over before the end of January."

"The examination of Blythe as to his mental condition will take place after his commitment, and before the trial at the assizes."

MORAL REFORM COUNCIL

Organization Complete to Deal With Some Vital Questions.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—The Social and Moral Reform Council of Ontario has completed its organization. Rev. Canon Welch is president, and the Rev. H. S. Magee the secretary. At yesterday's meeting, when these officers were elected, the council expressed its opinion on various vital questions of interest, for instance, the local option method of dealing with the liquor traffic, with its attendant evils, the present circumstances. It also approved of the abolition of the bar room, the better enforcement of the criminal code, the establishment of a provincial police system, the probation system, and the indeterminate sentence for prisoners and the cancellation of a provincial police system.

SARNIA WOMAN MISSING

The Disappearance of Mrs. E. Durand Puzzling Her Friends.

Sarnia, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Edward Durand, this town, aged 18 years, is missing. According to her husband, Mrs. Durand went to Port Huron a few days ago and secured employment in a Lincoln Avenue home. On Saturday she was left in charge of the house, and he had no idea of her whereabouts. The children, but disappeared before the parents returned. Her husband is anxious to have her located.

Mr. W. J. Power, who for fifty years has been in the auditing department of the Grand Trunk Railway, and was for some time general auditor of the line, has been retired on a pension. W. H. Cudley now takes the position.

A petition to close all Sarnia grocery stores at 6 p.m., and Saturday night at 9 o'clock is being freely signed. Mr. W. C. Palmer is active in the movement.

Thursday evening's indoor ball game between Kelly's Kandies, of which Jack Campbell is manager, and the Mill Ends, managed by Alf Corrie, should draw a crowd. Both teams by a very narrow margin lost the New Year's game. The game will be called at 8:15.

UNCLE SAM'S ARMY

A POOR AFFAIR

One Colonel When Riding Had to Have Man Each Side of Him.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Sharp criticism of the United States army and its management is being heard about the capital. Some of the most pointed remarks have been published in the official record of the testimony taken before the house committee on military affairs in connection with the army appropriation bill. It developed that \$10,490 had been expended for mileage in connection with the horseman's order by the President. This money, it was explained, was disbursed in order to assemble the officers on what was deemed a proper course, such as at Fort Ethan Allen, in Vermont, and Fort Myer in Virginia.

"That \$10,000 is a useless expense," declared Representative Anthony of Kansas. Those tests could just as well be taken at the posts where the officers are stationed.

"Yes, or riding around a fair ground," suggested Representative Slattery of Texas.

Chairman Hull of Iowa came to the rescue with a remark that produced laughter. He suggested it would be well to have the officers ride in schools with someone to watch them, as he understood of the late ride at Fort Myer. The "Old colonel had to have a man on each side of him to see that he stayed on his horse."

At this point Representative Parker

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GALT INTERMEDIATES

DEFEAT HESPELER

Galt, Jan. 6.—It was 13-2 when the Galt and Hespeler game, with Galt at the stick, was played. Johnston in goal for Hespeler was the only man who really did first-class work, but he was very much overworked, and it was due to him that the score was not more than doubled.

Morton, rover for Galt, was the feature of the evening. The game was inclined to be rough, but Referee Kinder held it down well. The teams:

Hespeler.....Galt.
Johnston.....Goal.....Hespeler.
Jardine.....Point.....Johnston.
Hart.....Rover.....Hespeler.
Wakefield.....Centre.....Morton.
Dandeno.....Centre.....Morton.
Laurie.....Right.....Galt.
Craig.....Left.....Jardine.
Referee—A. Kinder, Preston.

M'GILL STUDENTS

DEFEATED TORONTO

University students of the city got together the other day to have a hockey match, the McGill boys lining up against the Toronto University lads. The game was a good one, but the McGill boys were too good, winning by a score of 7 to 2.

The play was good in spots, some of the players looking like real ones. The teams lined up as follows:

McGill—Goal, Ivey, "11" science; point, H. Little, "10" science; cover, Duffield, "12" science; rover, Reid, "12" science; forwards, Ross, "10" arts; Stephen, "10" med.; and Cambric, "10" med.

Varsity—Goal, McBride, S. P. S.; point, Henderson, S. P. S.; cover, Yarker, S. P. S.; rover, G. W. Little, arts; forwards, Macdonald, S. P. S.; Hodge, Meds., and Woods, S. P. S.

DORCHESTER STATION.

Dorchester Station, Jan. 6.—The funeral of the late Neil McCallum took place on Tuesday from his late residence to the Dorchester cemetery, and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. John Currie, of Belmont, assisted by Rev. W. I. Burns, of Gladstone. "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" was sweetly sung, with Miss Flora Campbell as accompanist. The floral tributes were especially beautiful. The pallbearers were John James, Geo. Brodie, A. D. McCallum, Daniel McCallum and John McCallum.

Rev. J. W. Orr is seriously ill at Toronto with heart trouble.

Messrs. Brown and McFarland shipped a carload of swine on Wednesday to Toronto; price \$6 25 per hundred-weight, live weight.

Miss Lizzie Walker has been appointed public librarian.

The trustees of the Derwent Public School have secured the services of Mrs. J. D. Thompson as principal. Salary \$300 till holidays.

Mr. James Dobb, of Derwent, has been prostrated by paralysis.

The Maharajah Gaekwar of Baroda has melted down and converted into bullion the celebrated gold and silver cannon of Baroda. Of these costly but useless toys the Maharajah, a former Gaekwar, was the inspiration. In order to "go one better" than his predecessor the late Gaekwar had the gold guns cast and mounted at a cost, it is said, against any administrative act that of \$500,000.

Pekin, Jan. 6.—The British, the Japanese and the American ministers are acting upon the principle that the situation brought about by the dismissal of the grand councillor, Yuan Shi Kai, requires a strong attitude on the part of the powers; and a warning to the prince regent against any administrative act that of \$500,000.

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SAM LOYD'S PUZZLES.

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How fast the children grow," remarked grandpapa. "Tommy is now as old as Maggie was when Tommy was six years older than Maggie is, and when Maggie is six years older than Tommy is now their combined age will equal their mother's age then, although she is now but 46."

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belonged! Yes! Could I help it? I know we were poor—horribly poor. My little sisters wanted school boys needed putting out in the cold. How were we to do it? What was there for me to do? What was there for me to do? The door in her voice almost convinced woman at the keyhole. It melted man who heard.

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"She cares for this one, though," Hortense said in her deepest heart. "She won't let him go!"

"Yes, yes," he seemed to mutter at a moment. "Well, well—the fellow's gone, and he doesn't count any longer—even if you were his wife. Anyhow, he left you with no children! I couldn't have stood that!"

It was what she had feared—had known with a certain conviction. The color paled faintly in her bright cheeks.

"He left me with no child," she murmured, so low that he had to bend nearer to catch the words she uttered. "It was the great disappointment of his life."

"Thank heaven!" he said fervently. "I should have stayed out in Java if I'd heard you had children, Grace! I couldn't have swallowed that."

For just a moment she paused breathless. Should she leave him to believe that? No, not the risk was too great! He would hear sooner or later of the millionaire baby, and if he was the man she had known as a boy he would never forgive her for her deceit. She must do it, whatever it cost her. For one wild moment she wished from her soul that there had been no child at the Towers.

"There was a baby—it was after his death," she faltered.

He sprang from his chair and laid hands on his hat and stick.

"A child of yours! A child of his—have him! That's past bearing. A child you'll give your love to, when I ought to have every bit of it! A child—when any children we might have would come after it! No—I can't—I can't!"

With a gesture of despair he was actually turning to the door, when Grace Suter stood up. Hortense, watching, murmured to herself, "Ciel! He is a madman—but what an agreeable madman! He must be fathoms deep in love!" But Mrs. Suter stood up and she caught his arm, in the well-fitting coat sleeve, and held it tight.

"Don't—don't!" she faltered. "He's gone, too! I am alone in the whole world!"

He had stopped, petrified at her touch. It awoke all the old passion of past days. Now his face slowly lost its grim anger, and he laid his hat and stick down again on the chair where he had taken them up.

"Dead—ah? Hard luck for you?"

He was feeling for her hands, and, sure enough, he had found them in his own. "Jove—if he had lived—I should have hated him so! But you, poor little woman—alone? Then come and keep me company. We've waited years on years, haven't we? Let's get married and make the best of what's left!"

"Oh!" she cried, lifting her joyful face to his. "What is left is the best—the best!"

Hortense got up from her knees at the keyhole and smoothed down the crumples in her neat black skirt. "Die! They've settled it. It is as well madame told him. If she hadn't I'd have had the whip hand, sure enough! She chuckled and slipped out of the farther door into her own bedroom, close at hand. If Mrs. Suter should call. She stayed there till the bell rang hard in her mistress' own room, and she sprang up greedily to hear the news. It was nearly half-past seven. The electric light was on in Mrs. Suter's bedroom, and the hot water stood in the basin.

"It's late. You must dress me fast," her mistress said, but her voice was so gentle that Hortense smiled and stood in front of her before she began to undo the hooks. "Am I allowed to wish madame joy?" she whispered. And Mrs. Suter, her hair:

ness for once dropped from her like a cloak, answered amiably, "Yes, you may, Hortense."

It was a swift and successful toilet. Mrs. Suter was going out to the theatre with her fiancé as soon as she had dressed. In the brief interval, fastening satin slippers and getting pearls out of the jewel box Hortense heard a great deal. The marriage was to be soon—oh, so soon as she could make it! There was actually a dimple on Mrs. Suter's smooth cheek. They were to buy a country house and a town house and travel. No more of odious manufacturing towns and dull lives. They would be so rich with all their money together that they could do what they liked. Hortense ventured a question, clasping the bracelets on the smooth, soft arms. "The money does not leave madame if she marries again?"

Madame gave a little shrug and curled her lip. "No. He did not seem to think that a contingency he need guard against. I should have told him if the child's death could have been proved, but, you know, it could not. If he had found the body, all the money would have gone to Maxwell Suter, and I hate the very ground he stands on!"

Hortense asked no more questions. Indeed, there was little time. The last pin, with its flashing diamond head, had hardly been stuck in the soft, abundant hair before dinner was announced, and with it came a knock.

CHAPTER XVI.

The Gilded Perambulator.

Mrs. Suter's marriage was a very smart affair. The Millingford press sent a special representative to report on it, and his description of the splendor of the ceremony at St. George's and the reception afterward made the people of Millingford stare as they read the headlines. A gown of satin brocade embroidered with real jewels was gorgeous beyond belief. But, of course, the widow of a millionaire could not marry in any common material!

When the ladies of Millingford went on to read of the going-away gown, with its real lace trimmings and its Paris hat, their breath left them. It was next door to having been present at that glorious marriage when one read of it in the pages of the Millingford Express. The marriage over, Mrs. Suter the late dropped from the ken of those who had known her in her Millingford life. If the people there knew how she loathed the memory of their town, and the dull, prim days she had spent there, they would have been offended and hurt. She and her bridegroom, her one love of her life, went to Cairo for their honeymoon and returned to a huge old country house on the cliffs of the eastern coast. They took a house in Park Lane, and the entertainments of Mrs. Melville had a place in the London papers, though they were hidden from the ken of Millingford.

She was perfectly happy. The wealth that had been the dream of her girl days was hers in fuller lavishness than she had ever dreamed of. She had for her husband the one man in the world she wanted—the only person on earth, perhaps, for whom, with her cold nature, she had ever cared. She took up the return to society such as her youth had known with a ravenous delight. Anyone would have said, "What a fortunate woman! She has everything in the whole world that she wants." Except children. These did not come, dearly as Luke Melville would have welcomed them.

It was two years since her marriage and the May sun shone on a man walking with rather a dreary aspect along Reading Road. The street was full of people. It was market day and the whole countryside poured in to shop. The trams whirled and whizzed. The motors hooted and sped. Among the busy throngs of people intent on their own way, shoving, chattering, Maxwell Suter walked silent and alone.

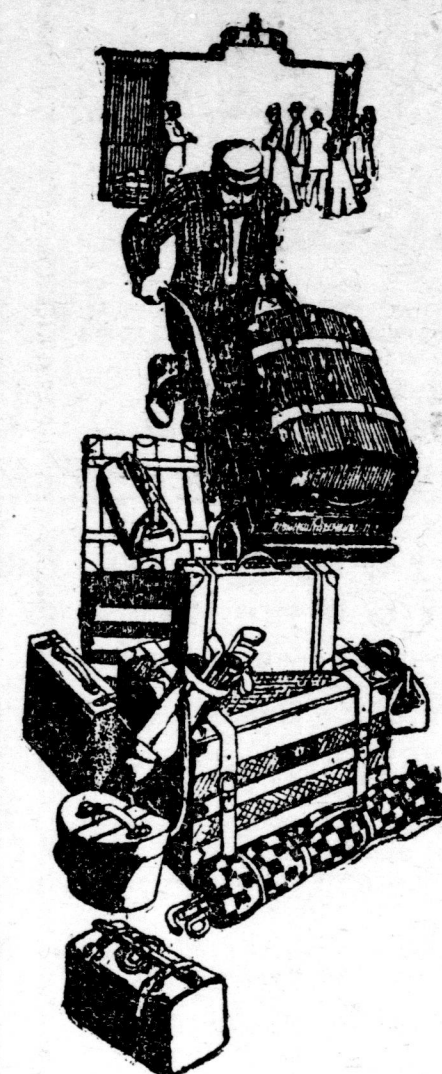
For more than two years he had tried to follow the search Violet had set him. He had hunted and hunted. He had done all that he knew, and yet there was no shadow of success. The nurse's people had left him, and he knew. But where they had gone and how to learn anything of them was beyond his hopes. He must not go back to Millingford till he was able to prove his own innocence. How was that proof to be got? He walked with drooping head and slumped shoulders. Those two years had taken all the spring from his step. A Sherlock Holmes might have found some trace, but he was not a detective by nature or by choice. He walked down Broad Street and turned off round a corner without particularly noticing where he was going.

He had not spent all these months in Reading. One vague scent after another had led him, first here, and then there, all over the country. But each scent ended in failure. He almost began to tell himself the rest of his life would be spent like the Wandering Jew—always roaming—never rest. The news of Mrs. Suter's remarriage had reached him. He read the account in the Millingford Express that Violet sent him, and had come across many notices of her since the prosperous wedding. The woman was without heart. He had always felt that. His old cousin had been so good to her, and she had cried on heaven and rent the air with her lament when he died. Had it been only her grief at the thought of losing the money that had made her weep? Had she not really had a tear to shed for the kind old husband? And then the child? She had not seemed to mourn him really in the least, in spite of the momentary in the church. Were some women made like that—without heart or natural affection? Thank God, then that all women were not like his Violet!

He was walking on his eyes on the pavement under his feet, his whole attention was on the man who had lost heart and does not care what way his steps trend. People pushed against him and turned half annoyed, half marveling that he did not seem to know where he stepped. He had got into the back streets in truth now. On either side there were shops where second-hand clothing dangled or the smell of fried fish greeted one's sense.

To Be Continued.

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Depart for the east—*12:14 a.m.

*2:40 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., *11:38 a.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m. (Eastern Flyer).

The trains leaving at 7:30 a.m. and 2:05 p.m. stop at all stations.

Depart for the west—*3:50 a.m.

*4:40 a.m., *11:18 a.m., *11:35 a.m.

*1:40 p.m., *5:18 p.m.

The 7:40 a.m. and the 1:40 p.m. trains stop at all stations.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.

Arrive—10:25 a.m., 4 p.m., *6:50 p.m. (Eastern Flyer), 11 p.m.

Depart—6:35 a.m., *11:27 a.m., 2:20 p.m., *8:10 p.m. (International Limited).

STRATFORD BRANCH.

Arrive—*3:25 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:33 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m.

Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:26 a.m., 2:48 p.m., 4:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.

Arrive—10:10 a.m., 6:10 p.m.

Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:50 p.m.

Trains marked thus * run daily.

Those not so marked run daily except Sunday.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.

Depart—5:40 a.m., *7:10 a.m., 9:40 a.m., 2:30 p.m., *3:40 p.m.

Arrive—8:45 a.m., *12:20 p.m., 1:56 p.m., 4:40 p.m., *9:20 p.m.

* To and from Windsorville without change. Trains not "starred" to Port Stanley.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Arrive—From the east *11:30 a.m.

8 p.m., 6:45 p.m. From the west—

*4:30 a.m., *8:35 a.m., *5:20 p.m.

Depart—For the east—*4:49 a.m.

6:43 a.m., *5:28 p.m. For the west—

*11:58 a.m., *8:10 p.m., *11:00 p.m.

Trains marked thus * run daily.

Those not so marked run daily except Sunday.

*From Chatham only.

*Runs only to Chatham.

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Arrive—6:55 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 5:10 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

Depart—7:15 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 5:25 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

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Given Power To Order Hotelmen To Make Big Changes in Premises

Conservative Organizer Snider
Made Chief Inspector.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—Mr. W. K. Snider, the newly-appointed chief inspector of hotels for Ontario, outlined yesterday morning his duties and the way in which he intended to carry them out. "I don't expect to have to hold this position very long," said Mr. Snider, "about a year in all probability, but not more than eighteen months at the outside. There are 2,000 hotels in the province, and I am going to call on every one of them within the next year, I hope."

"Of course, the rapidly with which the work is accomplished will depend upon the way in which the hotelkeepers meet us. If they are willing to meet us half way, the work will not take long, but if they refuse to fall in with our suggestions, the time will be greatly lengthened. But in any case it is my intention to push the work as vigorously and with as much speed as I possibly can."

Hotels, Yards, Stables.

"My work will consist solely in seeing that every hotel is a hotel, and not merely a saloon. They will have to provide the creature comforts for their travellers, or I will not be satisfied. I propose to look into the accommodation and bedding provided for travellers, inspect the fire escapes, and see that proper precautions are taken in regard to light, ventilation and sanitation."

"Of course, a man may keep a perfectly clean hotel, and still have unsanitary conditions in his stables or yard. I intend to see that not only the hotel, but everything around it is perfectly clean and healthy."

"As I said, if the hotelmen readily acquiesce to our wishes then all will be well. I shall take the local inspector along with me, and inform the

proprietor of the hotel as to the changes he will have to make. Then I shall tell him that either I or the local inspector will call on him, and if he has come up to the mark, all right; but if not, the matter will have to be put into some other person's hands, as I have nothing whatever to do with the enforcement of my orders or the imposing of fines. I don't know just what the department will do in case a man refuses to fix up his place; it will in all probability take his license away from him."

Travellers Complained.

"This move has been made because the travellers have been complaining to Mr. Hanna about the hotel accommodation for the past six months, and also because of the way in which the temperance vote has been piled up in the past week."

Will He Remain Organizer?

"Your appointment as inspector means that you will resign from the position of Ontario organizer for the Conservative party?" inquired the newspaper man.

"Not at all," replied Mr. Snider. "At least, there is no need of my resignation, as the organizers' offices are to be closed."

"For good?"

"Only temporarily. At present, you see, we have nothing to do." So that Mr. Snider steps out of one position into another. The new one will not last more than two years, and by that time the Conservative forces will feel the call to battle in preparation for the next Ontario and Dominion elections. As Mr. Snider will then be out of a job, it is quite likely he will fall into his old berth, as the Conservative party feel satisfied with his work as organizer at the last elections.

Mr. Snider has already entered upon his new duties, and when seen yesterday morning was busy planning out his lines of travel so as to cover the ground in the quickest possible way.

them, then offered a reward of \$10,000 for the arrest of Rankin's murderers," said Pierce, "and then he sends for Frank Febringer and Herschell Hogg and Vad Morris, and he bribes them to perjure themselves to send honest men to the gallows." Several times the attorney repeated this charge. Judge Jones declared: "Mr. Pierce, these remarks are highly improper, and the court will not permit you to make them. Gentlemen of the jury, there is nothing in the evidence upon which the charge against the governor can be based."

Mr. Pierce had spoken nearly two hours when he was stopped by Judge Jones. Court adjourned a few minutes later until today, with two hours of time still left to the defense's credit. The case should go to the jury this afternoon.

MAY CARRY ON THE POWER SUIT

Important Decision in London
City Versus Smith.

Toronto, Jan. 7.—Mr. Justice Latchford has dismissed the motion by the city for an order striking out the statement of claim in the action brought by Walter D. Beardmore, on the ground that it discloses no reasonable cause for action, and that the action was frivolous and vexatious. The city also asked for an order staying all proceedings until the hydro-electric power commission was added as a party.

A similar decision is given in the motion by the city of London to stay proceedings in the Smith action. Mr. Beardmore, in his action, sought to restrain the city from acting on a contract with the hydro-electric commission, whereby the city was to take 10,000 horsepower at Niagara Falls at a price dependent on voltage, and if the voltage was greater than 60,000 the price was to be fixed by arbitration. He said this was contrary to the bylaw submitted to the people, whereby the price was to be between \$14 and \$18 10.

Alleged Ultra Vires.

After Premier Whitney had refused a flat adding the hydro-electric commission a motion was again made before Mr. Justice Latchford on which the plaintiff withdrew the charges of fraud and misrepresentation previously made and asked a declaration that the statute providing that the hydro-electric commission could not be sued without the leave of the Attorney-General was ultra vires of the Legislature of Ontario. The city contended that, even as amended, the statement of claim should be struck out.

"Although the issue presented is new and has never been determined," says Mr. Justice Latchford, "the validity of a similar contract has been questioned in the carefully considered judgment of Mr. Justice Anglin (the Galt case). It cannot be said that the plaintiff's action is 'obviously unsustainable, except upon the ground that one of the parties of the contract attacked is not a party to the suit and cannot be made a party to it by anything the plaintiff can do.' I am asked to hold that the plaintiff cannot maintain his action until the hydro-electric commission has been made a party. Consolidated rule 202 apparently enables the court to adjudicate on matters arising between parties who are some only of those interested in the property in question, without making the other persons interested in the property parties."

Ayassian cavies are covered with close rosettes of coarse hair, and with the idea that to be shaven for a maximum number of rosettes. The coarser the hair the better. Consequently they can be judged by feeling. When you wish to stroke an Abyssinian cavy it must be from the tail up—the way we used to tease the cat—because their hair lies that way.

CHARGE GOVERNOR WITH BRIBERY

Night Riders' Counsel Say the
State's Witnesses Were
Bought.

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 7.—Union City was filled with desperate men yesterday when the argument of the defense in the night riders' trial for the murder of Captain Rankin, was presented to the jury. Big men of the backwoods and mountains type arrived early in the morning and filled the court room and streets, and for a time it looked serious. The troops, cavalry and infantry, patrolled the street, keeping close watch, and probably prevented a disturbance.

The address of the lawyers for the defense was most bitter.

After an attack upon the governor of the state and an attempt to bring the killing of former United States Senator Edward Carmack into the case, Rice Pierce, the senior counsel for the men on trial, was reprimanded by Judge Jones.

Mr. Pierce was preparing to close his argument for the defense, and was discussing the testimony of Febringer, Hogg and Morris, night riders, who turned state's evidence. He launched into a violent denunciation of Governor Patterson.

"The governor of the state," he said "after sending an army into Obion County to trample on the rights of the people, to snatch honest men from their homes and bully them and abuse

WATER GAUGE BURST

C. P. R. FIREMAN BADLY SCALDED

C. P. R. Fireman George H. Duffus, who lives in Robertson street, Fort William, while on his engine near Westford, happened with a nasty accident. The water gauge of the locomotive burst and scalded the whole of the left side of his face and head terribly.

"It so happened," said Duffus to our representative, "that I had a box of Zam-Buk in my pocket, which I used for a sore on my lip, and when I had recovered from the first shock of the accident I produced the balm and had it applied freely to the scalded parts. At the time I applied it I was suffering acute agony, but within a wonderfully short time Zam-Buk gave me ease. I was able to continue my journey, and upon reaching home I obtained more Zam-Buk and continued the treatment. It acted wonderfully well, and in a few days had the wound nicely healing. I don't know anything so fine as a healer of burns, scalds, cuts and similar injuries which workers are liable to; and in my opinion a box of Zam-Buk should be kept handy in every worker's home."

There is something different and superior about Zam-Buk. Time and again workers in all branches of trade have proved its vast superiority over the advertised ointments and salves of the day. No doubt the fact that Zam-Buk is made entirely from herbal essences and extracts, while ordinary ointments contain more or less animal fats and oils, goes a long way to explain Zam-Buk's superiority. However this may be, the fact remains that in four continents to which it has been introduced, within ten years it has become the leading household balm!

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Our Gigantic Winter Sale Continues More Tremendous Bargains for Tomorrow Over \$100,000 Worth of Clothing and Furnishings Started the Sale

THE GREATEST SALE of Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishings ever held in Canada is now in full swing. Coming, as it does, just at the time when everyone needs new clothes, the sale is of double importance. Its magnitude and the greatness of the bargains can best be judged by the thousands of people who have thronged this store every day since the sale began.

The men of this vicinity know that when Graftons advertise bargains they'll get real bargains. Men know that Grafton-tailored clothes stand for the best that is obtainable. Men know that Grafton clothes are made by expert union tailors, and thoroughly shrunk to hold their smart lines. Manufacturing our own clothing means a saving to you of fully 25 per cent. At these reduced prices the saving is at least half. Just make a few comparisons and see for yourself. DO IT TOMORROW.

Our entire \$100,000.00 stock of new Clothing and Furnishings must be cleared at once. Cost, profit and former prices have been lost sight of. The goods are reduced to go, and go they must. Secure your new clothes at this sale. Here are matchless bargains for man and boy:

Men's and Young Men's Overcoats==Winter Sale

Fashionable styles for men and young men—Beavers, Meltons, Cheviots, Friezes, Cravenettes, etc. Single or double-breasted styles with high close-fitting collars; many button to the chin; others have regular lapel and collars. Chesterfield, Auto, Ulster, Topper and other styles. The greatest bargains ever offered in Canada.

\$6.50 to \$7.50 Overcoats for ...	\$4.98	\$12 to \$13 Overcoats for ...	\$8.98
\$7.50 to \$8.00 Overcoats for ...	\$5.98	\$14 to \$15 Overcoats for ...	\$9.98
\$8.50 to \$9.00 Overcoats for ...	\$6.98	\$16 to \$18 Overcoats for ...	\$12.98
\$10 to \$11 Overcoats for ...	\$7.98	\$20 to \$22 Overcoats for ...	\$14.98

Men's and Young Men's Suits==Winter Sale

Worsteds, Tweeds, Serges and Cheviots in plain and newest pattern effects—thousands of them, all tailored in our own factories by union workmen. Sizes to fit slim, ordinary and stout men. Many have the little kinks of fashion that the smart dressing young man demands. All are faultless in fit and style.

\$5.00 to \$6.00 Suits for ...	\$3.98	Men's \$12 to \$13 Suits for ...	\$8.98
\$7.00 to \$8.00 Suits for ...	\$4.98	Men's \$14 to \$15 Suits for ...	\$9.98
\$8.50 to \$9.50 Suits for ...	\$6.48	Men's \$16 to \$18 Suits for ...	\$12.98
\$10 to \$12 Suits for ...	\$7.98	Men's \$18 to \$20 Suits for ...	\$14.98

Men's "Hangwell" Trousers--Winter Sale

Kinds that hang right, look right and wear right—Thousands of pairs in any color, pattern or fabric you need or fancy could suggest. All tailored in our own factories to give satisfaction. The greatest bargains you ever saw.

Men's \$1.25 Trousers now ...	98c	Men's \$3.50 Trousers now ...	\$2.48
Men's \$1.75 Trousers now ...	\$1.25	Men's \$4.00 Trousers now ...	\$2.98
Men's \$2.00 Trousers now ...	\$1.48	Men's \$5.00 Trousers now ...	\$3.48
Men's \$3.00 Trousers now ...	\$1.98	Men's \$5.50 Trousers now ...	\$3.98



Boys' and Youths' Overcoats--Winter Sale

Trim, manly styles in warm Beavers, Meltons, Tweeds and Friezes. All Grafton-tailored to fit well and hold their shape. Sizes 28 to 33. Fancy Overcoats—sizes 20 to 28—with buttons, anchors, etc., to trim. Buy the boy a Grafton Overcoat if you would have him look his best and you wish to get the best value for your money. Stupendous bargains these:

Boys' \$4.50 Overcoats, \$3.48	\$3.00 Fancy Overcoats, \$1.98
Boys' \$5.00 Overcoats, \$3.98	\$4.00 Fancy Overcoats, \$2.98
Boys' \$6.50 Overcoats, \$4.98	\$5.00 Fancy Overcoats, \$3.48
Boys' \$8.50 Overcoats, \$5.98	\$6.50 Fancy Overcoats, \$4.48
Boys' \$10 Overcoats, \$7.98	\$7.50 Fancy Overcoats, \$4.98

Boys' 2 and 3-Piece Suits-- Winter Sale

Single and double-breasted Sacks, Norfolk, Sailors, Buster Brown and Eton styles in Nobby Tweeds, Worsteds and Serges. The two-piece Suits are in sizes 22 to 28. The three-piece Suits in sizes 28 to 33. Many styles that the boy will like. Made full and roomy, yet to fit with distinction.

\$1.50 Suits, 98c	\$5.00 Suits, \$3.48
\$2.00 Suits, \$1.25	\$6.50 Suits, \$4.98
\$3.00 Suits, \$1.98	\$7.50 Suits, \$5.98
\$3.50 Suits, \$2.48	\$8.50 Suits, \$6.98
	\$4.00 Suits for \$2.98



Men's Nobby Hats--Winter Sale

The season's very latest blocks, in both Derby and Soft Felt Hats, are reduced for this sale. Black and colors, all well-made, finished and trimmed, splendid quality and scores of dozens to choose among.

Men's \$2.00 Derbies at ...	98c	Men's \$2.00 Soft Felts at ...	98c
Men's \$2.50 Derbies at ...	\$1.48	Men's \$2.50 Soft Felts at ...	\$1.48
Men's \$3.00 Derbies at ...	\$1.98	Men's \$3.00 Soft Felts at ...	\$1.98

Warm Underwear--Winter Sale

Warm good-wearing kinds for men and boys—sorts that fit perfectly and are comfortable. Fleece-lined and Scotch knit all-wools.

50c Underwear ...	29c	75c Underwear ...	50c	\$1.25 Underwear ...	85c
60c Underwear ...	39c	\$1.00 Underwear ...	75c	\$1.75 Underwear ...	\$1.25

BOYS' FLEECE-LINED UNDERWEAR—Sizes 22 to 32—25c a garment. Sold elsewhere at 35c to 45c.

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TURNED DOWN BY SENATE

Reports Against Measure Aimed to
Regulate Railway Rates.

Washington, Jan. 7.—An adverse report to the senate on Senator Fulton's bill to prohibit railroads from increasing freight and passenger rates without due notice was made yesterday by Chairman Elkins, of the committee on interstate commerce. The

action of the committee anticipated a message from President Roosevelt pointing out the need of further legislation on the subject of railroad rates as indicated by the recent decision of the supreme court of the United States in the case of E. H. Harriman against the interstate commerce commission. The report by Senator Elkins was made after two tie votes had been had in the committee on the Fulton bill.

An adverse report was decided upon after the vote of Senator Foraker, one of the absentees, was procured by proxy. It is expected that the President's message will be used as an argument in favor of taking up the Fulton bill in the senate, regardless of the report made against it, and Senator Fulton already has given notice that he will make an effort on the floor to overturn the committee's report.

At Sholapur, British India, a factory is successfully making matches with sticks of a peculiarly stiff form of native grass.

THE CABLE CONFERENCE

Mr. Lemieux Pleased and Has Statement for the Commons.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux is most cheerful over the report of negotiations now proceeding between Deputy Dr. Coulter and the Premier and the Postmaster-General of Australia in regard to cheap cable rates. The postmaster-general is personally most confident that the negotiations now on foot will result in a reduction of cable rates, but is not so confident that he cannot say.

Mr. Lemieux stated that he was able to make any statement until the country would be given a statement as to the results of his conference in England.

The harvests of last year seem to indicate that 1908 has broken the record.

All Latest Sporting News and Gossip

BASEBALL CLUBS WORTH MILLIONS

Statement That Cubs Could Not Be Bought for \$1,000,000 Shows Facts.

MURPHY AS AN AUTHORITY
Estimate of Improved Big League Plants Puts Value in Each Close to \$5,000,000.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—"One million dollars will not buy the west side ball club when the contemplated improvements on the park are completed."

This surprising statement, made by President Murphy, gives an inkling of the progress made in the last year or two by baseball as a commercial enterprise. It is not a wild statement, as it may appear at first glance. Nor will the Chicago National League club's property be the only baseball plant whose value will approach seven figures when plans now under consideration are carried into effect.

The immense sums of money already spent and to be spent on the national pastime give rise to the belief that the game is one of the most profitable enterprises in which Americans can invest. To be sure, franchises in major league cities are not to be had for the asking, nor are they procurable by anyone who happens to be wealthy enough to pay the price. In the first place, there are only sixteen big league clubs. There is not one of these clubs that loses money consistently, the big majority of them earning good-sized fortunes every year. Therefore, no club owner is anxious, and few are willing, to sell out.

Luck a Big Factor in the Game.

Business sense plays second fiddle to luck when it comes to landing the real gold mines of baseball. There were, at a most conservative estimate, a dozen well-to-do businessmen who would have been glad of the chance to secure the franchise now held by President Murphy and his associates. But they did not know it was going to be sold. The present owner's estimate was ridiculously small when the returns are considered. To be sure, the dividends would not have reached their enormous size if the west side team had not become such a wonderful aggregation. But a Chicago franchise cannot fail to pay, whether the team be a winner or a loser. The city is large enough to support two teams. Finally, as long as the game is popular, owners are beginning to look on the owners of both clubs with envious eyes.

An investment paying 10 per cent is not a thing to sneeze at. But there is not a major league club in existence which does not pay this at least at present. The owners, as a rule, are putting their earnings right back into improvements on their plants, and they are safe in doing this, since there is no immediate prospect of baseball's losing any of its popularity. In fact, there seems to be no reason why that popularity should not increase with the years.

Murphy's Price \$1,000,000.

"If a baseball man asked for a price on my club and plant," continued President Murphy, "and I gave him one of \$1,000,000, he might fall over dead. If, however, he lived through the shock he would soon come to a realization of the fact that I was not crazy in naming that price."

"In the first place, when I have carried out my plans, the park alone should be worth about \$700,000. The franchise and club itself surely are worth the additional \$300,000. I am not stating these figures with any attempt at accuracy. The price of a franchise always is a matter of opinion. Furthermore, I don't know how much the improvements are going to cost. I am told that Barney Dreyfuss intends to spend \$700,000 on his yard at Pittsburg, and I surely will not be willing to fall behind that."

If Barney Dreyfuss does expend this immense sum on his park, the franchise at Pittsburg, one of the smallest major league cities, certainly will not be for sale for less than \$500,000. Dreyfuss would not think of selling his league berth and not his grounds, for the latter would not be a particularly desirable property without the accompanying franchise.

Pittsburg Worth \$850,000.

Thus when Messrs. Murphy and Dreyfuss are through improving there will be a million-dollar club in Chicago and an \$850,000 one in Pittsburg. The New York National League franchise, without the park, is not worth a cent less than is the Chicago club's. There has been talk of remodeling the Polo grounds, but no hint has been given as to the amount to be expended. While the New York National League magnates have no reputation in this vicinity for absolute rock-solid financial affairs, they surely will take half-way measures in this improvement business. When they are through they will have a plant which need not be ashamed to look Murphy's or Dreyfuss' in the fact. Figuring conservatively, the combination of Giants and Polo grounds ought not to be marketed for less than \$900,000.

Cincinnati has not taken part in the improvement talk. The Reds don't need a new home at present, nor do the Giants or Cubs, for that matter. It is safe to say \$400,000 would not induce Garry Herrmann to sell out. The value of the other clubs and parks can be estimated roughly as follows: Boston, \$500,000; St. Louis, \$400,000; Philadelphia, \$400,000; and Brooklyn, \$300,000. Totalling these estimates, which on

the whole are anything but exaggerated, the value of the National League franchises and parks where the owners have "fixed them up" to their own satisfaction will amount to \$4,750,000.

Values in American the Same.

In the American League the Philadelphia club practically has completed its new park at a cost of \$500,000, and President Comiskey has promised Chicago the biggest thing in the world in the way of ball grounds, and the total value must be rated as practically the same as that of the older organization. The Detroit field was made over last year, but the franchise's worth is cut down by the size of the city.

Detroit's patronage has not been anything to boast of, even in the last two years, when Jennings provided the fans with pennant winners. It is sure to be still smaller when the club loses its grip, as it ultimately must. Figuring Brooklyn in the National as worth \$200,000, the holdings in Tigertown might be rated the same, although the value of some of the individual players, such as Ty Cobb or Sam Crawford, brings the worth of the club itself above normal figures.

Washington has been parading tail-end clubs for so long a time that it is hard to tell what the capital fans would do if a winner came to town. Washington's park itself does not come up to the level of the grounds in most cities. The franchise and property, however, are almost equal in value to those at Detroit—about \$250,000.

ALBANY GETS BILL COUGHLIN

The Deal To Go Through as Soon as Moriarity Is Secured.

Detroit, Jan. 6.—Bill Coughlin, who gave faithful service to Detroit as captain of two champion teams, and who performed brilliantly on some earlier line-ups that were not so successful, in all probability has played his last game as a Tiger. Just as soon as Chase is reinstated by the National commission, the New York club will release Moriarity to Detroit, and Coughlin would be sent to Albany as soon as the local club's fences were fixed, but that no deal would be completed until Detroit itself was assured that it had a third baseman.

Coughlin's departure will be a source of regret to many fans, who admired him for the honest effort he always gave his club. He was bought from Washington in the middle of the last season. He did good work with a team that didn't, and braced a corner that had been the team's weak spot since the departure of Jimmie Casey. He is a very nervous man, and the worry of the captain's job on him at times in the strenuous seasons of 1907 and 1908. The local club expected to make a change this season, but determined not to let Coughlin go until he could be placed right. As manager at Albany he will have a fine opening for a man of his experience.

Good news came from New York last night, a dispatch from that city, saying that the house surgeon at St. Vincent's Hospital reports that Matty McIntyre is coming along splendidly after his operation, and will be out in a fortnight. His illness kills Matty's plans, however. He was going to Florida next Monday, to play on one of the winter resort teams. He is out of baseball until the springtime.

Detroit's award of \$375, by the National commission, reported yesterday, is one-half of the draft money for "Home Run" Johnson, taken from Johnstown by Philadelphia Nationals. Johnson was taken south a few seasons since, and was put out to Florida. He did not lose title to him, but Johnson never refused to come over with part of the money paid for the player.

WANDERERS WIN IN OVERTIME GAME

Montreal, Jan. 6.—The Wanderers defeated Ottawa in the E. H. L. series tonight by a score of 7 to 6, in fifteen minutes' overtime. At Quebec the Montreal Shamrocks were defeated 11 to 5.

IS JOHN T. BRUSH CARDINAL OWNER?

Reported That It Is the Secret Behind Behind Sale of Bresnahan.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—That the purchase of the St. Louis Cardinals by John T. Brush is the secret back of the sale to St. Louis of Roger Bresnahan, is the story circulated here today. According to the report Brush bought a big block of stock in the Robinson Club last fall and has since clinched his hold on it.

Winners Wednesday.

Oakland, Jan. 6.—Winners here today were: Belle Kinsley 9 to 2, Gilbert Rose 9 to 10, Gambirino 10 to 1, Bellwether 13 to 5, Lord Rossington 8 to 1, Twilght Queen 13 to 10.

HARNESS RECORDS OF 1908

Below is given a list of the new records established last season:

Two-year-old filly, Czarevna, by Peter the Great 2:12½
Three-year-old filly, The Leading Lady, by Bingen 2:07
Four-year-old gelding, Chlan, by Bingen 2:07½
Five-year-old stallion, Allen Winter, by Ed. Winter 2:06½
Fastest gelding in a race, Highball, by Dr. Hooker 2:03½
Fastest second heat, Highball 2:03½
(This record just equals the one made by Sweet Marie in 1907.)

Fastest third heat, Jack Leyburn, Hamburg Belle 2:04½
Fastest fifth heat, Alceste 2:07½
Fastest two-heat race by a gelding, Jack Leyburn 2:05½
Fastest three-heat race by a gelding, Jack Leyburn 2:04½
Fastest mile over a two-lap track by a 2-year-old, Al Stan-ley 2:20
Fastest third heat on a half-mile track, Early Alice, by Early Reaper 2:08½
Fastest three heats on a half-mile track, Jack Leyburn 2:10½, 2:10½, 2:09

PACERS.

Fastest green performer, Minor Heir, by Heir-at-Law 1:59½
Fastest heat in a race by a stallion, Minor Heir 2:00½
(Which equals Star Pointer's record made in 1907.)
Fastest heat in a race by a mare, Citation 2:01½
(Which equals Ecstasy's record of 1906.)
Fastest first heat in a race, Minor Heir 2:00½
Fastest fifth heat, Allen Wilson 2:04
Fastest sixth heat, Jerry B. (and Planet in 1897) 2:06½
Fastest seventh heat, Jerry B. 2:07½
Fastest two-heat race, Allen Wilson 2:03, 2:04
Fastest three heats in a race by a stallion, The Bel 2:02½, 2:02½, 2:04½
Fastest five-heat race, Minor Heir (The Eel winning third and fourth heats) 2:01½, 2:01, 2:05½, 2:08, 2:07.
Fastest seven-heat race, Jerry B. (Minor Heir winning first and second heats, The Eel third, and Copa de Ora fourth) 2:00½, 2:02, 2:05½, 2:08½, 2:06½, 2:06½

Coverpoint's Philosophy

Bill Coughlin, the great old-timer of the Detroit Tigers, will manage the Albany club next season. Here's hoping that the managerial business will get him up in the big ring again soon.

Dr. Roller, who desired to achieve fame and shekels via the prize-ring, has called off his proposed bout with Al Kauffmann, trial horse. Perhaps the doctor got all the advertising necessary, and will gather up the elements without the danger of having his face and "them handsome whiskers" mused in a melee.

James J. Corbett aspires to be the hero of the touching drama, "Rescued at Midnight," in Senegambia. The championship, however, is still with J. Johnson.

The interesting news comes from Savannah that a good thing was put over there the other day. And Georgia is so far away.

A dispatch from Edmonton states that the natives, discussing the hockey situation at the village postoffice, have declared themselves disappointed with the work of some of their hired men. They fully expected that that outfit would lift the Stanley mug. Such simple souls as some of those westerners are!

Now that winter has come, we will be able to get away from this prize-fight thing, and take a slant at some real good sport. The Wanderers defeated Ottawa last evening in a wonderful game, and it looks as if the destiny of the Stanley cup will lie between these two teams.

Appleby and Smallwood are after Shrub and the ten or fifteen mile distance, but Alie has not responded with a syllable. He looks busy. This boy, Appleby, is extremely fast, and could beat them all up to 15 miles.

The State of Indiana, which was supposed by some of us to be one of the most enlightened, has fallen for that old one, that a woman named Partridge before marriage had succeeded in seducing named Robin, Sparrow, and Quail, respectively, or respectively, whichever it is.

Andy Carnegie gave away just \$30,000 last year, which puts him in the same class with the prodigal book-makers, who gave away some millions of money to the talent, although some persons have been trying to grab the philanthropic game.

Edmonton, not having enough, will again challenge for the Stanley cup. They will mortgage what is left of the town, including the gas output.

The Toronto Telegram has picked Alie Shrub, orator, to beat T. Longboat, to win the prize Marathon. We were in doubt up to the minute, but it now looks like Longboat.

The Thistle Club will hold a tournament, beginning tonight. The Thistle curlers are always there with a good time, and splendid tournaments, and this year will be no exception.

Mike Flanagan, who has been managing Longboat for a time, has quit his job in disgust, stating that it was worth almost a million a minute to handle such a contrary piece of furniture. The artistic temperament is a terrible thing to handle, and Mike is not the first one to throw up his job on account of it. Brother Tom will assume the responsibility.

Those de luxe athletes of the A. A. U. who were under suspension for getting too much for travelling expenses, etc., have been given such a fine whitewashing that it is more than likely they will sue the person who started the yarn for some millions of money for damages to their reputations. It looks some what like a frame-up on the part of

REAL RACE BETWEEN FLANAGAN AND SHRUBB

Montreal Herald Says It Will Be a Duel of Grey Matter.

The Montreal Herald, discussing Shrub and Longboat, says:

"Physically, of course, there is about the same contest between the two men as there was between Longboat and Dorando. Longboat is tall, wiry and strong. Shrub is not tall, is slight, and does not appear to be built on lines of strength. He carries a weak ankle about with him, and occasionally it goes back on him. Physically, Longboat looks to have by long odds the better of the argument."

"When it comes down to brains the match will become no longer a match between Shrub and Longboat, but a match between Shrub and Flanagan. According to the Indian's manager, the strength of Flanagan's grey matter. But then, of course, it hasn't been shown that Dorando was blessed with more than the average weight of grey matter—although he had a big head. Shrub has more racing knowledge tucked away in his brain than probably any other man on this continent. Flanagan himself admits that, and Flanagan isn't given to admitting any good in the little Englishman unless he really thinks it. For, as a matter of fact, it is just a question who wastes the least love on the other, Shrub or Flanagan."

STANLEY KETCHEL NEXT OPPONENT

Britt Says Michigan Marvel Is Ready To Throw Down Color Line.

Detroit, Jan. 6.—Stanley Ketchel is to be the next opponent of Jack Johnson, negro heavyweight champion, so called.

The Michigan marvel, holder of the middle heavyweight championship title, anticipated head of his class, will try to bring back to Michigan the laurels which Tommy Burns lost for the Wolverine state when Johnston defeated him in the fourteenth round of their bout at Sydney, Australia, on Dec. 25.

Willis Britt, who coached Ketchel in all his recent battles, made this declaration over the telephone this morning. Britt is in Grand Rapids and after a conference with Ketchel and others interested in the welfare of the Michigan fighter, stated that Stanley is about ready to throw down the color bar which he has insisted he will keep up since his return to his native state from the western fighting field.

Britt will accompany Stanley to New York after Ketchel's fight with Tony Capone in Grand Rapids on Jan. 15. They will proceed to get into negotiation and arrange a bout with the negro heavyweight.

Fight posters pick Ketchel to win from Johnston. Although lacking in height, it is maintained that Stanley has it on the Ethiopian every other way and some go as far as to say that there isn't a man in the country with the possible exception of Jim Jeffries who could trim the Michigan boy today.

Ketchel is in a class far above Tommy Burns and that if it would have been Ketchel and not Burns who opposed Johnston at Sydney, the outcome of the battle would have been the same and the title would not have passed out to the Caucasian race.

SIMCOE AND LOCALS MEET TOMORROW NIGHT

The first home game of the Intermediate A. A. series will be played here tomorrow night, and under what seems to be ideal conditions. The present cold snap has left a splendid sheet of ice, and anyway it's the weather for hockey, so hunt up your extra socks, and set an extra pair of socks to wash, and be ready to turn out and yell Friday night.

The rink management have reduced the price of reserved seats. Jay Thompson, our once deeply-loyal friend, will be seen amongst the ranks of the Philistines, and with him a number of others who have started out with the laudable intention of being the boys who made Simcoe famous.

It is not the intention of the locals, however, to let their fame begin just here, and there is going to be one of the fastest games that London has seen in many moons. And the moral of this talk is that you should be there to see and yell. The seeing doesn't matter so much, but the yelling does. So be on hand with the bellows power.

SULLIVAN'S PETS WERE WHITEWASHED

The Ban of Suspension Lifted From Those "Amateurs."

New York, Jan. 6.—What proved to be a tempest in a teapot in amateur athletic circles was stilled tonight, when the registration board of the A. A. U. lifted the ban of suspension for alleged professionalism, which ten days ago it placed on six prominent athletes, four of whom had won international and Olympic honors.

The men who thus are again eligible to compete as amateurs are J. J. Lee of Boston, unattached; F. G. Bellare, New York A. C.; and Melvin Sheppard, Charles J. Bacon, George V. Bonhag and H. F. Porter, Irish-American A. C.

The charges of professionalism laid in connection with the extermination of rats from Honolulu an official of the Marine Hospital Service is preparing to develop a breed of cats of high rat-catching ability.

Baseball War Cloud Passes Away

Cincinnati, Jan. 6.—The three days' session of the National baseball commission closed this afternoon, when the National Association of Minor Leagues agreed to follow in the steps of the Icaas AA clubs and allow the commission to settle the differences regarding the territorial rights of the Eastern League and the American Association. As soon as this conclusion was reached every difference that existed when the conference began on Monday had passed away, and the

complete report of the commission will be issued within the next few days. The National Association of Minor Leagues held a meeting today, and after accepting the resignation of President P. T. Powers and Director O'Brien, president of the American Association, they elected M. W. Sexton, of the Three-I League, to succeed Mr. Powers as president of the organization, and Dr. P. C. Carson, president of the Central League, as director of the National Association board, to succeed Mr. O'Brien.

Against the men were covered by an allegation that they had demanded and accepted money for travelling and other expenses to cities outside of New York in excess of what really was necessary. These charges were not sustained at the meeting of the registration committee tonight.

When the suspensions were announced ten days ago the men demanded a hearing, and under the rules of the A. A. U. they were granted them tonight by the registration committee. All the athletes except Bonhag and Porter were present and submitted evidence to controvert the charges.

The two absent men were represented by club mates. The hearing was held behind closed doors.

News of the Athletes

Walker, the South African runner, made a new record, when he ran 130 yards in 12 2-5 seconds at Johannesburg yesterday.

Hoffman, the South African long distance runner, who led the pack for 23 miles in the Olympic Marathon, and finished second to J. J. Hayes, will return to Canada in the spring. He lived near Dunnville.

Holmer, the Maritime Province champion, and Dorando made a good race at 20 miles. Dorando won a 10-mile race against a two-man relay in Rochester Tuesday night in 38:47 2-5.

Two excursions will be run from Toronto to New York for the Shrub race, one by the Irish-Canadians and the other by several local Englishmen, who expect to take a big trainload of their countrymen down to New York to see the race.

Harry Peters, the English boxer, says that Shrub has done over 18 miles in competition.

The Olympic champion, Reg. Walker, has refused an offer to run Arthur Postle on the Rand during Christmas for a prize worth £600, the winner to receive £350 and the loser £250, the distance of the race being 100 or 120 yards level. The offer stipulated that a second race at 75 yards must be run at Durban, and another, or final, race of 100 at Sydney, all Walker's expenses to Australia to be paid.

Rube Waddell, the baseball pitcher, is training Percy Simpson, the Yorkshire runner, for his race with Dorando at St. Louis Jan. 11.

"Dan" Kelly, holder of the accepted world's amateur sprinting record of 9 3-5 seconds for the 100-yard dash, has retired from the cinder path. He is now 25 years old, and says he has devoted enough time to sport.

THE GREAT THISTLE TOURNEY

The first tournament of the Thistle Curling Club will be held at the Thistle Rink tonight. Every member of the club is expected to take part in the tourney, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp. The ice is in first class condition, and some interesting games are expected, as the members have been taking advantage of every little freeze to get their hand in.

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LONDON JUNIORS PLAY ST. MARYS

Though the local Juniors could not succeed in pulling out a win from the fast Woodstock team, they go to St. Marys tonight, confident of having another story to tell on their return. London showed the faults due to inexperience in team work in their game with Woodstock, but they were there all the time, and going so fast when the whistle blew that another five minutes would likely have turned the tables on Woodstock. In any event, the game was a good one, and towards the close London showed that weight will tell. London, too, besides carrying avoidups, are very fast on their skates. As for combination, it is impossible to say what they could do, as the condition of the ice made such a thing an utter impossibility, but it is said by those who know that London is there in that particular too, and tonight the ice will be keen enough to give them a chance to show up well.

The St. Marys, like the Londoners, is largely composed of new men, several of them have quite a local reputation, however, and the team has been working hard and will doubtless put up a pretty good argument. Mr. W. P. Irving, of London, will referee the game.

OTHER SPORTING ON PAGE FOUR

An Italian physician has discovered that carrots act as an intestinal antiseptic, and will cure many forms of digestive disorders.

TO THE PUBLIC

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SILVER HIGHER FOSTER MOVING

Two Good Features of Situation
in Cobalt Mining Stocks

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Today's rise in Foster is reported due to a strike under Glen Lake in the cross-cut being driven to cut the Big Pete-Crown Road. The rise is further strengthened by the mine shipping today two cars of superior grade ore. It has been claimed by many for a long time that Foster was due for a rise, and considerably higher prices are prophesied for the stock.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—The closing quotations on the Standard Mining Exchange today were:

Amalgamated	Asked	Bid
Beaver Consolidated	12	11
Buffalo	4.00	3.90
Chambers-Portland	80 1/2	80 1/2
City of Cobalt, Ltd.	2.50	2.45
Cobalt Consolidated	55	54
Cobalt Lake	17 1/2	17 1/2
Conglomerate	6.75	6.50
Crown Reserve	2.75	2.67
Elkhart	25	20
Foster	21	19
Gifford	21	19
Green-Moehan	25	22 1/2
Hudson Bay	350.00	350.00
Kerr Lake	7.50	7.50
La Rose	6.35	6.30
Little Nipissing	42 1/2	41
McKinley-Darragh	1.00	1.00
Nancy Helen	90	70
Nipissing	9.57 1/2	9.62 1/2
Nova Scotia	62	61
Onondaga	1.45	1.45
Peterborough	24 1/2	24
Right of Way	3.55	3.55
Rochester	21 1/2	20 1/2
Silver Leaf	12 1/2	12 1/2
Silver Star	54 1/2	53
Silver Queen	1.00	97
Temiskaming	1.75 1/2	1.70
Therway	1.45	1.45
Watts	50	35
C. G. F. S.	1 1/2	4
Diamond Vals	15 1/2	13 1/2
North Star	12 1/2	8

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OL MARKET. OIL CITY.

Oil City, Pa., Jan. 6.—Credit balances, \$1.75.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 7.—Oil opened and closed at \$1.75.

DAIRY MARKETS.

CHICAGO.
 Chicago, Jan. 6.—Butter—Steady; creameries, 22c to 23c; dairies, 21 1/2c to 22c.
 Cheese—Firm, 14c to 15c.

NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 6.—Butter—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 4,397 packages.
 Cheese—Firm; receipts, 1,062 packages; state full cream, October, best, 12 1/2c.

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COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK.
 New York, Jan. 6.—Cotton—Futures closed firm. Closing bids: January, 8 1/2c; February, 8 1/2c; March, 8 1/2c; April, 8 1/2c; May, 8 1/2c; June, 8 1/2c; July, 8 1/2c; August, 8 1/2c; September, 8 1/2c; October, 8 1/2c; November, 8 1/2c; December, 8 1/2c.
 Spot closed quiet; middling upland, 13 1/2c; middling Gulf, 13 1/2c; sales, 99 bales.

SUGAR MARKETS.

NEW YORK.
 New York, Jan. 6.—Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining, 3 1/2c; centrifugal, 9 1/2c; 3.70c; molasses sugar, 2 1/2c; refined quiet. Molasses—Quiet.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Sugar—Prices are steady, at last week's decline of 10c, and there is no indication of an immediate change. Local quotations are: Montreal granulated, per cwt. in barrels, \$4.20; yellow, \$4.10; in bags, 5c less; Acadia, in barrels or bags, \$4.40; Ontario beet, in barrels or bags, \$4.40; No. 2 granulated, in bags, \$4.20.

HAY MARKETS.

TORONTO.
 Toronto, Jan. 6.—Baled Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$10 to \$10.50; inferior, \$8 to \$10, in car lots on truck here.
 Baled Straw—The range is from \$7 to \$7.50, according to quality.

BEAN MARKET.

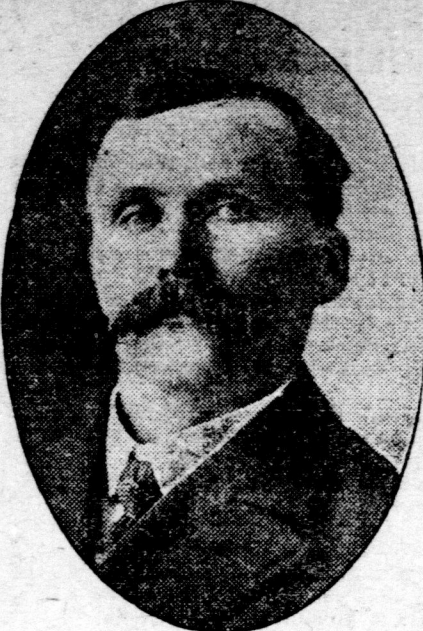
DETROIT.
 Detroit, Jan. 6.—Beans—Spot, \$2.15; nominal; February, \$2.15 bid; May, \$2.25, nominal.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TORONTO.
 Toronto, Jan. 7.—The grain markets continue firm, although dull. There have been few price changes in the past few days. With the advent of cold weather and an improvement in the country roads, business is expected to become brisker.
 Wheat—Ontario No. 1 white, \$4.20 to \$4.25; No. 2 red, 94c to 95c; No. 2 mixed, 94c to 95c; Manitoba wheat, spot, No. 1 northern, \$4.00 to \$4.05; No. 2 northern, \$3.95 to \$4.00.

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FAISLEY'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL

(Continued from Page One.)

one of the switchmen. There was an interval of fifteen minutes between the time they had passed Richmond street and the time the eastern flyer had come in. Witness, on examining his engine in the presence of the coroner, found much blood about it. He had been able to see the tracks clearly and had noticed no one. He had heard no sounds whatever, except those made by the eastbound freight in passing.
 To a jurymen, witness stated there was no steam escaping from the pipe at the end of the cars attached to the engine. The accident must have occurred when the engine was going east. Witness said the only explanation he could give for the body being found on Richmond street was that it had been dragged there.

MR. COOK'S EVIDENCE.

Wm. Cook, who first noticed the body, said he found it about 7:35 while walking home. He stepped on a coat and that attracted his attention.
 Mr. Stewart, who was with him, said it was an old garment, and advised him to throw it away. He did so, and a moment later found the body on the north track. Witness called the crossing watchman, who came at once. From where the body was found it was evident it had not been touched by the eastern flyer.

THE YARD FOREMAN.

Yard Foreman Fred Hatherley stated that he knew nothing of the accident until told of it by his brother.

When yard engine 29 went east he was standing about 120 feet west of Richmond street. The engine and tender would be east of Richmond street at this time. Witness noticed nothing unusual.

Hatherley said he had been on the rear end of the west coach while they were backing down, and had a lantern with him.

John Delaney, crossing watchman, next called, offered similar evidence.

TALKED WITH FAISLEY.

John Black, a G. T. R. officer, stated that he had been talking to Mr. Paisley about 7 o'clock. He had left him when the eastern flyer came in. About 7:50 witness heard that Paisley had been killed. A little girl named McIntyre came and said her father could not work, as her mother was ill. Witness suggested to the car foreman to put Paisley on, and the last thing Paisley had said was to thank Black for getting him the extra work.

FINDING OF THE BODY.

Fred Sharratt, car cleaner, offered similar evidence. He had known it was Paisley by the tools he found along the track. His lantern was badly broken up. The lantern lay between the tracks.

CAR FOREMAN FLYNN CORROBORATED.

The evidence of John Black, To Mr. Alf Bayley, and the last thing Paisley had said was to thank Black for getting him the extra work.

FAMILY REUNION.

A family reunion was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. Calcott, Millbank, on New Year's Day, to greet Mr. and Mrs. D. Boughner, of Ningo, Minn. Friends from London, St. Thomas, Frome and Calder sat down to an old-time Yuletide feast. Mr. and Mrs. Boughner intend returning to the west in the course of a few days.

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CHAMBERLAIN WAITING

Expect To See Government Change This Year.

London, Jan. 7.—Hon. Joseph Chamberlain published a New Year message to tariff reformers, pointing out that it is likely the year will see a dissolution and possibly a change of Government; therefore they must be prepared to table their practical proposals the moment the opportunity arises.

Dr. Buckle, editor of the Times, is to visit Canada in the spring.

Among the passengers on the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm is Fred Cook, who in future will devote his entire time to the Times, having been appointed "our own correspondent."

Atwell, the widow-smasher, was fined \$1 and \$3 for the window, or a month in prison.

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Boys' Hockey Boots, black or tan \$1.27

64 pairs of Boys' Boston Calf, Box Calf and Box Kip Boots \$1.18, \$1.38, \$1.48

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Men's Hockey Boots, black with tan tips and all tan \$1.77

Women's Dongola Bluchers, blue, Jersey lined, extension soles \$1.57

Dongola Jolietts, warm, lined, turn sole, high heel \$1.27

Women's Dongola Patent Tip Bluchers, extension sole; worth \$2 \$1.47

Women's Box Calf Bluchers, low heel; dandy for skating \$1.67

A few pairs Women's Strap Slippers 87c

Misses' Dongola Boots, extension soles; sizes 11 to 2 \$1.08

Misses' Box Calf, Lace; solid nailed soles \$1.38

We have about 350 pairs of Women's Rubbers, engraved vamps. Will clear at 38c

ASHPLANT'S

The West In Grip of Jack Frost

Chicago, Jan. 7.—The first blizzard of the winter swept down on Chicago yesterday from the south. From 44 degrees above zero Tuesday, the mercury dropped to nine below yesterday. Telegraph and telephone wires were reported in trouble north of here.

The entire American and Canadian west is likewise in the grip of the cold waves, and the railroads are experiencing great difficulty in keeping their trains moving, firemen being unable to keep up steam.

Missouri is experiencing an unusual cold sweep for that state. Reports from Kansas City say the thermometer registered eight below zero there yesterday morning.

In Wisconsin it is cold. At Milwaukee the temperature was fifteen below zero and at Lacrosse twenty-two below.

It was registered thirteen degrees below zero at Omaha, Nebraska, and

nine below at Lincoln. All trains in Nebraska were delayed by the intense cold.

In the Dakotas and Montana the cold increased, and in North Dakota as low as 34 below zero has been reported. Montana's report from northern points, cold, approaching 25 below zero with varying winds, but no snow.

Across the Canadian border further north, the full rigor of the rule of the frost king is reported. In the province of Saskatchewan the cold was intense, 51 degrees below zero mark being reported from Regina. Even Medicine Hat with its celebrated infernal basement admit a register of 40 below.

Further east into Manitoba, the province is enveloped in a mantle of intense cold, even and all-embracing. Averaging around 40 degrees below. Fortunately atmospheric disturbances are nil, and no suffering is reported.

Arranging the Details of the Treaties

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—Hon. Wm. Pugsley in Washington this week, conferring on behalf of the Canadian Government with Ambassador Bryce and Secretary Root with regard to some of the details still to be adjusted in providing for the settlement of questions at issue between the two countries relating to the control of the international waterways, and involving also the question of restriction of the use of water by power companies on each side of Niagara Falls. The draft treaty, as suggested by the international waterways commission, was announced last spring, but has not

yet been passed by the United States senate, although endorsed by the Canadian Government. It is understood that this treaty, along with one providing for submission to the Hague Tribunal of the Atlantic fisheries dispute, respecting the New England and Magdalen Islands fisheries, is now nearly ready for final ratification at Washington. Mr. Pugsley is consulting with Mr. Bryce on a few matters of detail still to be settled. Last night the minister of public works and Mrs. Pugsley were the guests of the British ambassador at the embassy in Washington.

Freight Struck Cars on a Siding

Ingersoll, Ont., Jan. 7.—With the semaphore against it, a coal train of nine cars, from Port Burwell, figured in a serious crash in the C. P. R. yard yesterday. The train was travelling down grade, and it is said that the refusal of the air brakes to work when the signal against the train was observed was responsible for the smashup. There was no loss of life, but several cars were battered and twisted, and piled almost in a heap. Five coal cars, three empty and two

loaded, were on the main siding. All were damaged, one of them being thrown across the main track in such a manner as to completely tie up traffic. The coal train also was badly battered. For a distance of a hundred yards the ties were reduced to matchwood.

Passengers from the east were transferred to a train that was made up west of the wreck, consisting of a locomotive and a boarding car, and taken on to St. Thomas.

Poet's Memorial a National Theatre

London, Jan. 7.—London is to have a national theatre as a memorial to Shakespeare, in which will be enacted the poet's works, as well as plays by other English dramatists, living and dead.

A number of large private subscriptions have already been promised, and the lord mayor of London, and other English dramatists, living and dead.

The theatre will be controlled by a board of trustees chosen from men prominent in literature, drama, music and education.

to open public subscriptions. The educational and municipal authorities of the kingdom have been invited to associate themselves with the project, which has the approval of the Government.

THIRTY-FOUR DROWNED

Russian and Greek Steamers Collided on Black Sea.

Odessa, Jan. 7.—The Russian steamer Sviatolav, with a crew of

thirty-eight, collided near Novo Rosisk with the Greek steamer Poseidon today. The Sviatolav sank within three minutes. Four of her crew managed to get aboard the Poseidon and were saved. The thirty-four other members of the crew were lost.

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Personal Mention

Miss "Dot" Willoughby, of 523 Pall Mall street, is visiting in Petrolia.

Mr. J. Hutcheon has returned to Toronto, after spending the holidays with his parents, on Horton street.

Miss Daisy Herrick, of 15 Maryboro Place, spent the New Year holiday with Mrs. G. T. Chapman, of Mount Forest.

Mrs. H. P. Stennett (nee Miss "Nan" Delmage, Ridgewood), will receive for the first time since her marriage on Thursday, Jan. 7, at her home, 10 Cathcart street, and afterwards on the third Thursday of each month.

Miss Bessie McGovern, of Toronto, formerly of this city, who has been visiting 474 York street, has returned home accompanied by Mrs. L. MacDonald.

Miss Nona McBride left this morning for New York, where she will enter a hospital training school.

Toronto Globe: Mrs. Thomas R. Parker, of 573 Euclid avenue, will receive Thursday instead of Wednesday this week, and Mrs. Edgar F. H. Parker, of London, will receive with Mrs. Parker.

Mr. J. L. Murray, of Smallman & Ingram's, has left on a buying trip to the European markets.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibson have just returned from Montreal, after visiting their daughter.

Mr. R. E. Pepper, of Chicago, a member of the Central Passenger Agents' Association, was in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wright, who have been visiting their son, Dr. J. Wright, of this city, left this morning for their home in Mobile, Alabama.

Miss Hyman and Miss Laura Hyman left yesterday for New York and Hartford, after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hyman, of 130 Kent street.

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City and District

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Big Labor Concert.

A splendid array of talent has been secured for the labor concert, which will be given in Bennett's Theatre on Monday night next. The programme is a delightfully varied one, and as each number will be rendered by an artist, there is little doubt that the concert will be one of the best of the season.

Death of Miss Murray.

Miss Amanda Murray, of Lucknow, a young lady well known in musical circles in this city, died on Sunday last in Muskoka. Miss Murray was a student at the Conservatory of Music for some time, and is the last member of a family of four, all of whom died from tuberculosis. The funeral was held at Lucknow yesterday.

Cold of Thanks.

The Women's Christian Association desires to thank Miss Mac Mathewson for her kindness in giving \$5 to assist in making comfortable the inmates of the Aged People's Home, also the association thanks the Irish Benevolent Society for sending to the Aged People's Home the handsome donation of \$15, and also \$10 to the Home for incurables. These gifts are very timely and much appreciated.

Missionary Services.

A service of more than usual interest will be held in the Wellington Street Methodist Church next Sunday evening. The members of the Women's Missionary Society of the church are taking full charge of the services, even to the furnishing of the music. The president, Mrs. Graham.

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Blames Outside Vote.

St. Thomas Journal: The Journal is in receipt of a letter from Port Stanley, correcting the vote on the loan bylaw to read: For, 129; against, 50. As 151 votes were required to carry the bylaw, it was defeated. The correspondent states that the people of Port Stanley, who hoped to see the bylaw carried, are indignant, because the defeat, he claims, was due to ratepayers who do not live at Port Stanley except a few months in the summer, but who govern the village's affairs.

Y. M. C. A. Reception.

There will be a reception held in the Y. M. C. A. on Friday evening for the parents of the members of the Boys' Club. The Boys' Club rooms have been newly furnished and are a very bright and cheery part of the buildings, and it is to give the parents of the boys an opportunity to see their new quarters that the reception is held. A special reception committee will be in charge and the reception will last from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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A sale of great importance to thousands is the winter clothing sale of Grafton & Co. No better opportunity than this present one to purchase clothing at bargain prices. The sale has already brought big crowds. A large advertisement appears in this issue, which is of particular interest to readers.

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The fourth recital of the Women's Music Club was given in the rooms in the Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon before a large audience. The programme was a miscellaneous one, and the numbers, without exception, were splendidly rendered. A feature of the programme was the orchestra numbers by the club orchestra, and the numbers of Mr. Thomas Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell played several of his own compositions, and they were well received.

The programme was as follows:

(a) Grieg—"Peer Gynt Suite"—(a) Morning; (b) Asa's Tod; (c) Anitra's Dance; (d) In the Hall of the Mountain King.

(a) "Beho," Miss Chrissie Armstrong. (a) Mendelssohn—Duetto; (b) Chopin—Two waltzes; (c) Paganini—Schumann—Caprice, Mr. Thomas G. Mitchell.

(a) Stange—"Damon"; (b) Aylward—"Beloved, It Is Morn"; Mrs. Dochstader.

(a) Beethoven—Scherzo from "Moonlight Sonata"; (b) Rachmaninoff—Prelude, Miss Grace Turnbull.

(a) Jensen—"Murmuring Zephyrs"; (b) Tosti—"Spring," Miss Edith McBride.

Mitchell—(a) "Bourree"; (b) "Clouds and Sunshine"; (c) "Song Without Words"; (d) "Polka Fantastique," Mr. Thomas G. Mitchell.

Yesterday's programme was arranged by Mrs. E. C. McCall and Miss Isabel C. Armstrong. Miss Minnie Raymond and Mr. Bleuthner were accompanists.

Arrangements are practically completed for the first public concert of the Women's Music Club, which will be given in the Auditorium on Feb. 1. The music being entirely German, and the programme being arranged by Mrs. E. B. Smith and Miss Labatt.

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CITY ENGINEER

PAID THE SHOT

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Passage of Bylaw.

No person in the city was more gratified at the result of the vote on the consumption hospital bylaw than City Engineer Graydon.

He has always taken a keen interest in the matter and has worked long and faithfully for that object.

Some weeks ago, he thought that perhaps the bylaw would be lost sight of in the keen discussion on Sunday cars, and the water measure. In order to make it certain that the consumption hospital bylaw would not be overlooked, he, at his own expense, inserted advertisements in both papers calling attention to the fact that the proposal should be endorsed by the citizens, and asking all that had the welfare of the many poor consumptives at heart to vote for the bylaw.

He also had bills issued and placed in every possible location, where people would see them, all at his own expense.

As a matter of fact, the bylaw was not lost sight of, but in the killing of all other money bylaws it was the only one to come out with a favorable vote.

"I am more than pleased with the result," said Mr. Graydon, in discussing the vote. "I was fearful that the bylaw would be defeated, but I am glad to say that it was overwhelmingly endorsed. I feel keenly the position of the unfortunate consumptive poor of this city, and I think it is a disgrace and a shame that they have been so long neglected. I did a little for them, and I would have done considerably more had it been necessary."

ELECTION RESULTS

IN WEST NISSOURI

Reeve John McFarlan and Councillors Moore, Urquhart, Vining, and Wiseman.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Marys, Jan. 7.—The municipal elections for the township of West Nissouri resulted as follows: Reeve, John McFarlan; councillors, Joshua Moore, Donald Urquhart, Joseph Vining and Wm. Wiseman.

A great deal of interest was shown in the elections.

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MAY CARRY ON POWER SUIT

Continued From Page Six.

Exhausted All Means.

"If the court can now adjudicate regarding property in the absence of a party interested, why cannot the court do so in regard to a contract, especially when the plaintiff has exhausted all means of bringing in the party of whose absence the defendants complain? The general principle is undoubtedly that all parties interested in the subject matter of the suit should be before the court."

"So far as this action concerns the contract itself, as distinguished from the rights of the defendants to assess and tax the plaintiff and other ratepayers to meet the obligation of the defendants under the contract, there would be a lack of finality in a decision in favor of the plaintiff. The hydro-electric commission would not be bound by a decision in a suit to which it was not a party, but it is not, I think, open to the commission to complain when the plaintiff has done all that is within his power to make the commission a party, and the commission has resisted his efforts, nor should the plaintiff be expected to wait until after the opening of the session of the consent of the attorney-general."

Not Open to Question.

"The decision of the acting attorney-general refusing his consent, is no more open to question by me here, than the provisions of the statute making such consent necessary before a body empowered to enter into contractual obligations throughout Ontario can proceed against in the courts of this Province, even in respect to breaches of such obligations."

"It is argued that the plaintiff in investing the commission with immunity, except with the consent of a member of the same executive as one or possibly two members of the commission, is beyond the powers of the Legislature of Ontario. I do not feel called upon to attempt to determine upon a motion of this kind, whether such legislation—however extraordinary it may appear from a juristic point of view—is ultra vires or not, but I am asked to close the doors of the court against a litigant who questions the power of the Legislature to free the commission from the liability which would otherwise be cast upon it by the hydro-electric commission, and has been given an opportunity to be heard in this action. It has objected to being made a party and that objection has, after consideration, been sustained."

Cannot Object.

"The commission cannot reasonably object, if in its absence an opportunity is given to the plaintiff to have his rights determined, at least as between himself and the defendant and possibly to the extent of declaring the contract with the commission to be invalid. I see no reason why the plaintiff should not be permitted to proceed with action. He seeks decision on difficult, important and complicated questions, which in my opinion ought to be tried. If he should succeed he may possibly not succeed to the same extent as if the hydro-electric commission was a party, but for this he is in no way to blame; and as far as the courts can give him relief, if at all, he should not be denied the right of appeal through them."

"Should the commission fear that it should be prejudiced by any confusion reached in this action, it may, of course, apply to be joined as a party."

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Men's Patent Colt Blucher Boots; regular \$3, now \$2 60
Men's Patent Colt, Goodyear Welt Boots; regular \$4, now \$3 00
Women's Patent Colt, Welt Sole, Button Boots; regular \$4 50, now \$3 00
Women's Patent Colt, Welt Sole, Blucher Boot; regular \$4, now \$3 25
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Women's Velour Calf, Welt Sole Boots; regular \$3 50, now \$2 50
Women's Patent Colt, Blucher Boots; regular \$3 50, now \$2 65
Women's Patent Colt, Welt Sole, Button Boots; regular \$3 50, now \$2 85
Women's Gunmetal Calf, Blucher Boots; regular \$3 50, now \$2 60
Women's Box Calf, Blucher Boots; regular \$3 50, now \$2 60
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