

Births, Marriages, Deaths

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in The Daily Advertiser also appear in The Western Advertiser. Births 25c, Marriages and Deaths 50c.

DIED.

RIDDELL—In this city, on Feb. 14, Isabella K., eldest daughter of the late Wm. Riddehl. Funeral will leave the residence of her mother, 30 Hamilton road, on Thursday, at 3 p.m. Service at 2:30 p.m.

ARTHUR—At the family residence, 731 Lorne avenue, on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1899, Norman Sanders, beloved infant son of James and Elizabeth Arthur, aged 11 months and 18 days.

Funeral on Thursday at 3 p.m.; services at 2:30. Please omit flowers.

O'Hearn—At the family residence, No. 216 Richmond street, Catharine O'Hearn, beloved wife of Daniel O'Hearn, aged 71 years.

Funeral from above residence Thursday morning, at 9 o'clock, to St. Peter's Cathedral. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Amusements and Lectures

GRAND PRIZE

THURSDAY, FEB. 15.

GILMORE and LEONARD
Presenting their third and latest edition of the Irish Nonconformity.

HOGAN'S ALLEY
Prices—25c, 50c, 75c. Seats now on sale. 60a

CONCERT—EMPRESS AVENUE METHODIST Church, Thursday, Feb. 16, choice programme. Mr. T. McDonald, Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Spurling, Miss Haynes and others. Admission 15c.

TONIGHT—SUBURBAN CLUB CARNIVAL—Daisy Link, Clarke's Bridge, Musical Society Band. Admission 10c. Commence 8:00 and evening.

MUSICAL SOCIETY BAND THURSDAY night at the Princess Hotel. Open after 8:00 and evening.

REDLICK RINK—SPLENDID ICE—Skating afternoon and evening. Band Thursday.

HOCKEY MATCH TONIGHT—AT JUBILEE RINK, 9:30 sharp, after skating. Jubilee vs. Y. M. C. A. Admission 10c.

MASONIC—AT HOME—FRIDAY night, at Grand Opera House. Reception to Grand Master Malone. Concert and assembly. Only Masons eligible to attend. Tickets can be procured from members of committee or from Wor. Bro. John Paul, secretary, M. C. R. office, or Wor. Bro. T. R. Parker, treasurer, C. P. R. office.

CHARLOTTE L. MCKENZIE, GRADUATE of the Toronto Conservatory School of Education and pupil of Charles Roberts, New York, teacher of elocution and physical culture. Concert engagements, 434 Mainland street.

VOICE CULTURE—EVA N. ROBYN. Studio, Bell Piano Parlors. Residence, No. 329, Dundas street. Concert engagements. Telephone 1270.

SAILING DATE OF THE NEW ALLAN ship Castilian has been changed. The latest advice is that the Castilian will sail on March 4. Tickets at Allan Passenger Agency, Richmond street, next Advertiser, F. B. Clarke, agent.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—New term for gentlemen beginners commences Monday evening, Feb. 20. This will be the last term of the season. Dayton & McCorkle.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING—COME and learn the new dances, the Boston Schottische and the Society cakewalk. The same careful instruction given to a satisfying and two-step. Lessons any hour. R. B. Millard, teacher of dancing, 345 Princess avenue.

Meetings.

Secret Societies

O. O. F.—DOMINION LODGE, NO. 48—Regular meeting this (Wednesday) evening. Visitors invited. Syd. Smyth, N.G.; Thos. D. Hastings, R.S.

EAST MIDDLESEX FARMERS' INSTITUTE will meet at Thorncliffe on Feb. 23, 1898, Hyde Park, Feb. 21, Nilestone on Wednesday, Feb. 22, and at Harriestown Feb. 23. Addresses will be given by the delegation, consisting of Major James Sheppard, Queenston, and J. E. Gould, Exbury, and other local speakers. Good music. All are welcome. See bills. 63kt

LONDON BOARD OF TRADE—A SPECIAL meeting will be held on Thursday, 16th inst., at 4 p.m., for general business. Mr. Clarkson, of Hamilton, will address the board on the recent change in coal oil freight rates. A full attendance is desired. For particulars, apply to J. A. Nelles, secretary. 60a

WANTED—BUSINESS WOMAN—AGED 40. Branch of established house; responsible position; remuneration ample. Apply Manager, 515 Temple building, Toronto. 6a

Domestics Wanted.

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS GENERAL servant; to go to Toronto. Good wages. References required. Apply 354 Dundas street. 65c

WANTED—PLAIN COOK WHERE household is kept. Apply 355 Queen's avenue. 65c

WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT—Small family. Apply Mrs. G. H. Merritt, 353 Queen's avenue. 65c

WANTED—IMMEDIATELY—AN EX-perienced general servant. Small family. Apply after 6 p.m. to Mrs. Waugh, 537 Taubert street. 65c

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT, AP-ply Mrs. McPherson, 172 Lichfield street, from 7 to 10 p.m. 67c

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT—REF-erences required. Apply 72 Elmwood avenue. 67c

Only a Few Weeks

- and our spring goods
- will be in
- if you need a suit
- better get it now,
- because we will sell
- it cheaper than in
- a few weeks, as we
- want to clear out the
- balance of
- our present stock.

DEI KS & CO.,

393 Richmond Street

UNLESS YOU ARE BARGAIN PROOF

These prices on School Shoes will surely win your trade:

Boys' Strong Laced, solid leather, pegged soles, 1 to 5 75c
Boys' Solid Leather, B. calf, laced, stylish shape, 1 to 5 85c
Boys' Extra Solid Grain Leather, laced, waterproof \$1.00

These prices wouldn't be remarkable if it weren't for the shoes themselves. A trial pair will make you one of our regular customers.

J. P. COOK,
173 Dundas Street.

Male Help Wanted.

WANTED—GOOD CARRIAGE BLACK-smith helper. Steady situation. Apply Hoskin & Malloch. 68a

WANTED—MEN IN YOUR VICINITY to learn barber trade. We can place you in your town at \$15 weekly, after only eight weeks practice or start your own business on our capital in almost any locality. We pay transportation to our colleges at Chicago or Cincinnati, allow commission from start and complete outfit of tools. Write today. Moler Barber College Representative, Detroit. 65n

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MAN OR LADY TO TRAVEL and appoint agents; established firm; \$30 per month and all expenses to start. Mr. R. 393 Philadelphia, Pa. 54 bn tx

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ONTARIO AFFAIRS AGAIN AT HIGH TENSION

Between Great Britain and La Belle France

Says the Cable Correspondent of a New York Newspaper.

The French Army Now Equal to That of Germany.

100 Persons Drowned by the Breaking of Ice in a Chinese River—Lipton Spends \$400,000 for a Yacht in Which to Entertain His Friends.

London, Feb. 15.—A special correspondent cables to New York: Premier Salisbury has sent a protest to the French and Italian Governments against the agreement whereby Italy cedes part of the Raibetta coast of East Africa to France. Under the Anglo-Egyptian convention, Italy was forbidden to fortify that part of the African coast. France intends to raise earthworks and fortifications there to counter-check the British forts on the Island of Perim. Affairs between England and France are again at high tension.

TALK OF WAR.
The Toulon correspondent of the London Daily Mail, remarking upon the extraordinary activity at the arsenal there, and generally in the French naval works, says: It is believed that M. Lockroy, minister of marine, expects war with Great Britain within two years, and it is notorious that a war with England is being preached in official circles in Paris. Troops are being poured into Tunis, Caucasus and Algiers, and war material is being dispatched to all the colonies. French officers openly boast that they will sweep the British fleet out of the Mediterranean.

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assassin had been sent to kill the Emperor of Japan. Investigation is on.

CHINESE CONCESSION.
The London Times says: We understood that Sir Claude Macdonald, British minister at Peking, has obtained a concession for a British syndicate to construct a railway from Hankou to Canton, along the coast.

THE ONTARIO LOAN AND DEBENTURE CO.

Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting Held on the 28th Inst.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company was held at their office here on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at 8 o'clock p.m.

The following shareholders were present, viz., Messrs. John McClary, A. S. Emery, William Bowman, William McDonough, W. A. Gunn, Albion Parfitt, A. O. Jeffery, J. Edgar Jeffery, A. M. Smart, J. M. McWhinnie and Rev. George Richardson.

The president, Mr. John McClary, took the chair, the manager, Mr. William F. Bullen, acting as secretary.

The twenty-eighth annual report, as follows, was then taken and read:

London, Ont., Jan. 18, 1909.

The directors beg to submit for the information and approval of the shareholders, the twenty-eighth annual report of this Company for the past year, together with the relative accounts and balance sheet up to 31st of December last.

The sum of \$329,873 has been invested, and \$709,353 principal and interest has been repaid during the year.

Although rates of interest have ruled lower than ever, the results of the year show that your directors had, from the earnings, the sum of \$88,442 at their disposal, out of which two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of 6 1/2 per cent annum, amounting to \$78,000, have been paid to the shareholders, and \$10,000 added to the reserve fund, leaving \$442 to carry forward.

Your directors have for some years past been providing for depreciation in value of the Company's office premises, which were erected at a time when material and labor were very much more expensive than at present, the original cost being \$72,000. We have now had the same valued by thoroughly competent judges of real estate, who estimated its value at \$40,000. It is now taken into account as an asset for that amount, on which it nets the Company a fair rate of interest on the investment.

Properties foreclosed and owned, and properties brought to sale and unsold, show a decrease of \$21,000. The remainder is being gradually disposed of, any probable loss having been amply provided for.

All sterling debentures, as they mature, are either renewed at a rate of interest satisfactory to the Company, or paid off. Our financial agents in Great Britain, Messrs. Mylne and Cook, C.A., of Edinburgh, continue to look carefully after the Company's interest in this direction.

The accounts, as formerly, have undergone the usual monthly audit by competent auditors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MCCLARY, President.

Revenue Account.

Interest on sterling debentures	\$47,580 63
Interest on currency debentures	9,965 01
Interest on deposits	17,184 87
Expenses connected with sterling debentures	1,516 97
Commission and expenses in connection with loans	3,480 48
Expenses of management	16,114 98
Income tax paid	1,682 28
Amount written off office premises	32,000 00
Dividend No. 69, paid July 2, 1898	39,000 00
Dividend No. 70, due January 2, 1899	39,000 00
Carried to Reserve Fund	10,000 00
Balance carried forward	442 05
Total	\$217,917 17

Financial Statement.

ASSETS.

1. Mortgages on real estate	\$2,181,577 65
2. Loans on debentures	121,085 20
3. Loans on this Company's stock	36,935 53
4. Real estate, foreclosed and owned	\$24,300 00
Real estate, brought to sale and unsold	101,187 95
Total	\$2,475,086 33

LIABILITIES.

Liabilities to the Public—	
Sterling debentures	\$1,218,012 21
Accrued interest on same	11,155 84
Total	\$1,229,168 05
Currency debentures	238,075 00
Accrued interest on same	3,670 10
Total	\$241,745 10
Deposits	\$40,295 01
Total	\$2,011,211 16
Surplus	\$1,729,442 05
Liabilities to the Shareholders—	
Capital Stock paid up	\$1,200,000 00
Dividend No. 70 (since paid)	39,000 00
Reserve Fund	\$450,000 00
Carried to do	10,000 00
Total	\$1,709,000 00
Balance at credit of Revenue Account	442 05
Total	\$1,709,442 05

WILLIAM F. BULLEN, Manager.

To the Shareholders of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Co.:

We hereby certify that we have audited the books and accounts of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company for the year 1898, comprising a monthly cash audit and the verification of the postings and balances in all the Company's books, and we find the whole correct and in accordance with the above statements. We have also examined the securities and find them in order.

GEO. F. JEWELL, F. C. A., A. M. SMART, Auditors.

London, Ontario, January 18th, 1909.

The President then stated: Before moving the adoption of the annual report, which has been in your hands for some time, and no doubt thoroughly analyzed, perhaps it will not be out of place for me to add some remarks.

The past year has shown a great improvement in the general mercantile and manufacturing business of the country; the farmers have been favored with good crops, and with fairly good prices for every product of the farm. Farm lands have increased in value with an increased demand. The prospects of improved immigration and the extension of agriculture, and increased development of the mineral resources of the country, were never more hopeful than at present.

Rates of interest have ruled lower than ever, which, while it will no doubt continue to increase the value of farm lands, will materially decrease the earning powers of companies such as ours, whose business is restricted to loaning money on mortgages and other debentures. I can, however, assure our shareholders that with our handsome reserve fund of nearly half a million dollars, we will be able to pay them 1 per cent more than they could obtain by loaning their money on the same class of securities. I am inclined to think that we should only pay such dividends as will enable us to continue making substantial annual additions to our reserve

time before March 15, after which the lists will be closed, so that all samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing kindly mention the sort or variety they would prefer and should the available stock of the sort asked for be exhausted, some other good variety will be sent in its place.

WM. SAUNDERS, Director, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Feb. 2, 1899.

WESTERN ONTARIO LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Among the appointments of license commissioners, just announced, are the following: North Middlesex—Alexander Smith, to be inspector of licenses, in the room and stead of Daniel Schöff, deceased. South—James McBride, John Murphy, Frank Bowley. North Perth—George Gordon McPherson, John Way, William Seabring. West Elgin—Charles Coush, Hugh Williams, John Thomson. North Essex—Oliver Matsonville, Windie S. Cumminford, Francis St. Louis. Windsor—J. O. Peck, John A. Smith, William Belson. South Essex—John Askew, Horatio Y. Pickering, Alexander Chauvin. North Brant—Thomas Ryall, Christopher Baker, Justus Vanderlip.

A vacation makes some people so lazy they don't care if they never have to work again.

fund, until it amounts to 50 per cent of our capital.

Our accounts show that we have written \$22,000 off the cost of our office premises, after having them valued by some of the best real estate judges in the city. I think you will agree with me that this was the proper course to adopt; it will now pay a fair rate of interest on the reduced valuation. Eight thousand dollars of this sum was taken out of the earnings of the year, after adding \$10,000 to the reserve.

On account of old mortgages bearing a higher rate of interest, being either paid off or renewed at reduced rates, we must consequently look for decreased earnings. This year our directors are endeavoring to meet as far as possible by reduced rates of interest on our borrowed money.

Our assets are in good shape; any property on the Company's hands has been taken into account at a low valuation, and is being gradually disposed of without making any undue sacrifice.

The manager and other officers of the Company have performed their various duties to the entire satisfaction of the board.

I think I have covered the ground pretty fully, but should be pleased to answer any questions.

Farm Crops in Canada

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

For the past ten years systematic efforts have been made to increase the average returns and to improve the quality of the cereals and other important farm crop growth in Canada by an annual distribution from the experimental farm at Ottawa, of samples of seed of the best and most promising varieties. These varieties have been first tested at the experimental farms, and only those which have proven to be the very best have been chosen for this distribution. The samples sent out have contained these pounds each, and every precaution has been taken to have the seed in every instance thoroughly clean and true to name, and the packages have been sent free, through the mail. Those who have received such samples and grown them with care, have usually had at the end of the second year enough seed to sow a large area, and in this manner careful farmers all over the Dominion have been gradually replacing any inferior and less productive sorts which they have been growing in the past with superior varieties, possessing greater vigor.

By direction of the honorable minister of agriculture, another such distribution is being made this season, consisting of samples of oats, barley, spring wheat, field peas, Indian corn, and potatoes. These samples will only be sent to those who apply personally or by letter, and names of societies or individuals cannot be considered, and only one sample in all can be sent to each applicant. Applications should be addressed to the director of experimental farms, and may be sent any

WESTERN ONTARIO

One of the Oldest Buildings in Embro Burned.

G. T. R. Employee Injured at Sarnia—Lizards in Windsor's Waterworks—Kingsville Natural Gas Running Low.

The Walkerville schools have 207 pupils entered.

Mr. Samson, of Blenheim, father of Dr. Samson, of Windsor, died Saturday at the ripe old age of 92 years.

Charles Benetane, of Canard River, died Sunday, in his 92nd year. He was a pioneer of Essex county and was widely known.

A. P. Banks, teller of the Bank of Commerce at Blenheim, has received notice that he will be removed to the Galt branch at once. He will be succeeded by A. Young, of Galt.

The East Elgin Agricultural Society has decided to hold its street fair in St. Thomas on Sept. 6, 7 and 8. N. W. Moore and S. H. Palmer were appointed delegates to the Western Fair.

James Johnston, of the G. T. R. Sarnia, while at work at the tunnel, yards on Saturday afternoon, had one of his feet badly crushed. He was removed to the hospital, where his injuries are being attended to.

The mills at Kingsville using natural gas have shut down, at the request of the council, while the extreme cold weather lasts, so as to husband the supply for heating purposes. The pressure is said to be very low.

Miss A. Reaume, of Windsor, on Friday received the white veil at the Hotel Dieu. She had been for the past year a novice at the hospital. Bishop O'Connor, of London, conducted the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Father Flannery, of Windsor.

One of the oldest buildings in the village of Embro was burned to the ground on Sunday. The cottage, occupied by Miss Kate McKay, and owned by the estate of the late Hugh McKay, was the victim of the flames. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

James Chapman, one of the oldest, if not the oldest, settler in North Oxford, died at his late residence, about a mile west of Ingersoll, last Thursday. Mr. Chapman was born in Sarnia, and had attained the ripe old age of 83 years.

Fire completely destroyed the Duart, Elgin county, bakery Friday evening, along with the oven and contents of the building. The flames were first noticed coming out of the rear gable and in but five minutes the whole building was one mass of flames. J. W. Kennedy's loss on building, oven and contents will be in the neighborhood of \$500, partly covered by insurance. Mr. Kennedy intends rebuilding.

Mr. John Hodgkinson, of Embro, is dead, aged 72 years. Deceased was a daughter of S. Vanslycke, one of the very earliest settlers of West Zorra, having come to the country with other Americans from Pennsylvania before the immigration from the British Isles to the new land. She had lived on the farm where she died for nearly half a century. Her husband and family of six children survive.

Andrew McDonald was feeding a circular saw at Anderson's factory, Woodstock, on Monday morning, when his hand came in contact with the whirling disc. The little finger was cut almost completely off and has since been amputated. The third finger may be saved. The saw struck the back of the hand and turned over the flesh and bone, inflicting a most painful injury.

Mr. Robert Miller, of St. Thomas, solicitor for Mr. Robert Jones, has issued a writ against McKnight & Co., Toronto, claiming \$5,000 damages for the death of his client's son, Robert Maurice Jones, who met his death on Dec. 8 last. McKnight & Co. are the contractors for the new court house, and Jones fell off the building while working for the firm. The plaintiff claims the defendants are responsible for his son's death.

A large painful of lizards was taken out of the pipes of one of the pumps at the Windsor, Ont., waterworks a few days ago, says the Detroit News. As the messengers who screened from the intake would not allow these full-grown ones to pass through, it is supposed they came in when very small and grew up and bred in the pipes. Several large ones have been found recently in the service pipes leading into the city.

Mr. Norbert Reaume died at his home on the Tecumseh road, a few miles from Windsor, Friday night. He had been chatting merrily with his family until about 10 o'clock, when he went upstairs to bed. In a few minutes she came down and complained of a burning pain in her chest. Suddenly she reeled, and would have fallen on the stove had not one of her children caught her. Restoratives were applied without avail, and in five minutes she was dead. Mrs. Reaume was 68 years of age, and the mother of 11 children, 10 of whom survive her.

Mr. Samuel Livingstone, one of the aged pioneers of Bayham, died at his home on Saturday morning. The deceased, who had reached the ripe age of 82, appeared to be in her usual health during the week and passed away without any serious illness. Her maiden name was Sarah Burbridge, and she was a sister of Henry Burbridge, of St. Thomas. She was married to Samuel Livingstone, 61 years ago, and all the years of their married life were spent on the old homestead, on which she died, and which was cleared up by Mr. Livingstone from the primeval forest. She had five children, three of whom predeceased her.

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Mrs. J. M. Courtright, of Inwood, is visiting at the residence of Dr. Dunfield.

Died.—In Petrolia, Feb. 10, Ellen, wife of Wesley Clark, in the 39th year of her age. Funeral Monday afternoon.

Mr. W. Vigar, who has been in the London hospital for some time, has returned, and is slowly recovering from his long illness.

Duncan McMillan & Co. will close their drygoods store on Tuesday, Feb. 21. After the store has been thoroughly renovated, they will open for the spring trade with a new stock of gentlemen's furnishings, which branch they will carry on in future. Until the store closes the great sale of drygoods will continue.

PECULIAR POISONS.

Generated in the Human Body.

The Result of Imperfect Digestion of Food.

Every living thing, plant or animal, contains within itself the germs of certain decay and death.

In the human body these germs of death (called by scientists Putrefaction) are usually the result of imperfect digestion of food; the result of indigestion or dyspepsia.

"Soop 'Er Up, Mon!" TALKING ON THE BUDGET

Keen Sport in the Simcoe Street Curling Rink.

Exciting Contest for the Western Ontario Curling Trophy.

Forest City and Southampton Lock Horns in a Determined Way.

Jubilee Hockey Club Gets Worst at Goderich.

The Six Days Weary Whirl in San Francisco—Jack Frost Stops Racing in New Orleans.

CURLING.

KEEN SPORT.

The most exciting curling contest ever seen in London is that now in progress for the Western Ontario tankard. Yesterday afternoon the roaring game started, and the roar didn't let up until midnight.

In the afternoon Sarnia drew the bye, and played off with St. Thomas, the latter winning by 16 shots. Seaford and Thamesville put up a better game, but as Skip Coleman failed to hold his own, Thamesville beat her opponent out by 4 shots.

The evening games were the closest on record, and many a shot was let loose by a nervous hand. The ice was keen, and if there was a bad place in it, McAulay and Burnett had it. When Southampton and Forest City had finished the 22nd end they were even up, viz.: Foster 12, McAulay 24, total 36; Reid 19, Burnett 17, total 36. The 23rd end was played to decide the contest. Foster scored 1 shot, and John Burnett, the star curler of the city, scored 2 shots, giving them a majority of 1. This was the signal for sympathy on the one hand and congratulations on the other.

Ingersoll defeated Lucknow by 1 shot, and great enthusiasm prevailed until the last stone was played. The score:

AFTERNOON.

Sarnia. Rink No. 1—J. Rowan, P. McGibbon, P. Clark, John McGibbon, skip.....1

Rink No. 2—A. D. McLean, Hugh Mann, J. B. Gibson, J. W. Hamilton, skip.....22

Total.....39 Total.....45

Majority for St. Thomas, 16 shots.

Seaford. Rink No. 1—J. E. Henderson, T. Richardson, F. W. Twiddle, E. C. Coleman, skip.....16

Rink No. 2—James Anderson, John Turner, William Annet, J. A. Wilson, skip.....22

Total.....38 Total.....42

Majority for Thamesville, 4 shots.

EVENING.

Southampton. Rink No. 1—D. McLoud, W. Logie, John McAulay, Peter Foster, skip.....13

Rink No. 2—J. McAulay, J. E. McAulay, D. McAulay, D. McAulay, skip.....24

Total.....37 Total.....38

Majority for Forest City, 1 shot.

Ingersoll. Rink No. 1—George Duncan, H. C. Walker, J. G. Walley, E. E. Dundas, skip.....12

Rink No. 2—Dr. Burnett, O. T. Robinson, P. H. Rundle, A. E. Gayer, skip.....22

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Lucknow was unfortunate in having to play with three men on one rink. Michael Carrigan, the fourth man, being struck by a "stane" while watching a game in the afternoon, and had one leg painfully injured.

The second draw was made immediately after the game, and resulted as follows: Thamesville vs. Forest City, Ingersoll vs. winners of the Paris-St. Thomas game.

WINDSOR WINS!

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 13.—On the Windsor rinks Monday night the home curlers defeated Detroit curling club teams by the score of 20 to 26.

WINNIPEG BONSPIEL.

The eleventh annual bonspiel of the Manitoba branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club is fast drawing to a close. The first of the great

events to be finished was the Grand Challenge, won by Winnipeg Granites. The Granites also won the Tucket trophy which carries with it the club championship of the branch.

SIMCOE VS. WOODSTOCK.
A party of Woodstock curlers paid the Simcoe Curling Club a visit Monday evening and played a friendly game, three rinks aside. The play resulted in favor of the home team. Score: Woodstock, 45; Simcoe, 48.

WINGHAM BEAT LUCKNOW.
In the Huron and Bruce Hockey Association on Monday, Wingham defeated Lucknow by a score of 4 to 1.

JUBILEE LOSE.
Last evening the Goderich skating rink was crowded in every part, the reputation of the London Jubilee and Goderich hockey teams being of the highest in this part of the province, and the expectations of the crowd were fully realized, as the game put up was the best exhibition of hockey ever seen in Goderich. The play was exciting from start to finish. The first half ended in Goderich leading by 5 to 2, but the visitors put up such an excellent fight for the last half that at the call of time the score stood 7 to 6 in favor of Goderich. Goderich scored the first three goals in one, three and six minutes; London the fourth in one minute; Goderich the fifth and sixth in eight and one minutes, and London the seventh in four minutes. This was followed by six minutes of play in which no goal was scored. After half-time London scored four goals in three, seven, eight and one minutes; Goderich the last two goals in ten and one minutes. The players were:

London. Position. Goderich.
Goal. Williams
Point. Dule
Cover Point. Thompson
Hobbs (Capt.) Forward. McCarthy (Capt.)
Caruthers. Forward. McCarthy
Fraser. Forward. Bredin
Peel. Forward. Shannon
Reference—John Hobbs, Toronto University.

PASTIO.

BILLY SMITH AND THE KID.
San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Mysterious Billy Smith and George (Kid) Lavigne have been matched to fight in rounds in Woodward's Pavilion, San Francisco, Cal., on March 10, under the auspices of the Excelsior Club. The purse will consist of 60 per cent of the gate receipts, 5 per cent of this going to the winner and 5 per cent to the loser.

WHEEL.

THE SIX-DAY WHIRL.
San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Frank Waller's eyes went wrong today, and physicians say that he would be blind for life should he continue. Waller was broken-hearted, but had to quit after going 234½ miles without dismounting. The ten-hour score at 6 p.m. Tuesday. World's record by Stevens at New York, 336 miles. Pierce, 375 miles 2 laps; Ashbenger, 374½; Miller, 373½; Lawson, 371½; Gimm, 370½; Fredricks, 368½; Hale, 368½; Nawn, 368; Barnaby, 365½; Aaronson, 365½; Alberts, 364½; Stevens, 362½; Julius, 360½; Pilkington, 341½; Hannant, 328.

TURF.

JACK FROST INTERFERES.
New Orleans, Feb. 15.—Races postponed again on account of cold weather. Entries have been declared off.

AT INGLETSIDE.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—Track fast at Ingletside.

First race, 3 furlongs, 2-year-olds—Sardine won, Mountebank 2, Tar Hill 3. Time, 1:36½.

Second race, selling, 1 mile—Stamina won, Merops 2, Racivan 3. Time, 1:42.

Third race, selling, 7 furlongs—Joe Mussie won, Cavillo 2, Wyoming 3. Time, 1:28½.

Fourth race, selling, 7 furlongs—Ferrier won, Joe Ullman 2, Guilder 3. Time, 1:28½.

Fifth race, selling, 1½ miles—Rey del Tierra won, Top Mast 2, Espionage 3. Time, 1:53¾.

Sixth race, 11-16 mile—Allayr won, Ed. Cartland 2, Sombre 3. Time, 1:08½.

SHOOK AND CRACKED

Queer Goings-On of Mother Earth at Greenville, Michigan.

Greenville, Mich., Feb. 15.—The farmers in this vicinity are almost afraid to go to bed nights for fear they will be tumbled into their cellars of an earthquake. For several nights there have been loud reports, accompanied by a shaking up of Mother Earth such as has not been known since the great earthquake of 1811.

Investigation the next morning revealed crevices in the frozen earth 8 to 10 rods long, 6 inches wide, and of considerable depth. A singular phase of the vibrations and openings is that they all seem to extend on a line from east to west and all occurred at about 11 p.m.

Bismarck's Iron Nerve

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25 cents; for sale by W. T. Strong & Co.

Mr. Conmee and Mr. Hoyle on Opposite Sides.

Mr. Conmee on the Wealth of New Ontario. Mr. Hoyle Laments Capitalistic Aggression.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—A pleasant incident in the legislature yesterday was the introduction of Hon. J. M. Gibson. He was received with applause, and Mr. Whitney shook hands with him.

Mr. Conmee resumed the budget debate, and spoke with his customary vigor. The government, instead of spending too much, as was contended by the opposition, was spending too little, particularly to open up the new portions of Ontario. He hoped they would be more liberal in this respect in future. He dealt at length with the trust funds. He quoted from the budget address of A. M. Ross in 1885 to refresh the memories of honorable gentlemen on the other side at that time. Mr. Ross said that "this contention that the province was entitled to have the cash value at any time, 1867, and that it was entitled to interest from that date, had been flouted by honorable gentlemen of the opposition, who declared the province had no possible right to the amount; but he was glad, however, to announce that his interpretation had been accepted by the Dominion Government, and that the province had been credited with \$2,800,000. The act does not say that the principal shall not be paid to the province, but that it can be demanded at any moment. The treasurer could at any time place it on the market and receive cash, not only the face value, but with a large premium. The government would be perfectly free to issue bonds any time to realize the cash value at any time. The difficulty of properly appreciating its immensity and opportunities of the newer sections of the province arose from the fact that there are no proper maps and information to be obtained. He stated that he had thought the government was seriously to blame for not making greater progress in the direction of surveying all parts of the province in order that proper maps, proper information and the conditions of the resources and the conditions of the parts of the country might be obtained. There are large tracts of unsettled land south of the C. P. R. between the Ottawa river on the east and the western boundary of the province, which are splendidly adapted to cultivation, well timbered and watered, and capable of sustaining a large population. He believed that the province was so abundant in that region in gold, iron, silver, copper and nickel, and that within reach of navigation on the great lakes there are great coal fields. He believed it to be the duty of the government to reach out for these resources, the development of which would be greatly to the advantage of the people. There is also the great Rainy River district, where, he said, there are great areas of rich agricultural lands.

Mr. Hoyle, North Ontario, replied to Mr. Conmee for the opposition. Mr. Hoyle claimed that the common school fund was a fiction. The government claimed it could demand the money. Mr. Hoyle quoted Sir Leonard Tilley as stating that the province was to be divided into three parts, each to have its share; yet it would require a tripartite agreement before anything could be done, the Dominion, the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario being all parties to the agreement. Mr. Hoyle said he would never concede the right to the province of the province in its public institutions. It was not on these grounds that he was criticizing the expenditure. As the government were fond of comparing the Ontario institution with American he called attention to the cost of the executive of the province as compared with states of the union. In New York the executive cost \$1,000,000, while Ontario's ministers cost \$1,200,000. Michigan paid its executive only \$74,000.

Mr. Stratton said there was no comparison between the duties in Ontario and Michigan.

Mr. Hoyle said the government had expended since 1871, \$3,500,000 more than its revenues. He complained of the increasing cost of the administration of justice. The increase of 1898 over 1897 was \$77,634. The attorney-general, he argued, would regret having returned to the system of junior county judges. The government would confer a great boon on the people if it would abolish the county court system and expand and enlarge the scope of the division courts. The speaker also opposed the principle of gratuitous legal aid. The province had paid \$240,000 in this way since 1897. There was a casual revenue of \$24,000 received by the provincial secretary's department last year for the incorporation of various companies. This, he stated, was an indication of the accrued wealth of the province. In one respect this argument was sound, but the speaker regretted it was an indication of the movement of capital toward large aggregations. Smaller concerns were being eaten up. We were on the eve of a transition in social conditions. The time had arrived when these matters must be considered on their merits, and in all legislation let us see that our municipalities have a right to buy public franchises and utilize them.

THE STRIKING COMMITTEE.

The report of the striking committee was adopted. The western members are allotted as follows:

Privileges and elections—Leys, London; Pardee, West Lambton; Pardo, West Kent; Pattullo, North Oxford; Pettipiece, East Lambton; Ross, West Middlesex; Taylor, North Middlesex; Murray, Garrow, West Hants; Hyslop, East Huron; Leys, London; McKay, South Oxford; McKee, North Essex; Macnish, West Elgin; Pattullo, North Oxford; Pardo, West Kent; Taylor, North Middlesex; Pardee, West Lambton; Pettipiece, East Lambton; Brower, East Elgin; Private Bills—Auld, Essex, Garrow, Leys, McKay, Macnish, Elber (Huron), Hodgins (East Middlesex). Railways—Garrow, McKay, Macnish, McKay, Leys, Hyslop, Brower, Public accounts—Auld, Elber, Garrow, Macnish, Pardee, Legal—Pardee, Printing—Auld, Pattullo, Pettipiece. There are many changes in the personnel of the committee owing to the large number of new members.

EARTHQUAKES.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 14.—An earthquake shock of from five to ten seconds' duration passed through Eastern Tennessee yesterday at 3:30 a.m. It

was felt most in the upper end of the state, not reaching as far as this city. People were aroused from their sleep, but no damage was done. Chillicothe, Ohio, Feb. 14.—Earthquake shocks were perceptible at 3:30 this morning.

GASPEZIA DRIFTING

The Ice-Loaded Steamer Drifted Away Three Miles.

Terrible Experience of Seven Shipwrecked Seamen.

Halifax, Feb. 15.—A special from Meat Cove, N. B., states that at dark Monday the steamer Gaspezia had drifted about three miles west from the position in which she was reported early in the day, when she was lying fast in the ice ten miles off Bang Du Nord, Magdalen Islands.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 15.—Capt. Delaney, commander of the steamer Bruce, a powerful iceboat, which runs on the winter mail service between Newfoundland and Cape Breton Island, believes that there is no doubt the Canadian liner Gaspezia is in a dangerous predicament in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, owing to her not being fortified to contend with ice floes. He believes she may remain frozen there for weeks, unless the winds change, loosen the floe, and so enable her to escape.

BELGIANLAND SIGHTED.

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—The American Line steamship Belgianland, Liverpool, for Philadelphia, which is more than a week overdue, was sighted off Delaware breakwater, Tuesday afternoon. The ship was completely covered with ice.

A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 15.—One of the boats belonging to the missing steamer Lawrence, which was wrecked near Port Royal Bar, S. C., on Saturday night last, was picked up by a pilot boat Monday morning. The seven men in the boat had had a terrible experience, and their condition when rescued was pitiable. After striving in vain to reach land they on Saturday night located the sea buoy off the bar, made fast to it, and remained there until the pilot boat found them. The other boats, with 14 men, are still missing. Tugs will go in search of them. The Lawrence is a total loss.

TWO MISSING STEAMERS.

No News From the Bulgaria or the Pavia.

Names of Persons Taken From the Bulgarian by the Weehawken.

Ponta Del Gada, Island of St. Michael, Azores, Feb. 15.—A Portuguese tug, which started on Sunday in search of the missing Pavia and Bulgaria, was unable to find them, and was compelled to return to Fayal on account of the fierce winds and heavy seas. She will proceed on a further search as soon as the weather will permit.

London, Feb. 15.—A dispatch from Hamburg gives the names of those saved from the Bulgaria by the Weehawken, as follows: Passengers—John Hill, Thomas Luczak, Mrs. Annie Bergmann, Elizabeth Bergmann (child), Miss Helen Trachmann, Miss Ludovika Scobrowska, Ignaz Kohn (child), Nettie Kohn (child), Nathan Kohn (child), Benny Kohn (child). A little girl named Trotzka and a little girl named Rowen.

Crew—Boatswain Ahl Green, Quartermaster Godtke, Steward Dietrich, Fireman Elhons, Fireman Bon, Seaman Clason, Seaman Weber, Seaman Bogalski, Seaman Lehnton, Seaman Wagner.

SAVED AFTER SUFFERING TERRIBLY.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 15.—The steamer State of Texas, from Baltimore to Savannah, went down Saturday in 18 feet of water in Chesapeake Bay. All her passengers and crew were taken off by a tug and brought to this city. Their sufferings were terrible.

BULGARIA'S PASSENGERS NOT YET LANDED.

London, Feb. 15.—The German consul at Ponta Del Gada, Azores Islands, which port was reached on Saturday by the American tank steamer Weehawken with 25 women and children taken from the Hamburg-American liner Bulgaria on Feb. 5, cabled to this city today that, owing to the high sea neither the passengers from the Bulgaria nor the crew of the Weehawken had as yet gone on shore.

The consul reported that it was not believed at Ponta Del Gada that the Weehawken could not say whether three compartments of the Bulgaria were filled with water or only partly filled. Everything else was merely supposition.

Another boat from the Bulgaria was

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London, Feb. 15.—A dispatch from Lloyd's agent at St. Michaels, Azore Islands, announces

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The Bye-Election in West Huron.

The nominations for the bye-election in West Huron were held yesterday. In Mr. Holmes the Liberals will have a worthy successor to the late Hon. M. C. Cameron, who for so many years was a power in the House of Commons. As editor and proprietor of the Clinton New Era, Mr. Holmes has been a credit to his calling. He has always used his journalistic influence for good, and has identified himself aggressively with every moral reform. His high character and outspoken religious earnestness command the respect of all. That he is a public-spirited and popular man is shown by his election for several terms to the majority of his native town, a position which he still holds. He is progressive in his political views, and the farmers will find him a staunch supporter of sound tariff principles in the House. Apart from his personal worth and ability, he can appeal confidently to the electorate on the record of the Government which he supports.

It is not likely that West Huron, which was true to Liberal traditions during the party's gloomiest period, will refuse to follow it in its prosperity and success.

Plain Talk to Our Neighbors.

Hon. John Charlton did some pretty plain talking at the Merchants' Club banquet at Chicago, on Saturday. It is a long time since an American audience has listened to such outspoken and direct expression of Canadian sentiment. Mr. Charlton's present position as a member of the Joint High Commission gave his utterances added significance and weight. He recited the history of the fiscal relations between Canada and the United States. He pointed out that since the Canadian provinces entered into confederation in 1867, their duties upon American imports have been much lighter than American duties on Canadian imports; in fact, American duties have ranged from double to nearly three times the amount of duties levied by Canada. This repression of Canadian export trade with the United States had led to great efforts in Canada to develop an export trade with other countries. Mr. Charlton had the pleasure of pointing out that these efforts had been successful, and thoroughly corrected the prevailing American impression that Canada is dependent upon the United States for a market for agricultural products. In 1898 the United States took \$5,326,227 worth of Canadian farm products, and all other countries took \$7,516,658 worth. This showed how completely the Dominion had emancipated herself from commercial reliance on her neighbor. Mr. Charlton reminded his hearers that despite the tariff barriers erected against her, Canada had continued to be a generous and growing customer of the republic. Canada took from the United States last year an amount nearly equal in value to the total exports of the United States to Mexico, the Central American States, South America and the West Indies. The figures are \$85,587,484 and \$86,786,865 respectively. Yet Canada's generosity had been rewarded by tariff measures in the United States which seemed to be conceived almost in a spirit of hostility to this country. Mr. Charlton frankly said:

"It is useless to conceal the fact that at the present time a feeling of bitterness prevails in Canada toward the United States which is more widely extended than at any previous period. It has its origin largely in the belief that the fiscal policy of the United States toward Canada has been grasping, and that the American people have not responded to the proper desire manifested by Canadians for wider and more liberal trade relations."

This is blunt language. Perhaps "bitterness" is too strong a word. We should rather say a feeling of estrangement from the United States has grown up in Canada. The pride of race drew our sympathies to the Americans in their late war, but normally we do not feel the affinity which should exist, and would exist, but for the reasons assigned by Mr. Charlton. In spurning our commercial friendship, the United States unconsciously strengthened not only our material, but our political and sentimental ties with Great Britain, and gave a large impulse to imperialism in this country. We have come to regard our prosperity and our destiny as being exclusively bound up with the British Empire. We feel that we have nothing to expect from our neighbors, and we are working out our national progress without taking them into our calculations. Our attitude is the natural one under the circumstances. It is rooted in our spirit of patriotism and independence. Still, although it is no fault of ours, our present relationship with the United States is not ideal. Imperial policy desires that it should be cordial, but cordiality must be based upon mutual interests. Canada does not think the American tariff affords such a basis. She has made a fair proposition, and we shall now see what value our neighbors place upon our friendship and upon Anglo-Saxon fraternity in general. If they do not listen to reason, we may be obliged, not in retaliation, but in self-defense, to take steps which will antagonize certain interests over the border. It will therefore be a peculiar misfortune if a solid understanding cannot be reached

at this propitious time. Not only will freer trade relations be a great material gain for both countries, and thus build up a community of interests which neither will care to break, but closer contact will enable each to learn much from the other in a political, economic and institutional sense, especially as the ideals of the republic seem to be broadening with its international responsibilities.

That "Crisis."

The "crisis" in the Church of England, which some optimistic people declared a little while ago to be non-existent, has now taken its place among the acknowledged facts. It claims a regular section in the daily papers, and has created a "literature" of its own. It has made Sir W. Harcourt the leader of a new movement, and caused Mr. Balfour to be howled down at Manchester. It has not arisen so suddenly, as it seems to outsiders; there were mutterings long before the storm reached its present fury. Men of the highest repute have been drawn into this movement, men who carefully avoid ordinary sectarian brawls.

This commotion arises just now at an unfortunate time for Mr. Balfour's university scheme. The subject of higher education in Ireland is at any time a ticklish one. Mr. Gladstone's Government was once suddenly and severely upset on the same question, though the great leader wound up the debate with one of his mightiest orations. One can admire Mr. Balfour's independent tone, and at the same time think that he would be well advised to go slowly when the signs point to a storm ahead. If he cannot see evils in the church when a number of clergymen declare their intention of disobeying and defying the bishops, people will think that like Gallio he cares for none of these things. Sir W. Harcourt declares that the bishops have power, but are lacking in energy, and it is becoming daily more evident that mere definitions will not create the desired calm. The matter is being taken up in some Canadian pulpits, but as we are far from the scene of action the probable result will be merely to stimulate theological discussion.

Our Canadian Poets.

The death of Archibald Lampman cuts a large segment from the small but shining circle of recognized Canadian poets. There is no difficulty in appraising the quality of Lampman's art. It belongs to the type with which all our poets seem to be stamped. Their genius is marked by the same characteristics—a delicate, almost tremulous, sensibility, exquisite but not strong, receptive but not creative, finding its images and its inspiration in the tranquil and some aspects of nature. It does not rise to the highest poetry—interpretation of life—but within its compass it is well-nigh perfect. Beauty is its ideal. Beauty it translates with the studied regard for form and color, which a painter bestows on his canvas. The artistic effect is always satisfying. To this school, in which the great names are Lampman, Scott, Roberts, Carman and Campbell, Canada owes much for the marked distinction they have conferred upon her in the world of letters. They are poets of nature, not of humanity, but they are supreme in their class.

It is remarkable that Canada should have produced such a group of writers, super-refined, molded on strictly classical models. Has culture been wooed at the expense of vigor? We fear that our Canadian poetry, with all its charm, has not touched the national consciousness. The melody is sweet, and the technique faultless, but we imagine the poet who catches the national ear will strike a bolder if a ruder note.

The Ontario Loan and Debenture Company.

The balance sheets of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company, and report of the annual meeting, are shown in another column. The results of the year must be satisfactory to the shareholders, considering that money is being loaned at such low rates. The president, Mr. John McClary, states that business of all kinds is active, and that the farmer has had good returns for his labor, and that farm property has increased in value, caused by cheap money. This company has now been in existence 28 years; it is in good hands, which insures success. The depositors and debenture holders of the company have a safe investment, which is of greater importance than a high rate of interest. London is the largest financial center in the province outside of Toronto, and our financial institutions are a credit to the city.

The war preparations in France will not stir up the British. They were prepared long ago.

And now Barnum & Bailey's circus has taken up its permanent abode in England. Truly, the old country is becoming Americanized.

An observant citizen, who travels a good deal, wonders why London does not have something of the kind of light-bodied cabs, drawn by one horse, which are so much a feature in Montreal. As he says, one horse is easier to keep than two, and it does seem absurd that for a single passenger, or two passengers—which is the commonest load—it should be necessary to employ two horses. Certainly more money would be made, relatively to capital and expenses, by the light vehicles

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Food for Hope.

[Ottawa Citizen.]
Keep cool; 120 days more and it will be 89 in the shade.

A Hatful Policy.

[Toronto Globe.]
The Washington negotiations will determine whether the hateful policy of retaliation is to come to an end on this continent, or to become more and more the policy of Canada and the republic.

The Standard Oil Trust.

[Hamilton Herald.]
The Standard Oil Company new dominates the Canadian market, thanks to the Ottawa Government. — Toronto Mail and Empire.
And so the Mail and Empire can find nothing to say about the invasion of Canada by the Standard Oil forces except to blame the Government? As a matter of fact, the late Tey Government played into the hands of the Standard Oil Trust far more than the present Government has yet done.

Kipling's Rake-Off.

[Springfield, Mass., Republican.]
There is every reason why Mr. Kipling should feel kindly towards us. On Dec. 31 his London publishers had disposed of but 42,000 copies of his new book, "The Day's Work," while at that date his American publishers had sold over 50,000 copies. By large odds England deals more generously with authors than we do, but when a book once catches the attention of the American public, like "The Day's Work," or "The Christian," our population of 70,000,000 (not counting in the spoils of the late war) furnishes an audience which makes the foreign author's mouth water.

Ontario's Proud Record.

[Brantford Expositor.]
The record of commitments for drunkenness in Ontario is as follows:
1894..... 3,787
1895..... 3,267
1896..... 3,132
1897..... 2,624
1898..... 2,455
There is perhaps no justification for self-righteousness in this matter, but there is some cause for satisfaction that no other Canadian province can make as good a showing. There is one commitment for drunkenness in Ontario for every 909 people, Quebec 407, Nova Scotia 381, New Brunswick 262, Manitoba 337, British Columbia 239.

AT HARROW

Successful Meetings of the South Essex Farmers' Institute.

[G. N. W. Special to The Advertiser.]
Harrow, Ont., Feb. 14.—Most successful meetings of the Farmers' Institute of South Essex were held on Saturday and Sunday, at Leamington and Kingsville. The different sessions were largely attended, ranging from 125 to 250 persons, embracing the most prosperous and wide-awake farmers of the district, as well as many ladies. The discussions on the various subjects presented were animating and instructive. This institute has officers of first-class ability, including: J. C. Shepley, president; G. W. Coatsworth, secretary; J. A. Auld, M.P.P., W. Baldwin, H. Woodbridge, George Mills and others.

Among the prominent men present at the various sessions were W. W. Hillborn, C. Minnis, Wm. Squire, H. P. Jeffery, P. C. Fox, S. Coatsworth, B. Miller, S. G. Wright, H. Hoshier, John Henderson, I. Wigle, E. Rogers, A. Auld, S. Mallot, H. Wigle, J. D. Wigle, J. Bruner, M. Whaley, M. Bruner, A. Flumer, A. Scratch, W. R. Wigle, R. E. Ede and others.

Interesting addresses were delivered by Miss Laura Rose, Guelph; W. H. Bull, Joseph Hilborn, T. G. Raynor, B. S. A. Rosehill, and A. W. Pearl, B.A., of Burlington.

At the evening session the speeches were interspersed with choice selections of vocal and instrumental music.

ON AN ICE FLOE

Three Youths Carried Out to Sea and Probably Perished.

Greenport, L. I., Feb. 15. — Daniel Brown, Edward Tuthill and Herman Keene, whose ages range from 17 to 20, and who belonged to East Marion, were carried away on a large floe of ice Monday, and probably perished at sea.

The three boys, while duck-hunting, ventured out on the ice, and before they realized it, the strong tide and gale carried a large floe of ice from the bay seaward. The boys were seen in their precarious position by some bay men, who were powerless to go to their rescue.

\$500,000 FIRE

Chicago Clothing Concerns Lose Heavily—Firemen Suffer Severely.

Cincinnati, Feb. 15.—A fire causing a loss of \$500,000 started mysteriously in the upper back stories of the hat manufacturing factory of Kahn, Feilheimer & Co., 106 West Third street, a few doors west of Race, on the north side, at 4:30 a.m., and before the engines could get to work, had communicated to the clothing house of H. A. Feilheimer & Co., 104 West Third. Next stood the building occupied by Sanford, Varner and stores containing a valuable stock of clothing and material.

The first-named buildings were entirely burned out, but the firemen succeeded in saving the corner building at the expense of practically ruining the contents.

The entire fire department was called out and a perfect deluge of water was thrown. Nevertheless the fire found its way into the rear of the buildings fronting on Race street, occupied by S. L. Weller & Co., Louis Wald & Co., and Reins & Meins, clothing and, causing considerable loss.

In an hour the fire was under control, after a stubborn fight, in which the firemen suffered from the cold and floods of water through which they were obliged to walk. The guests at the St. Nicholas Hotel became alarmed, and most of them prepared for flight. Snow covering the roofs of adjacent buildings proved a protection. Loss roughly estimated at \$500,000.

SHE WAS POISONED

The Case of Mrs. Williamson, of Melancthon.

Prof. Ellis Found Arsenic in the Woman's Stomach.

Prof. Ellis, the provincial analyst, has completed his examination in the case of Mrs. Elizabeth Williamson, of Melancthon, who died some time ago, and who was thought by many to have been poisoned. The result of Prof. Ellis' analysis is to show arsenic in the stomach in sufficient quantity to have caused death. The inquest in the case will therefore be resumed next Monday, and Inspector Greer will go to the scene to investigate the matter for the crown authorities.

It is known that at the time of Mrs. Williamson's death there was a quantity of Paris green in the house, and this fact may be advanced in support of the theory of suicide.

The circumstances attending Mrs. Williamson's death were peculiar. She was the wife of John Williamson, a farmer at Horning's Mills, and on the day of her death did her work as usual about the place, going into the house and partaking of her supper as usual about 7 o'clock. An hour or so afterwards she complained of feeling unwell, and became worse as the night passed on, until about 2 o'clock in the morning, when her husband went for a doctor. When he returned with the physician he found his wife already dead.

The home life of the couple, it is alleged, was unhappy, and this fact, together with the curious manner of Mrs. Williamson's death, caused so much comment as to lead to an investigation. The stomach of the deceased was sent to Toronto for analysis, with the result given above, and the inquest was adjourned pending the result of Prof. Ellis' examination.

MIDDLESEX NEWS

Mr. S. H. Hodgins, of Biddulph, who has been suffering for some time from blood poisoning, under the skillful treatment of Dr. Sutton, is now getting better.

The death occurred at his late residence, lot 10, con. 3, North Dorchester, on Monday, of George Hunt, a native of Devonshire, England, who came to this country and settled in Dorchester early in the fifties. He leaves a widow, three sons unmarried, and six daughters, three of whom are married.

St. John's Church had a narrow escape from fire during the afternoon service on Sunday. There was too much zeal and energy in firing up, which resulted in one side of the stove falling out, and with it one or two blocks of wood, which quickly ignited the matting. Prompt action alone saved the building from destruction.

On Saturday, 11th inst., a large number of farmers met at the Centralia Town Hall for the purpose of organizing a joint stock company, to be known as the Centralia Creamery Association, for the manufacture of butter in Centralia. There were 104 shares at \$10 a share, sold. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Richard Hick, president; W. W. Revington, vice-president; J. Parsons and J. Bagshaw, secretaries; Andrew Hick, treasurer; Mr. Haggert, clerk.

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, Ethel A., youngest daughter of Mr. W. H. Rely, of Caradoc South, was married to Mr. Will Whiting, of the same place. The ceremony took place at 3 a.m., Rev. Mr. Brown officiating. Miss Mae Robinson was bridesmaid, while Mr. Cecil Rely supported the groom. After partaking of the wedding breakfast, the happy couple drove to Mount Brydges, and took the train for Grand Rapids, Mich., on their wedding trip. Both are well and favorably known here, and have the best wishes of all for a long life of joy and prosperity.

The death of Adam Henderson, of East Nissouri. An operation had been performed by Dr. McWilliam, of London, but it proved to be too late. Mr. Henderson was one of the best known men in the township of East Nissouri. He was formerly a member of the township council, and also sat in the county council as reeve of Nissouri. He was also prominent in agricultural and church affairs, and was a man of the very highest character. A native of Roxburgh, Scotland, he had an abiding affection for the old land, and has visited it now three times in recent years. Along with his brother John and their families, Mr. Henderson has done his full share to make East Nissouri the splendidly tilled and highly progressive township that it is today.

Mr. Duncan McPherson, Gleanworth, came near getting roughly handled by a couple of Indians Saturday evening. Mr. McPherson was returning from London, when he overtook a couple of partially intoxicated young Indians, who had been engaged cutting wood for Mr. D. Jackson, walking towards the Wharfedale. They said their team had run away, and they wished to ride in his wagon, which they accepted. A little later they fell in with the owner of the horses, who inquired anxiously after them. Upon Mr. McPherson attempting to explain what he said, he did not know about what he said, the young Indians probably thinking he was saying something against them, became enraged and began to pound him. Had it not been for the

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assistance of the older Indian, he would have had a hard time of it. As it was he carries some few bruises.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 15.—At the police court yesterday Benjamin Parrott, Jun., came up for his preliminary trial on the charge of murdering his mother on Wednesday afternoon last by striking her on the head with an axe. Parrott was defended by Lawyer George Lynch Staunton, but no evidence was given on prisoner's behalf. The magistrate committed the prisoner for trial at the higher court.

A Fairy Grave.

Let a little grave be made,
Half in shadow, half in shade,
In a quiet, kindly place,
Friendly as her face.

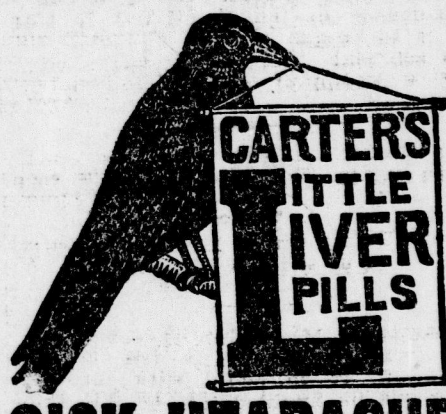
Let the passing fairy bird
From his airy height be heard;
Ever, ever for that ground
Only gentle sound.

Let the singing winds, which be
Winged from dream and melody,
Singing softly by her lie,
Softly singing, die.

Let the bee have sucked the bloom
Homeward journey by her tomb,
And his tithes of sweet be paid
To her sweeter shade.

Let the low clouds, red and gold,
Mourn her on the mountain old;
Beauty, save her guardian be,
You and Melody.

Spirits of sound and souls of flowers,
All you dearest griefless powers,
You with whom she went away,
Tend her night and day.
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THE MARKETS.

Mining Stocks.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—Following are today's closing quotations for the Toronto Mining and Industrial Exchange:

Stock	Asked	Bid
Decca	75	74
Foley	75	74
Hammond Reef	46	44 1/2
Hiawatha	25	24
Superior G. and C.	25	24
Sawbill	40	39
Caribou	183	179 1/2
Minneapolis	100	99
Carleton Place	100	99
Tin Horn	8	7
Smuggler	60	59
Golden Star	60	59
Athabasca	60	59
Oliver	60	59
Danville	12	11
Waterloo	13	12
Old Ironsides	105	104
Knob Hill	80	79
Dundas	30	29
Noble Five	30	29
Payne	400	395
Hammerhead	50	49
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	50	49
Two Friends	10	9
Van Andam	25	24
Mac Three	10	9
Commander	105	104
Deer Park	175	174
Evening Star	5	4
Grant	5	4
Good Hope	3	2
Iron Horse	11	10
Iron Coal	11	10
Iron Mine	11	10
Montreal Red Mountain	11	10
Monte Cristo	11	10
Northern Belle	3 1/2	3
Novelty	4 1/2	4
Silver Bell Con.	5	4
St. Elmo	5	4
Virginia	5	4
Victory Triumph	5	4
War Eagle Con.	5	4
White Bear	5	4
B. C. Gold Fields	5	4
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Gold Hill	5	4

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Local Market.

London, Wednesday, Feb. 13.

Wheat, new, per bu. 63c to 65c
Wheat, white fall 63c to 65c
Peas, per bu. 54c to 63c
Oats, per bu. 30c to 32c
Corn, per bu. 44c to 45c
Barley, per bu. 38c to 43c
Buckwheat, per bu. 45c to 48c

WEEKLY.

This week's deliveries of grain have been very light. The result is, oats have been considerably higher, the usual price being 30c, with 91c to 92c, occasionally.

Wheat was steady at \$1.15.
Corn sold at 75c to 80c for flint.
Barley brought 90c to \$1.
Beans were scarce and sold at 75c by the load for choice stock.
Rye sold for \$1 at private sale.
Eggs and butter were much firmer.
Meats were barely steady, the supply was good and the demand slow.
Potatoes were scarce at 70c to 90c.
Hay was slow at \$6.50 to 7c.

Quotations.

GRAIN.	Price
Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs.	1 15
Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs.	1 15
Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs.	1 15
Oats, per 100 lbs.	1 00
Peas, per 100 lbs.	1 00
Corn, per 100 lbs.	1 00
Barley, per 100 lbs.	1 00
Rye, per 100 lbs.	1 00
Beans, per 100 lbs.	1 00

PROVISIONS.

Price	Price
Honey, comb.	12
Honey, extracted.	12
Cherese, per lb.	12
Eggs, single dozen.	22
Eggs, fresh, basket, dozen.	17
Eggs, per dozen, basket, p.d.	17
Eggs, fresh, store lots, dozen.	17
Butter, per lb., retail.	18
Butter, pound lots, basket.	18
Butter, lb. large lots, dozen.	18
Butter, per lb., tubs or firkins.	18
Lard, per lb.	10

VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.

Price	Price
Pumpkins, per doz.	1 00
Potatoes, per bag.	70
Apples, per bag.	70
Apples, per barrel.	70
Beets, per dozen bunches.	20
Onions, per bag.	20
Celery, per doz. bunches.	40
Turnips, per bag.	20
Carrots, per bag.	20
Parsnips, per doz. bunches.	20

LIVE STOCK.

Price	Price
Young pigs, per pair.	2 00
Cows, each.	20 00
Beef, per lb.	22
Hogs, light, per 100 lbs.	3 50
Hogs, heavy, per 100 lbs.	3 50
Pigs, young, per pair.	3 50
Sheep, per 100.	3 50
Ducks, per pair.	50
Chickens, per pair.	30
Hen, per pair.	30

HAY AND SEEDS.

Price	Price
Hay, per ton.	6 50
Straw, per ton.	2 50
MEAT, HIDES, ETC.	
Beef, front quarters, per lb.	4 1/2
Beef, hind quarters, per lb.	4 1/2
Mutton, quarters, per lb.	5 1/2
Lamb, quarters, per lb.	5 1/2
Veal, quarters, per lb.	5 1/2
Wool, unwashed, per lb.	8
Wool, washed, per lb.	15
Chickens, per pair.	30
Ducks, per pair.	30
Turkeys, per pair.	30
Geese, per pair.	30

The Oil Market.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 13.—Oil opened at \$1.15.

PETROLIA, Feb. 13.—Oil opened and closed at \$1.10.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—May, 72 1/2c; July, 73 1/2c; Sept., 74 1/2c; Corn—May, 57 1/2c; July, 58 1/2c; Sept., 59 1/2c; Pork—May, 10 02 1/2c; July, 10 05 1/2c; Sept., 10 08 1/2c; Lard—May, 10 02 1/2c; July, 10 05 1/2c; Sept., 10 08 1/2c; Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, quiet and unchanged. No. 2 spring wheat, 67c to 71c; No. 3 spring wheat, 65c to 70c; No. 2 red, 75c to 76c; No. 2 corn, 34c to 35c; No. 2 yellow, 35c to 36c; No. 2 oats, 25c; No. 2 white, 31c to 32c; No. 3 white, 30c to 31c; No. 2 rye, 34c; No. 2 barley, 41c to 42c; No. 1 flax seed, \$1.17; Northwest, \$1.20c to \$1.20c; Prime timothy seed, \$2.40; Short ribs, \$4.70 to \$4.90; Shoulders, 4 1/2c to 4 3/4c; Short clear sides, 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c; Sugars, unchanged. Cloverseed—Contract grade, \$6.40; Eggs, firm; fresh, 25c to 26c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 20,000 barrels; wheat, 150,000 bushels; corn, 375,000 bushels; oats, 100,000 bushels; rye, 1,000 bushels; barley, 60,000 bushels.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 19,000 barrels; wheat, 11,000 bushels; corn, 430,000 bushels; oats, 250,000 bushels; rye, 1,000 bushels; barley, 27,000 bushels.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

New York, Feb. 12.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in stock, and in draft on Saturday, Feb. 11, 1899, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 30,156,000 bushels—increased, 2,177,000 bushels; corn, 30,574,000 bushels—increased, 2,385,000 bushels; oats, 7,150,000 bushels—increased, 112,000 bushels; rye, 1,687,000 bushels—increased, 20,000 bushels; barley, 2,922,000 bushels—decreased, 289,000 bushels.

English Markets.

Ruling prices for the past four market days.—The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three principal market days. In the case of wheat highest prices are given.

	Feb. 10.	Feb. 11.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 13.
WHEAT—				
Red Winter	6 0	6 0	6 0	6 0
No. 1 Nor. Spring	5 10 1/2	5 10 1/2	5 10 1/2	5 10 1/2
March	5 7 1/2	5 7 1/2	5 7 1/2	5 7 1/2
May	5 7 1/2	5 7 1/2	5 7 1/2	5 7 1/2
CORN—				
Nov.	3 7 1/2	3 7 1/2	3 7 1/2	3 7 1/2
Old	3 7 1/2	3 7 1/2	3 7 1/2	3 7 1/2
March	3 7 1/2	3 7 1/2	3 7 1/2	3 7 1/2
May	3 7 1/2	3 7 1/2	3 7 1/2	3 7 1/2
Flour—				
No. 1	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 2	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 3	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 4	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 5	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 6	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 7	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 8	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 9	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 10	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 11	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 12	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 13	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 14	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
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No. 97	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 98	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 99	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0
No. 100	19 0	19 0	19 0	19 0

Onward March of Continued Success—Officers and Board of Directors Commended for Efficient Services.

The annual meeting of the Western Fair Association was held in the city hall this afternoon. The yearly report presented gave great satisfaction, showing the financial standing of the association to be stronger than at any previous time, reflecting the greatest credit on the directorate and the able management of Secretary T. H. Browne, who has performed his duties in an efficient and most satisfactory manner. The financial statement shows a handsome cash balance of \$8,496.99.

Following is the report submitted: Gentlemen, The directors, in submitting their annual report of the business of the past year, have the honor to congratulate you on the continued success which has marked the Western Fair since its inception. No more striking instance of its onward march has been recorded than is contained in the present financial statement.

On assuming office at the beginning of the year they found a balance of \$3,154.72 in the bank, and with part of this they have been enabled, at the moderate cost of \$1,682, to add an annex to the main building, an improvement which has been in contemplation since the exhibition was first removed to the Queen's Park. The annex has proved suitable in every way, and has added new interest to the art department, and released for other purposes much room in the main building. A large addition of board room space was found absolutely necessary for the transportation building, and this was secured at the very reasonable cost of \$857.45, and the expenditure has been amply justified in that it has enabled the association to hold the horse show, show cases, field tents and furniture for board room and attraction dressing rooms are the furniture and chattel expenses. The above items may be properly considered a capital expenditure apart from the ordinary running expenses of the exhibition. The total amount expended on these improvements is \$2,700. The alteration and erection of additional swine pens, the rearrangement of the interiors of the agricultural, horticultural and main buildings, taking up the dead trees and stumps from the inside of the horse ring, bracing the main stands, electric lights on grounds and in buildings, and feed for live stock, comprise the principal items charged to grounds and buildings and general expense account.

Some questions having arisen as to the liability of the grand stands, your directors had them inspected by two competent architects and two of our most reputable builders, who united in pronouncing them perfectly safe. To make assurance doubly sure, and in the test of occupation to the limit of their capacity without any sign of strain has surely removed all doubt, if there ever was any.

Considering the exhibition in its several departments, separately, or as a whole, one could not help remarking the decided improvement and general advancement when compared with other fairs. This result is very largely due to the careful management and action of the association, and the combined efforts of the members of the association and those in their employ.

The Western Fair is now without doubt the live stock and agricultural show of the Dominion, and is patronized more extensively by those engaged in these particular branches of industry than any of its competitors, and

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METEOROLOGICAL.

Toronto, Feb. 14—8 p.m.—The Atlantic storm has now passed to Newfoundland. The weather has cleared in the Maritime Provinces. The pressure continues low throughout the Northwest, and a spell of mild weather is indicated in all localities. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Kamloops, 23-33; Calgary, 14-42; Qu'Appelle, 16-22; Winnipeg, 10 below-12; Port Arthur, 14 below-14; Parry Sound, 26 below-18; Toronto, zero-20; Ottawa, 2-14; Montreal, 4-14; Quebec, 6-16; Halifax, 14-32.

Local temperatures.—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory here on Tuesday, Feb. 14, were: Highest, 19.5 above; lowest, 9.5 below.

Today Sun rises.....7:15 a.m.
Today Sun sets.....5:48 p.m.
Moon rises.....9:34 a.m.
Moon sets.....12, midnight

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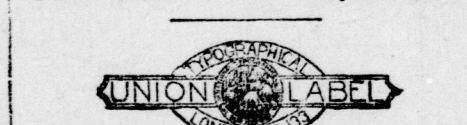
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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Miss Westman and Mrs. William Spence attended the funeral of Mr. John Bobier on Monday at St. Thomas.

—Rev. Canon Richardson will begin a special course of sermons at Trinity Church, Galt, on Friday evening next.

—Hamilton Herald: Mrs. H. de M. Harvey, the talented London contralto, is in the city, a guest at the New Royal.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McDowell and daughter, of Guelph, are visiting in this city for two weeks. Mrs. and Miss McDowell have been in Buffalo visiting for some time.

—Mr. Alex. J. Richards, of the Bell Telephone Company, has been transferred to the Windsor branch, under Mr. Wm. Hayes, who filled the position of assistant manager here for several years.

—Guelph Herald: A number of Guelphites who are interested in Christian Science left Monday morning for London, to take class instruction under P. S. Robb, C. S. E., who is the teacher.

—Toronto Telegram: Londoners say "Chip" Reid is the best defense lawyer that ever happened, and that they don't make men like "Chip" now. He certainly is a strong young man, and a strength to any team.

—A Ridgeway correspondent writes: Firewood, both long and short, is coming into town now in great quantities. The price, however, rules extraordinarily high for dry wood, while green beech and maple is selling at \$150 per cord, 20-inch lengths.

—Some 50 couples attended the seventh hop of the season at the Palace Dancing Academy last night, and spent a most enjoyable evening. Prof. Dayton was master of ceremonies, and Mr. James McCormick looked after the comfort of the guests.

—A special meeting of the Board of Trade will be held on Thursday at 4 p.m. for general business. Mr. Clarkson, of Hamilton, will address the board regarding the recent action of the C. P. R. and G. T. R. in advancing rates on American oil.

—The Christian Workers of this city complete another year in their history next month. So far this year 34 new members have been enrolled, and the finances have jumped from \$700 to \$2,500. The excellent showing made reflects great credit on their pastor, Rev. H. Mackenzie.

—At the meeting of Court Magnolia, Ancient Order of Foresters, held in Dufrail Hall, last evening, Bro. R. Whitton, P.C.R., presented Bro. A.

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Joyes, the retiring chief ranger, with a P. C. R. ribbon, also a P. C. R. certificate, beautifully framed. Bro. Joyes made a suitable reply.

—Jas. Haycock, a laborer employed at the C. P. R. coal chutes, near Adelaide street, was caught between two cars yesterday afternoon, and had an arm broken and a leg badly bruised. He was removed to his home at 933 Princess avenue, where his injuries were attended by Dr. English.

—The choir of the Memorial Church, city, gave a concert in the Memorial Church, Delaware, on Monday night, when proved a musical treat for the villagers. The programme consisted of five anthems by the choir, two songs by Mr. J. Doherty and Mr. J. Chilton, a duet by Misses Phoenix and Beaumont, and some organ solos by the conductor, Mr. J. W. Featherston.

—Stratford Beacon, Feb. 14: Tomorrow evening the Bishop of Huron will preach in St. James' Church, service to commence at 7:30. The bishop will preach every Wednesday evening during Lent. A scholarly and eloquent divine, he has done much to uplift the spiritual and material interests of the diocese, and all our citizens, irrespective of church differences, should seize one of these opportunities to hear him.

HAVE YOU ANY?

If you have any cast-off clothing, the Children's Aid Society will be pleased to have it to distribute among the poor during the severe weather. There are many needy cases at present. Secretary Sanders will be glad to receive such at the society's office, city hall.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL.

A very successful social in aid of the W. F. M. S. was held last evening at the residence of Mr. William Paterson, Denfield, when the following programme was given: Trio, violin, cornet and piano, McFarlane brothers and Mrs. McFarlane; solo, Miss Lily Edwood; reading, Miss Sutton; piano solo, Miss Rhoda Merritt; song, Miss Laura Haskett; piano solo, Mrs. J. L. Farish; reading, Mrs. McLurg; duet, Misses Haskett and Paterson.

PANCAKE SOCIAL.

A social was held at the First Congregational Church last night, and in observance of the traditional custom, pancakes were on the bill-of-fare to mark Shrove Tuesday. The social was given by the Ladies' Aid Society. Following refreshments, a pleasing programme was carried out. It included a reading by Miss Howard, selections by a band and guitar club, quarters by Messrs. Dixon, Anundson, Wrighton and Stevenson, a banjo solo by Mr. J. Lilliman, and a reading by Mr. George Anundson. The chair was occupied by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Pedley.

AGNES WALLACE VILLA.

"The World Against Her" was presented at the Grand last night by Agnes Wallace Villa and a capable company of players. The audience was large and well pleased with the capital performance. The plot hinges on the sufferings of an innocent wife, with the world against her and wronged by the husband she loves. The play was very realistic, especially the scenes of the London garment and the colliers' cellar. There are also many startling situations in the piece which held the close attention of the audience. The specialties introduced were refined and up-to-date. The cast was a strong one.

GETTING DOWN TO WORK.

The first of a series of entertainments was given by the Church Improvement Society of the Wellington Street Methodist Church last night in the lecture hall, and was a decided success. The large audience enjoyed frequently the various numbers, given by Misses Annie Downs and Fowler, and Messrs. H. R. McDonald, Albert George and A. Carpenter. Mrs. McDonald presided at the piano, and Rev. Joseph Edge occupied the chair. During the evening the ladies of the society served refreshments of a light description. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the church improvements, which are contemplated in the spring, and toward which the society have pledged \$500.

CONCERT IN WESLEY HALL.

A grand concert was given in Wesley Hall last night by the honorary members of the First Methodist Church, assisted by well-known local talent, and Mr. George Angus, violinist, of Detroit. A large audience was present, and passed a delightful evening. The programme included many meritorious numbers of pleasing variety. Two violin solos by Mr. George Angus were greatly appreciated, and won high praise for the talented young London artist, who is rapidly gaining distinction in Detroit. Mr. Henry S. Saunders, of this city, rendered two violin solos in a highly artistic manner, which won him hearty applause. A piano duet by Messrs. J. T. Wolcott and Fred Ellis was also an enjoyable number. Excellent vocal solos were given by Mr. F. N. Soper. Mr. J. S.

Asphplant, Dr. J. E. Holmes, and Mr. A. T. Stockwell. Mr. F. H. Screamton gave a reading, and quartettes were rendered by Messrs. Hayes, Saunders, Holmes and Soper. Several choruses were given by the honorary members. Messrs. W. E. Saunders, G. W. Hayes, J. S. Asphplant, James Burgess, A. Screamton, J. E. Holmes, H. C. Screamton, R. L. Watson, T. Coleridge, Frank Ware, W. S. B. Barkwell, A. E. Barbour, F. N. Soper, Wilfred Mara, W. H. Gurd, G. T. Mann, F. H. Screamton. Mr. Wolcott acted as accompanist.

PRESBYTERIANISM IN THE NORTH.

The congregation and residents of the north end, who are interested in the erection of the new St. James' Presbyterian Church, met in session in the Oxford Street Mission last night for the purpose of appointing four members to the church building committee, which already consists of eight members of the congregation. The attendance was large, and much enthusiasm was shown by those present. Many members of the other Presbyterian churches were in attendance, and took a deep interest in the proceedings. Messrs. Walter Bell, Gillean McLellan and Wallace were selected by the meeting, the fourth to be named by them. Tonight the first regular meeting of the committee will be held. LA GRIFFE—PNEUMONIA.

A lady subscriber writes: The prescription which I now present has been the means of saving hundreds of people around us. It has been pronounced a radical cure, and seems to eradicate the disease from the system:

Formula of Medicine—One ounce of flour of sulphur; one ounce of pulverized saltpetre, one pint of Scotch malt.

Mix the sulphur and saltpetre with four or five tablespoonfuls of spring water, stir well, and when dissolved mix with the liquor; shake and let it settle. Dose—For an adult, one tablespoonful three times a day. The foot bath must be hot salt water which keeps the disease from the brain. Keep the bowels gently open. The above medicine will keep off the chills, clear the kidneys and assist the respiratory organs. In the event of pneumonia setting in apply mustard poultice over the chest, drink hot lemonade, and keep up the strength with strong beef tea and chicken broth.

PLEADED GUILTY TO THE CHARGE

Postoffice Clerk Admitted Stealing Two Letters and a Parcel.

W. J. McHarg, the young mail clerk charged with theft, came up before Police Magistrate Parke this morning.

The curious crowd at the court was large, and the prisoner seemed to feel his position keenly. He sat with his back to the spectators, and as he is very short in stature all that could be seen of him was the top of his head.

The magistrate read the following charges against him: On Jan. 23, stealing a letter containing \$3; on Feb. 6, stealing a letter containing \$15; and on Feb. 20, stealing a parcel containing a pair of gloves.

In answer to the magistrate's questions the accused elected immediate trial by the police magistrate.

"I am guilty," said the prisoner, quietly.

"What about these other charges?"

"I plead guilty to all."

Mr. Frank Love appeared for the prisoner, and asked that he be remanded for a week before being sentenced. The request was granted.

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One hundred and eighty officers and 1,800 men, Spanish prisoners of war, left Manila by steamer on the 12th and 13th, en route to Spain.

Give Holloways' Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done it will do again.

If our thermometers had gone down to 212° below zero Sunday night, we would have all been swimming around in liquefied air. As it was only 25° below, the only comfort was a "Spot" Cigar.

EVENT TWO.

Masonic Ball,

February 17.

Our Slipper Stock is complete. Just imagine, a pair of Dainty Kid Slippers for

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Cottons

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Kingsmill's The Store for Cottons.

OPPOSED TO ANNEXATION

Democratic Resolution Passed by the Republican Senate—Filipino Envoys Want Peace.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The resolution of Senator McNary (Democrat, Louisiana), declaring the policy of the United States Government in the Philippines, was adopted yesterday afternoon by a vote of 26 to 22. Several Democrats present in the chamber declined to vote. The resolution is as follows:

"That by the ratification of the treaty of peace with Spain, it is not intended to incorporate the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands into citizenship of the United States, nor is it intended to permanently annex the islands as an integral part of the territory of the United States, but it is the intention of the United States to establish on said islands a government suitable to the wants and conditions of the inhabitants of said islands, to prepare them for local self-government, and in due time to make such disposition of said islands as will best promote the interests of the citizens of the United States, and the inhabitants of said islands."

FILIPIANO ENVOYS WANT PEACE.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The Philippines, Gov. Riego de Dios and M. Rivera, who arrived last week from Manila, intending to join their associates in Washington, have decided to leave for Montreal. Mr. Rivera expresses himself as perfectly astounded at the kind treatment he has invariably received in this city. The two envoys will endeavor to persuade Agoncillo to return to Washington and join with his associates in pleading for an honorable peace.

WHAT IS IT?

Catarrhoea is a liquid, fragrant and cleansing, which rapidly volatilizes when inhaled. What is it for? It is an absolute, never-failing cure for catarrh of the throat or nasal passages. Is this true? We are so sure that it will cure you that we will send you, prepaid, a free sample of Catarrhoea and an inhaler if you send your address within one week. Write us. N. C. POLSON & CO., Kingston, Ont.

Physicians' carriages have the right way in the streets of Berlin.

FAGGED OUT.—None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength has gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as though there was nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure—one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

Dogs are taxed in Minnesota. This year's valuation is an even \$5 per dog.

Why will you allow a cough to lacerate your throat or lungs and run the risk of filling a consumptive's grave, when, by the timely use of Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the pain can be allayed and the danger avoided? This syrup is pleasant to the taste, and unsurpassed for relieving, healing and curing the affections of the throat and lungs, coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc.

FAMILY ALMOST ASPHYXIATED.

St. Thomas, Feb. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stevens, Antrim street, and their two children, were almost asphyxiated by escaping coal gas Monday night. Dr. Lawrence was summoned at 8 a.m. and found the whole family badly affected. All have recovered.

WHAT A GIRL SHOULD UNLOVE.

There is a time, I believe, in love's first approach when it is not too hard to bar the door if there is reason why it should not stand ajar. A girl may not have to learn to love, but she can learn to unlove if she must. She herself must be the judge. If the man bring her weakness instead of strength, low ideals and not high ones; if he is indolent or intemperate, or unclean; if she feel that she will be mated down, and not on the sweet and wholesome level on which she sees then if she is truly wise she draws the bar of the door gently, but resolutely, and holds it fast. And when her heart aches, as it doubtless will sometimes, half out of sheer pity for him and half because she so misses the sweet accustomedness of his presence, the little attentions, the flowers, the tender look that stirred her so strangely when her heart aches because of what is gone out of her life, let her hold fast to her brave resolution; let her strong self whisper to her weak pleading soul, "I will be nobly mated, or not at all."—Helen Watterson Moody in the February Ladies' Home Journal.

Steamship Arrivals.

Feb. 14. At. From.

Cornwall.....Glasgow.....Philadelphia
Southwark.....Antwerp.....New York
La Bretagne.....New York.....Havre

At the western part of the Creek Nation, smallpox is raging, and not less than 31 persons died of it in the last few weeks. The victims are negroes and Indians. All of Western Oklahoma is quarantined against the infected district.

Dr. Bryce stated yesterday that general vaccination is in progress in the townships along the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers, extending from Cardinal to Pembroke, and no new cases of smallpox have been reported.

Fire broke out in the store occupied by Thomas McDonald & Co., grocers, Water street east, Cornwall, Monday night, and spread to the residences of Hector McLean and James Tannehill, which, with McDonald's store, were totally destroyed. Loss about \$5,000.

Gas pressure in Kingsville has fallen so low during the cold weather that it has been deemed necessary to request the factories to close, in order that residents may get sufficient to keep themselves warm. The public schools also have been closed on account of scarcity of gas.

Senator Sullivan has introduced a bill in the New York Senate amending the penal code by abolishing the death sentence for murder and providing that a person convicted of murder in the first degree shall be imprisoned for life, and that the sentence for murder in the second degree shall be 30 years.

At Rat Portage fire broke out Monday evening in the Scovill block, occupied on the lower floor by Rogers &

They've imitated everything else, but they've never been able to imitate the quality of

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