

KILLED AT RIDGETOWN WHEN AUTO CAPSIZED

William Andrews, Jackson, Mich., Businessman, Instantly Killed and His Sister Dies on Way to Hospital—Other Members of Party Seriously Injured.

[Canadian Press.]
St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 18.—William Andrews, one of the managers of the Jackson (Mich.) Stove Works, was killed instantly, and his sister, Mrs. Jas. Somers, of Detroit, was killed, fatally injured by the capsizing of Andrews' automobile at the Michigan Central tracks east of the station at Ridgetown Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Somers died on the way to the Ridgetown Hospital, Mrs. Andrews and three children of Andrews were seriously injured.

Charles Andrews, of Ridgetown, a brother of William, was injured, and is in the hospital. Minnie Andrews, 13 years old, suffered a broken leg, and Henry Andrews, 7 years old, internally injured. At the railroad crossing the front wheel of the auto came off, and the machine turned turtle. Andrews was pinned under the machine and instantly killed, and the two women were thrown a considerable distance. Mrs. Andrews and the children are expected to recover.

C. N. R. WILL INCREASE ITS OFFER TO CITY

Term of Years May Be Reduced and There Is a Possibility of Col. Davidson Returning Within One Week.

Contrary to the expectations of Mayor Graham there is a possibility that Col. A. D. Davidson, of the Canadian Northern, will be in London within a short time, possibly a week. On good authority, it is stated that the company will be willing to raise its offer for the London and Port Stanley Railway, and that the term of years asked will be reduced. That the company would prefer making a considerable addition to the lease price rather than cut down the term of years is understood to be the fact. At present a graduated scale of rental which would average \$31,000 a year for the road—\$14,000 higher than any rental the city has received—is being offered. The term asked is 32 years. The company is understood to ask a long lease because of the fact that it intends to make the road part of its main line and not merely a coal and excursion and connection line, as it is at present. That they could not afford to take over the line on a short lease is the argument advanced, and some citizens consider it an evidence of permanency and intended improvement that the company wants the line for more than 20 or 30 years. It is said that the company would make any terms with the city as to the control of the road that would give it reasonable treatment. Every other road would be given running rights, and strong conditions of freight and passenger service to the lake would be permitted. Some citizens are of the opinion that the C. N. R. offer is being permitted to drift along and go by default, without any definite action being taken. It is possible that a meeting of the London and Port Stanley board and the city council will be called in case Col. Davidson pays another visit to London before the year ends.

TOLD WILD TALE TO GET REPRIEVE

Doomed Black-Hander Knew Nothing of Detective Petrosino's Death.

MUST GO TO GALLOWES

Attempts Made To Kidnap the Child of the Crown's Chief Witness.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Dec. 18.—A man now claimed by local Italians that Carlo Battista, condemned to hang on Friday for the murder here of a fellow countryman, made his confession connecting many of them with a Black Hand Society, which managed a white slave traffic of continental proportions, and was responsible for the death of Petrosino, the Italian detective connected with the New York police force, in the hope that his sentence would be commuted, or, at least, a reprieve would be granted him until an inquiry could be held into this Battista was disappointed, because the Minister of Justice has declined to intervene. Detective Sergeant Ralph Micelli, the New York detective who came here to investigate Battista's accusations, left for home last night, convinced that the murderer really knew nothing about Petrosino's death. This morning Battista had an interview with his wife and son, who have come up from New York to say "good-bye" to him. He wept bitterly throughout their visit and vehemently protested his innocence. A new phase to the Battista case developed last night, when Mrs. Jack Manfred, the star witness of the crown against him, announced that her little 6-year-old daughter, Margaret, had been kidnapped. The police, who were convinced that the disappearance of the child was the work of some of Battista's friends, made a thorough search for the little girl, who had been carried off while returning from school during the afternoon. Late in the evening, Margaret was brought home by some friends, who had found her in an empty house, in which she said she had been placed by a strange man. Mrs. Manfred also says an attempt to kidnap another of her daughters some weeks ago was frustrated.

[Special to the Advertiser.]
Toronto, Dec. 18.—Considerable interest is being taken in the reassessment tomorrow of the special taxation committee of the Legislature, which adjourned its sessions last month to enable Sir James Whitney to be present. The case for taxation reform will be presented by E. C. Drury and Jas. McEwan, ex-M. P. for the farmers, and by Arthur Roebuck, New Liskeard, for Northern Ontario.

As a result of a request from Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C., M. P. P., for information, the secretary of the committee has collected figures showing the increase in the rental value of workmen's houses in the principal cities of the Province during recent years.

TAXATION REFORM AGAIN BEFORE ASSESSMENT COM.

It is expected that Sir James will express his views on the two proposals made at the last meeting of the committee by Mr. Rowell. One of these was that in view of the general demand for tax reform, the principle might be made applicable to the whole Province, providing for a moderate reduction of the assessment on improvements, including buildings, the business tax and income tax, and increasing the assessment on lands. Mr. Rowell's second proposal was that local officials should be given to those municipalities that desired to go still further in reducing the taxation on improvements.

PETITION TO ANNEX BEFORE BOARD TODAY

Expected a Definite Decision Will Be Reached Regarding Pottersburg and Ealing.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Dec. 18.—The petitions for the annexation of Pottersburg and Ealing to the city of London will be heard by the Ontario railway and municipal board at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. A definite decision will be given early this evening, it is expected.

SLIM HOUSE TO HEAR HON. GEORGE FOSTER

Many Members Are Leaving for Home Today for Christmas Holidays.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Commons will rise tonight for the Christmas recess, and many members left for home today, so that Hon. George E. Foster's speech on the main bill this afternoon will not be heard by the full house as usually commands. While little has been accomplished so far, the pre-Christmas sitting has been instrumental in getting preliminary cleared away, and when the House resumes on Jan. 14, good progress can be made with the country's legislation. Hon. Frank Cochrane has introduced two bills reading the G. T. and N. T. R., and gives the governor in council authority to grant any necessary time extension for completion of the roads.

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ABOUT SLIDE

Manager King and Manager Glauzitz Will Talk It Over.

Manager C. B. King, of the London Street Railway Company, and General Manager Glauzitz, of the water commission, will have a conference some time this afternoon regarding a toboggan slide for Springbank Park. It is expected that satisfactory arrangements will be made.

5 MORE DAYS TO SHOP

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ANY OLD THING FOR FATHER.

ANGUS AND GABEY BOTH "YOUTHFUL"

Two Engineers Are Graduates in the Same Year at the S. of P. S., Toronto.

COMMISSION DELAYS HEARING OF CASE

Ald. Richter Anxious, Rather Than Afraid, to Have Matter Settled.

Engineer Harry Angus, who made a special report on street lighting for the city of London, to the effect that London was paying \$30,000 for street lighting, when it should be paying only \$15,000, has been repeatedly referred to in the paper that supports the heavier charge, as a "youthful engineer." He is being held up to public ridicule as a callow youth, whose report is full of discrepancies. The fact is that Mr. Gabey, the hydro commission's engineer, who claims that London should pay \$30,000 for street lighting, is quite as "youthful" in engineering practice as Engineer Angus. Are Fellow-Graduates.

The two men took their present electrical standing at the same year at the School of Practical Science, and they were equal in their standing. It is doubtful if Engineer Gabey would appreciate the slight references to his fellow-graduate's ability, as he no doubt has a great respect for S. P. S. graduates. In his effort to "kill off" Ald. Richter by such references, "menace," "chatterbox," "renew," the newspaper attacker has endeavored to make it appear that he is conducting the whole investigation, and that he is at the present time afraid to have the matter brought before the hydro-electric commission.

Date Not Yet Set.
The fact is that Engineer Angus was engaged by the city of London to make the report, and at the present time the council is awaiting word from the hydro-electric commission fixing the date for the hearing. The commission has so far failed to appoint a time for the hearing of the matter, but when the day is named, Engineer Angus will be present to explain and defend his findings, and Ald. Richter will, no doubt, be present also. "We are waiting for the hydro-electric commission to name a day," said Ald. Richter. "As soon as they have appointed a time the city will be represented. It is not correct to state that I am afraid to have the report brought before them. On the other hand, I am confident that my stand in the matter will be found to be the correct one. It cannot come too soon to suit me."

A serious objection is being taken to the statement made at the second last council meeting, when Mr. Beck directed the statement at Mr. Richter that he would put him in his place, or words to that effect. Mr. Beck is chairman of the commission which must act as an arbitration board between the city of London and the hydro-electric engineers. In other words he is the judge that must review the facts submitted, and hand down a just decision. That he is already prejudging the case and making pronouncement upon it is regarded as bad taste, to say the least.

If a case were before the courts and the judge made public statements, or a newspaper sought to prejudice a case, the one would be impeached and the other made to answer to a charge of contempt.

DIED IN DETROIT.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
Detroit, Dec. 17.—Mrs. M. C. Leitch has received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Lumley, of Detroit, formerly of Dutton. Mrs. Leitch and her sister, Miss Jennie Patterson, have left for Detroit.

MRS. HARRIS, AGED 92, DIES SOON AFTER LONG JOURNEY



MRS. GILBERT HARRIS.

THOUSANDS OF GIFTS FOR RELATIVES IN OLD COUNTRY

Plum Puddings Are Being Received, and Postoffice Staff Is Increased to Handle the Outgoing Flood of Parcels and Letters.

The rush of Christmas mail matter has started, and the local postoffice department is having a busy time at present. A number of additions were made to the staff at the first of the week, but several more clerks will be taken on next Monday. Although a good share of the foreign matter has been forwarded, thousands of parcels and letters going to Great Britain are piling in.

This is only expected to last a day or so longer as the last boat leaving in time for Christmas in England sails Friday.

The number of puddings forwarded by English relatives of people in this country has been just as heavy as usual, and the local department has handled a large number of them. The parcel post, both in and out, is a great deal heavier than last year.

KICKED PET RABBIT TO DEATH; VICIOUS ACT OF EAST END BOYS

Two Lads Committed on a Charge of Grossly Damaging a House.

Two young lads, who live with their parents a short distance beyond the easterly limits of the city, appeared before Squire Chittick yesterday, and were committed for trial on a charge of doing malicious damage to the property of David and Ethel McKay, who reside on Smith street, near the Hamilton road.

About 9 o'clock last Friday, the two boys, who are slightly over 14 years of age, entered the house of the complainants by means of the back door, which was unlocked, and proceeded to wreck the place. No one was at home at the time, and they pulled all the dishes off the table, pulled decorations off the walls, and when they had completed all the damage upstairs, they could think of, they made a trip to the cellar. A number of jars of preserves, a roll of butter and a loaf of bread were brought upstairs, and when they had consumed as much as possible, the remainder was worked into the floor and walls.

A Dastardly Act.
One of the boys placed a rocking chair on top of the loaf of bread and

sat in the chair until the loaf was as flat as desired. When the premises attained the desired effect, the boys wiped their clothes and hands on some freshly-laundered linen and departed, and on their way they kicked a rabbit belonging to a son of the complainants to death.

A little girl, who called at the house during the operations of the pair, gave evidence yesterday, and stated that she had been chased around the house by one of them. She identified the boys, and also said that she had told them to leave the house. The damage was estimated by the county police at over \$20, and McKay said that damage to the amount of \$50 had been done.

An Old Hand At It.
One of the boys arraigned was also committed some time ago by Squire Chittick on a charge of assaulting a lady of the neighborhood in which he lives by hitting her on the head with a broom handle and knocking her unconscious. He was later discharged by the judge by whom he was tried. They appeared before Judge Elliott this morning, and elected to be tried by a judge without a jury. They claim that they did a small part of the damage, but that most of it had been done by someone before they entered the house. They will be tried next Monday. No reason can be given for their actions, as they live about a mile and a half from the scene of their operations, and are not known very well in the neighborhood.

HYDRO COMMISSION ASKED TO SET DATE FOR A HEARING

Ald. Richter Quickly Called a Bluff Made by a Local Paper, Which Is Attacking Him—Up to Commission Now to Consider the Angus Report on Street Lighting.

Ald. Richter called another bluff at noon today, when at a meeting of the special committee appointed some time ago to deal with the overcharge for street lighting, the members passed a motion asking the hydro-electric commission to set a date between the present and Dec. 31st to have the findings of Mr. Harry Angus examined. A special meeting of the council will be called, probably for Thursday evening, when the report of the committee will be dealt with. The report of Mr. Angus has been in hand for two weeks or more, and on Monday night it was presented to the council. On motion of Ald. Bennett, it was sent to the council of 1913.

In the meantime, the organ of Hon. Adam Beck declared that Ald. Richter was afraid to have the report considered by the hydro-electric commission, and intimated that as he would not be a member of the council in 1913, he would not be asked to explain the document.

MUST ACT QUICKLY.

However, Ald. Richter is not so easily frightened, and he at once got the committee together. He pointed out that it was necessary to act quickly, and if the hydro-electric commission desired to open the matter, he was more than willing and ready to do so.

"Some time ago, when this matter was brought up, City Solicitor Meredith was asked to arrange a meeting of the hydro-electric commission to hear our complaints," explained Ald. Richter. "An appeal had been made to them by the water commission, and the rates were fixed without consulting us, or hearing our side of the question. Mr. Meredith did interview some of the members of the commission, and they agreed to hear our complaint. They notified us that they would set the date for the hearing. Since that time we have heard nothing from them, and no date has been set."

THE EXACT FIGURES.

"When the matter came up on Monday night I agreed to allow the report to stand over until next year. I thought that the commission would like to have the report of the water commissioners for the full year. Mr. Gabey, in his statement, had the exact figures for eight months, and estimated the other four. Mr. Angus, in preparing his report, had the figures for ten months in the year, and estimated for the other two months. I thought that it would be better to have the exact figures of the revenue, etc., for the whole year."

"However, if it is possible that we can have the matter straightened out this year, I am perfectly willing, more than willing, to have it settled. The time is short, but we can arrange it, I think. All we want to know is the truth, and we want to know it as soon as possible."

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The clerk produced the minutes of the meetings of the committee and the council, and it was clearly shown that the hydro-electric commission had agreed to set the date, and that any delay was their fault, not that of the council.

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The motion of Ald. Ashplant was passed without opposition. Those present at the meeting were Ald. Wright, chairman, Ald. Robinson, Ald. Ashplant, Ald. Murphy, Ald. Richter and Secretary Frank Hughes.

PLEADED GUILTY TO STEALING BICYCLE

Thief Was Caught With Goods a Few Minutes After the Theft.

Rubin Pinto, a young fellow 15 years of age, who came to the city six months ago, was arrested last night half an hour after he had stolen a bicycle from a front of the city. He was caught with the wheel, which was valued at \$20, the property of Earl Curcio. Pinto appeared in police court this morning, and pleaded guilty to the charge, alleging that he stole the bicycle to satisfy a craving for food. He averred that he had no money to buy food, and that he had stolen the bicycle to satisfy his hunger. He was committed to the city jail for a few days, and his bicycle was returned to its owner.

LAW'S LEADERSHIP DRAWING TO CLOSE

Section of Unionist Party Is Determined to Shake Off Tariff Reform.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Dec. 18.—A London special cable to the Witness today says: From a party standpoint, there is now no question whether the Conservative Party made a disastrous mistake in the proposal made at a meeting at Ashton-Lytton, under the chairmanship of Sir Max Aitken, to shift the odium of imposing taxes on the food of the people of the United Kingdom from the shoulders of his own party to those of the overseas dominions. Today there is a chorus of dissent from the Conservative press, and there is a growing opinion that Mr. Bonar Law's leadership of the Unionist party is fast drawing to a close, as there is a powerful and rapidly-increasing section of the Unionists who are determined to shake themselves free of the cause of tariff reform.

THE WEATHER. TOMORROW—COLDER.

Forecasts.
Toronto, Dec. 18.—8 a.m.
Today—Mild and unsettled, with local showers.
Thursday—Northwest winds and colder. Temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Station High Low Weather
London 42.5 29 Clear
Glasgow 42.5 29 Clear
Port Arthur 42.5 29 Clear
Perry Sound 42.5 29 Clear
Toronto 42.5 29 Clear
Ottawa 42.5 29 Clear
Montreal 42.5 29 Clear
Quebec 42.5 29 Clear
Father Point 42.5 29 Clear
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AGED TRAMP APPEARS IN PITIABLE PLIGHT

Taken in by the Police on a Charge of Drunkenness.
A pitiable case was presented in police court this morning, when a man of perhaps 70 years, was led before P. M. Judd charged with being found on the street in a drunken condition. The old man was practically helpless, and was taken to the city jail for a few days, and his bicycle was returned to its owner.

Remember the Shut-In Patients.
Will the citizens of London remember those who are being cared for in these institutions, the Home for Incurables, the Aged Peoples' Home, and the Infants' Refuge on St. James street—by sending Christmas cheer or money to the above institutions? If not convenient to send, phone, and the matrons will gladly have parcels called for.

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CONS. COMING AROUND TO LAURIER'S NAVAL PLAN

H. B. Ames Does Not Agree Entirely With the Borden Idea.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The naval debate continues in a somewhat perfunctory way. Government supporters believe that the Government, while adhering to its policy of immediate contribution to the navy of the Empire, may yet find a way to adopt some of the best features of the policy outlined by the Laurier amendment.

The naval debate today was opened by H. B. Ames, of Montreal, who made a brief argument in behalf of the Government. W. M. German, of Welland, vigorously supported the Laurier amendment. Mr. Wilcox, the Conservative member for North Essex, declared himself strongly in favor of the proposed contribution to the Imperial navy. He was followed by Hon. Frank Oliver.

A Vigorous Speech.

Mr. German spoke with unusual vigor. Canada's dignity and Canada's self-respect were at stake, said he, and Canada was looking on. It was a remarkable exhibition to which the country had been treated. Not one Ministerial speaker who had yet addressed the House had attempted to submit anything which could be dignified by the name of argument in support of the Premier's proposals as against the sturdy, self-respecting and patriotic policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Conservatives had fallen back on the time-honored "Fory slogan." "The old flag and an appropriation." With shameful lack of truth and patriotism they had described the old motherland as on her knees in beggary, dropping to decay, in deplorable financial condition, and in pitiable straits. They had shouted, "The Germans! get you if you don't watch out!" "They would," said Mr. German, "make Christianity a farce and civilization a mockery by helping a war between two of the great civilized Christian nations of the earth."

Mr. German followed Mr. H. B. Ames, who, following the Ministerial custom, talked out nearly all the afternoon. The member for St. Antoine declared that the Borden policy was a step forward to the day which was coming "when our Dominion will occupy in the empire the same place as the provinces now occupy in the Dominion."

He cut effectually adrift from the declaration of Premier Borden deprecating the creation of any Canadian navy, and emphasized the declaration that the present gift was only in the nature of an emergent offering, to be succeeded by the evolution of a permanent Canadian policy along some such lines as those advocated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. "This spirit is becoming more manifest daily among the shrewd of Conservatives."

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GOVT.'S BANK ACT WAS BROUGHT DOWN

Finance Minister Claims That It Will Prevent Any Fraud.

AN EXTERNAL AUDIT

Opposition Members Point Out Several Ways in Which to Improve the Act.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Hon. W. T. White introduced his bill respecting banks and banking in the Commons today. He discussed, first the provision which made it necessary to present the legislation first by resolution. Under that section steps are taken to have an external audit of the books of the banks whose charters will be renewed until July 1, 1913. The new system authorizes the Finance Minister to call for an examination of the affairs of a bank by the auditors appointed at the annual general meeting of shareholders.

At present the minister receives monthly statements from the banks, but there is no machinery by which he can verify the information given by the bank officials. Therefore, Mr. White thought it well that the shareholders should be required to appoint an auditor and that the Government should vote compensation to that official in return for his services in verifying the returns made by the banks and in providing information sought by the Finance Minister. This plan, he explained, was followed in England.

Extra Note Issues.

He announced another important feature of the new bank act, namely, a scheme under which the banks would be enabled to deposit gold with the Government in a central gold reserve and issue notes against it. At present the banks have to issue notes up to the amount of their unimpaired paid-up capital. Moreover, the banks are enabled during the movement of the crops to issue notes to the amount of 15 per cent of the paid-up capital and reserve upon payment of 5 per cent. The banks can also obtain Dominion notes to be issued upon the security of gold.

They were, Mr. White said, now to be permitted to issue their own notes upon the security of gold paid into

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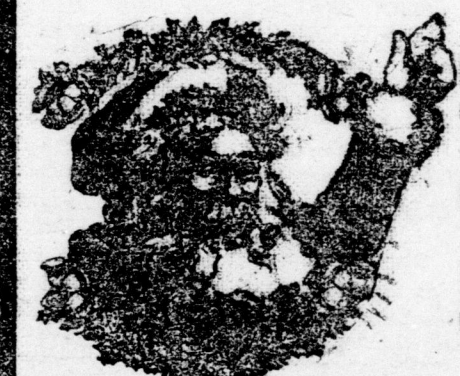
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Take a pencil and piece of paper today and give a thought of how to lend Cris Kringle a hand. The bachelor or maiden can make this store their agent in laying out whatever sum they choose in any way they wish where help is needed, such as orphanage hospitals, also families under the watchful care of "Little Mothers" and "Little Sisters" and the Salvation Army. If we want to have a great Christmas, the Christmas of our dreams, we must have a human interest beyond merely thinking about it.



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DYNAMITE TRIAL BROUGHT TO END

Vice-President of Ironworkers Locked Up For Malicious Perjury.

NOT AT LABOR'S DOOR

Presiding Judge Says That Conspiracy Was Not Work of Organized Labor.

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—There was genuine surprise this afternoon when the defense in the dynamiting trial suddenly closed its evidence without calling nine of the principal defendants to the stand. These men are among those who had the most significant correspondence with Ryan and McNamara or were most active in the different steps of the conspiracies. The complete list of the defendants not testifying is: H. S. Hookin, Frank C. Webb, of New York; Edward Smythe, Peoria, Ill.; Eugene Clancy, San Francisco; J. F. Munsey, Salt Lake; O. A. Tveitmo, James E. Rae, Peoria, Ill.; Wm. McCain, Kansas City; P. J. Cooley, New Orleans.

Just before the court adjourned the district attorney moved that the bond be increased of John T. Butler, of Buffalo, first vice-president of the International Association of Bridge and

Structural Ironworkers, who is next highest in office to President Frank M. Ryan. District Attorney Miller said that Butler had stated in the courtroom that he "wished to God he had stayed in Quebec," as he knew the crime was not extraditable, and for the court's protection the bond ought to be increased. Butler committed wilful, malicious perjury and that was another reason why his bond should be increased, said the district attorney.

Judge Anderson increased Butler's bond to \$15,000 and said: "This man swore to what he knew was untrue. He made many conflicting statements, and I believe he committed wilful perjury. I have been on the bench and about courtrooms for 34 years, and I never heard such malicious perjury as has been committed in this case." Butler was locked in jail tonight.

Not at Labor's Door.

"I don't believe," said Judge Anderson, referring to the stories of violence, riots, assaults and dynamitings related on the witness stand, "I don't believe—and if I did I would not have any hope for this country—that organized labor stands for the things that have been shown here. There are a few people in this country who must be told that the law is the law, and if they are not, they will be retired for the day, and after Clarence E. Dowd, of Rochester, N. Y., formerly organizer of the International Association of Machinists in Detroit, had been discharged on the ground that

insufficient evidence did not exist against him. Dowd was the only defendant to be discharged, leaving 49 men whose cases are to go to the jury.

Butler, earlier in the day, entered a general denial that he knew of any dynamite plots. Particularly he denied knowledge that the union appropriated \$1,000 a month to John J. McNamara. Check books in which the stubs recorded payments to McNamara while Butler was a member of the executive board were produced.

"Do you mean to say that \$1,000 a month was paid out of the union's funds and you never heard of it?" Butler was asked.

"I never heard of its being used for carrying on explosions," he replied.

Made No Investigation.

"Were you interested enough in the union's welfare to investigate after the McNamara were taken to Los Angeles charged with the murder of 21 persons?"

"I made no investigation."

Butler said the only \$1,000 check he knew of was one payable to Olaf A. Tveitmo, San Francisco, as the ironworkers' contribution to the Los Angeles strike fund.

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Dec. 17. Reported at From

Columbus.....New York.....Glasgow

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Genoa.....New York.....Genoa

Ausonia.....Liverpool.....Boston

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BORN, MARRIED, DIED.

BIRTHS.
STEWART—In Aymer, on Nov. 28, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Stewart, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

DEATHS.

BRUCE—In Westminster Township, on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1912, Mrs. Lizzie A. Bruce, aged 72 years, wife of the late Fred Bruce, died at her residence, 104 Dundas street, on Thursday, at 1:30 p.m. Interment at the cemetery on Friday, Dec. 19, 1912, at 10 a.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

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AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF R. C. A. E. and A. M., will be held tonight in Masonic hall, Temple (Richmond street), at 7:30 o'clock. Second and third degrees. Visitors welcome. F. B. Gidley, W. M.; J. O. Weldon, secretary.

FOREST CITY CAMP, No. 1, C. O. W. O. W., meets tomorrow (Thursday), at 8 p.m., in Duffield block, election of officers. All members are requested to attend. W. Saunders, clerk.

UNITED BREWERY WORKMEN'S Union, 381—Special meeting, Thursday, 19th, 8 p.m., to install officers and electing books. Carling block. Arthur Jackson, secretary; T. Johnson, president.

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR the office of R. C. A. E. and A. M. will take place at noon at St. Peter's Parish Hall, on Thursday, 26th inst. Mr. T. J. Murphy, barrister, is turning officer.

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BRITISH LIBERALS FOR THE
LAURIER POLICY.

It is becoming evident that British Liberal opinion, apart from merely official expressions of opinion, is crystallizing in favor of the Laurier policy for colonial navies. As far as the British Government is concerned, it would not be politic for it in any way to turn a cold shoulder to the Canadian Government or show any dissatisfaction. No one expects that. The situation is delicate; the navy is a controversial question in Canada, and the British Government cannot take sides. However, an opposition might feel itself free, as the Unionists in the matter of reciprocity last year. The responsibility of office makes a difference. It would be unfair to expect the Asquith Government to show a preference either way or to look askance at the Borden offer. Probably it will, as in duty bound, thank Mr. Borden, its spokesman taking care to express an appreciation also of the Liberal policy.

But, at the same time, there has always been in the Liberal party of Great Britain a tradition of independent thought which does not surrender its convictions merely because the party is in office; witness the Persian policy of the present Government. And on this question of colonial contribution and representation in imperial defence there are Liberal voices in the press and in Parliament that are not hesitating to point out to the British Government and to the Empire the dangers of this Borden policy.

The Manchester Guardian, the London Daily News and Leader, and the Nation, which all will agree to be among the strongest forces of Liberalism, journals whose opinions will be received with the most respectful attention everywhere, emphatically reject the policy of Mr. Borden, preferring the Australian and Laurier system of local navies and local initiative. They object particularly to the plan of colonial representation on the Imperial Defence Committee. Already this committee has been threatening the freedom of Parliament, and even of the cabinet, to control foreign policy, sitting secretly and becoming a sort of "imperium in imperio"; but worse and more of it is foreseen in the development proposed by the Canadian Premier. The London Daily News and Leader of Dec. 7 writes very strongly:

"If Mr. Borden's scheme is adopted, and extended to the other dominions as it inevitably must be once adopted, then the House of Commons might just as well put up its shutters so far as foreign affairs are concerned, and, indeed, so far as all affairs generally are concerned. The Imperial Defence Committee will resume in the constitution of this country the same place as the Elder Statesmen in Japan or the Federal Council in Germany. The committee will decide foreign policy, peace and war, army and navy; the House of Commons may be considered good enough for a mental deficiency bill. The House of Commons will become merely a shadow and a name. The first duty, therefore, of all who have any desire to preserve parliamentary government is to secure the rejection of Mr. Borden's constitutional proposal. We rejoice in Canada's desire to share the burden of the fleet; but in the highest interests of the future we must see that the terms of the collaboration are consistent with free government. Whatever else may be said of the Laurier scheme of a Canadian navy, it fulfilled that vital condition. The Borden scheme does not."

The development of the arbitrary power of the Imperial Defence Committee threatens the parliaments of the Dominions even more than that of the mother country. The colonial representatives must be always in a minority on the committee and outvoted. The Dominion Parliament will become more and more subject to an irresponsible representative or two sitting secretly with British military and naval men at London, or to a committee that knows the Dominion only from the map. Mr. Borden's idea leads away from autonomy to imperial complications that will create friction. The simple and British plan is the Laurier policy, which preserves autonomy British and Canadian, parliamentary government and national self-respect, avoiding at the same time entanglements and friction.

THE BANK REVISION.
Mr. White handles the bank act tenderly. Not that his bill is without good features. He has done well in deciding against a Government system of auditing. Bank depositors and shareholders would be disposed to place too much dependence upon a public audit, and the Government of the day would be held responsible for failures due to incompetence or dishonesty which no audit could guard against. There was a choice example of "playing politics" in the incident of the Farmers' Bank whose victims were promised full redress on the eve of an election by a present cabinet minister. The temptation to make party capital of bank failures under a system of Government

inspection would be too much for many politicians of the same stripe on either side. Whether Mr. White's provision for a shareholders' audit is adequate or not can better be discussed when the full text of the bill is published.

The amendment to permit farmers to borrow money on their grain and cattle may serve a useful purpose and considerably widen the field of banking activities. The power to issue notes against gold provides another element of elasticity in bank currency. The main criticism that may fairly be passed upon Mr. White's revision is that while it enlarges the privileges of the existing banks, and gives depositors and shareholders a few more safeguards, such as an external audit and directors' liability for negligence, it takes no account of the possible dangers in the growing concentration of the money power. Some day it may be advisable to limit the scope of a bank's operations; perhaps its profits, too.

MR. LAW'S LATEST IMPROVISATION.

The London Times is so unkind as to tell Mr. Donar Law that he does not know where he is leading his party on the tariff question. The attack has more than a tincture of irony, because Mr. Law was chosen leader of his party on account of his pre-eminence as a Tariff Reformer.

On the event of the last election Mr. Balfour promised that if the Unionists were returned to power they would submit their budget to a referendum, an expedient which probably kept many Unionist free traders in the party ranks. Recently Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Law announced that the party was absolved from Mr. Balfour's promise by defeat at the polls, and they gave warning that the next Unionist Government would hold itself free to revise the fiscal system. They promised, however, to take the people into their confidence as to the extent to which food taxation would be carried. The pledge put upon Unionist leaders the duty of framing a budget in advance of an election, so far as food duties were concerned.

Mr. Law's latest speech, delivered Monday night, has created more than a flutter in Tariff Reform dovetails. He says there will be no food taxes unless a Unionist Government is satisfied after a conference with the British dominions, that a system of imperial preferential trade is practicable. The return of the party to power will be regarded as a mandate to enter into these negotiations, and if possible to frame a policy within the limits prescribed for food taxation. These timid and tentative proposals do not please the robust protectionists of Great Britain who believe in import duties, whether tied to a preferential scheme or not. They also disclose an intention to demand further favors for British manufacturers, in colonial markets, the last thing the present Ottawa Government would welcome. But the Unionist party is not yet in power, and the Borden Government may escape some highly uncomfortable importunities.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN CHINA.

[Pekin Daily News.]
The ministry of education has ordered that an English course should be introduced into the curriculum of the higher primary schools in Peking. It is thought that the pupils, by beginning early, will be able more easily to learn the intricacies of that foreign tongue.

WANTED—A SILKWORM.

[Tit-Bits.]
Old Gent—Gentle disposition! Why, he wants to bite the head off every dog he meets. You've swindled me! Fancier—Lor' luv yer, guv'nor, you didn't oughter to keep dogs at all! A gent with your temperament ought only to go in for silkworms.

BENEFIT OF A CHANGE.

[Washington Star.]
"I always aim to have some Shakespeare in my theatre during the winter," said the manager of the Pucktown opera house.
"You think the public demands it?"
"Nope, but it helps business in the long run. It makes them appreciate Uncle Tom's Cabin and Ten Nights in a Barroom."

WEST VIRGINIA SITS UP.

[Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.]
West Virginia begins to take notice of fresh reports that the Duke of the Abruzzi is considering an offer from Albania to become reigning sovereign of that country.

SNEED CASE JUST THE SAME.

[Vancouver Province.]
The Missouri woman who confessed to committing a murder and was ordered to be released by the courts must feel justly indignant at having her veracity questioned.

NOTICE TO DANCERS.

[Hamilton Times.]
Those who dance will be interested to learn that the "clutch" and "strangle" holds of the ballroom have been declared unseemly, ungentlemanly and unladylike. If such an expression can be used, by the patronesses of the New York Junior Cotillions, a leading arbiter in matters dealing with ballroom etiquette in that city. The clutch and strangle are two positions assumed by the young girls and young men in modern dancing which the women of society find most unpleasing.

A PESSIMIST'S CHRISTMAS CARD.

[New York Post.]
A Dreary Christmas to You.
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DEFENCE COMMITTEE IDEA
NOT BEST, SAYS ROWELLPoints Out That Canada Would Have No Real Voice in the
Management of Defence or Foreign Policy—Approves
Imperial Conference Plan.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Peterboro, Dec. 18.—A plea for the Imperial conference, as contrasted with the committee of Imperial defence, was the feature of the speech delivered last night by Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C., M. P., before the Peterboro Canadian Club.
"The position of a representative of Canada on the committee of defence," said Mr. Rowell, "would apparently be equal, but not superior, to that of permanent secretaries or other officers of the departments of the British Government, and it is quite clear from the statements made by Mr. Asquith and others, appearing recently in the London Times, that there is no intention on the part of the Imperial Government of making this committee, even with the representatives of Canada and the other dominions upon it, anything more than an advisory committee to the British Government, a committee absolutely under the control of the Prime Minister of Great Britain."

No Real Voice.

While representation on the committee of Imperial defence may serve a useful purpose when matters affecting Canada are under consideration, all must agree that no one would seriously suggest that giving Canada or the other dominions a seat on this committee would be giving them any real voice in the management of defence or of foreign policy. Two Imperial organizations of equal status and responsibility are impossible. Do not let us lose the substance in grasping for the shadow. Let us maintain the one to which the statesmen of the empire have for years given their best thought and which has proved such a unifying force in promoting the highest interests of both the dominions and the empire, an organization which, judged by its past history, as well as by its representative character, is capable of

developing to meet the needs and exigencies of the future."

The difference between the Imperial conference and the defence committee as follows:
"1.—The Imperial conference is a conference between governments. The committee of Imperial defence is a committee of individuals.
"2.—The Imperial conference is composed of prime ministers commanding parliamentary majorities, and can therefore make their decisions effective. The committee of Imperial defence is not so constituted, but simply an inter-departmental committee of the British Government, composed partly of cabinet ministers and partly of permanent officials, and can only recommend action to the British Government.
"3.—In the Imperial conference all the governments are equally represented and have an equal voice and vote in its deliberations and decisions. On the committee of Imperial defence Great Britain has an overwhelming preponderance, and from the very nature of the committee must decide as the British Cabinet may desire."

"4.—The Imperial conference recognizes the full autonomy of all the dominions, and its decisions can only be made effective with the consent of these dominions. The committee of Imperial defence cannot, from the very nature of its object and constitution, do other than carry out the plans of the British Cabinet.
"5.—The Imperial conference is organized to deal with all subjects of common interest to the empire. The committee of Imperial defence is limited to consideration of matters of defence, and, only very incidentally, of foreign policy."

Mr. Rowell spoke on the question of Imperial relations, dealing particularly with the Imperial conference and the committee of Imperial defence at the special request of the Canadian Club.

POWERS TO UNTIE
ADRIATIC KNOTServia Agrees to Leave Matter
in Their Hands to Forward
Peace.

RELIES ON MODERATION

The Tension With Austria To Be
Relieved by Direct
Negotiations.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Dec. 18.—Servia took a most important step in the direction of peace today by stating her willingness to leave the matter of an outlet in the Adriatic entirely to the great European powers.
In announcing the decision of the Servian Government to take this step, the head of the Servian peace delegation added that Servia's attitude was perfectly moderate one, and that relying on this moderation, the justice of her claim, and the sympathies of the European governments, she had decided to take the course indicated.
In regard to the tension between Austria-Hungary and Servia it is generally expected that direct negotiations between these two nations will begin immediately. These will take the form of conferences between the Austrian foreign minister and M. Jovanovitch, the newly-appointed Servian minister at Vienna, and the object aimed at will be the realization of the mutual wishes of the two countries for the clearing up of the situation and the removal of misunderstandings.

A RICH ESTATE

Man Who Rose From Messenger Boy
Left Fourteen Millions.

[Canadian Press.]

Albany, Dec. 18.—The estate of Louis A. Heinsheimer, of New York, who died three years ago, has been appraised by the state comptroller at \$14,000,000. An unusual feature of the appraisal is that it shows that Mr. Heinsheimer had a cash bank balance of \$3,500,000, the largest sum of the kind ever recorded here.
Mr. Heinsheimer was virtually unknown outside of the Wall Street district. He had spent his life there, rising from a post as messenger boy to membership in the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Company. He was 48 years old.

HOW IT MUST HURT

[Butte Miner.]
The small boy's good behavior is getting very near the crisis.FATAL HOTEL FIRE
AT CARLISLE, SASKE. W. Brown Perished When
Explosion of Acetylene Gas
Wrecked the Building.

[Canadian Press.]

Carlisle, Sask., Dec. 18.—An explosion in the acetylene gas plant in the cellar of the Antler Hotel, owned by E. Rifford here, Monday morning, resulted in the death of one man and the destruction of the hotel with \$20,000 damage. The force of the explosion blew up the kitchen floor and part of the floor above it, and hurled sleepers out of their beds. E. W. Brown, a local merchant, who was sleeping on the second floor, never awakened, and his charred remains were discovered on a burned mattress eight hours later. I. D. Morrison got the full force of the explosion, but escaped with severe burns. A bucket brigade kept the flames from spreading to other buildings.

CHARLES COVEY WAS
STRICKEN SUDDENLYHad Resided in Strathroy Nearly All
His Life.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Strathroy, Dec. 17.—Death came very unexpectedly today to Charles Covey, his home on Canadian street. He had been in his usual health, but was taken suddenly ill with heart weakness and died in a short time. He was 76 years old and had resided here nearly all his life. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon.
Irving Poole, aged 81, died at his home here today. Thomas Poole, of Glenora, and John, manager of the Royal Bank at St. Marys, are sons. The funeral will be held on Thursday.

MYSTERIOUS BLAZE
IN OPERA HOUSESt. Marys Theatre Had a Close Call
for Being Destroyed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Marys, Dec. 18.—Fire was discovered at the St. Marys Opera House at the noon hour yesterday. Great volumes of smoke were noticed coming out of the window by the east end of the stage platform. The fire brigade responded quickly, and soon had lines of hose carried up a ladder to the stage window and deluged that section with water, but the dense smoke prevented the firemen for some time from locating the seat of the fire, which was later found to be under

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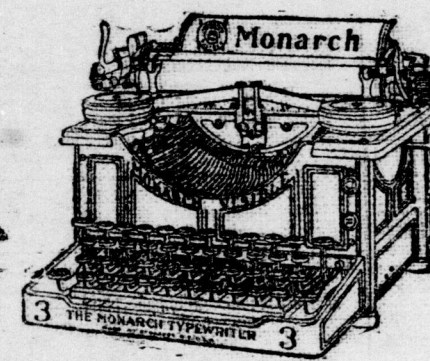
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[Special to The Advertiser.]

West Lorne, Dec. 18.—It is reported that the parties who gave an English syndicate option on some 5,200 acres of land between West Lorne and Lake Erie, have all received notice during the last few days to be ready to give up possession of their lands in the spring.

This land is all recognized as being second to none anywhere in Ontario for fruit growing, etc., and a great future seems to be in store for West Lorne as a fruit growing centre.

Peaches and all kinds of small fruits have been grown most successfully during the last year or two, but local parties had realized the importance of the land, and a great future seemed to be in store for West Lorne as a fruit growing centre.

The English syndicate has gotten options on a large amount.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR
NEW YORK KIDDIESWill Be Placed On Madison Square and
Have 1,000 Lights.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 18.—A giant Christmas tree, declared to be the largest ever seen in this country, will be placed in Madison Square next week by the Adirondack League Club, as a surprise to the children of the east side on Christmas eve. A thousand electric bulbs will be strung through its branches, from which a huge supply of toys and candies will be distributed.

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Any rail line through the picturesque and historic East to New York—stop over there or enroute—2,000 miles on the Atlantic Ocean—on 10,000 ton palatial
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Montreal, Dec. 17.—At a special meeting of the quarterly official board of Douglas Church, a hearty and unanimous invitation was extended to the Rev. Dr. Smith, of Centenary Church, Toronto.

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Everybody's Tried It
BY BERTON DRALEY.
I wrote a very clever play
And told my dearest friends about it,
Declared that it was blithe and gay,
They smiled and said they didn't doubt it;
And each one whispered in my ear
"I'll read my play to you some day."
And so I'm asking far and near:
"Who hasn't tried to write a play?"
The milkman and the plumber, too,
The man who comes to get the ashes
The cook who cooks our daily stew,
The carpenter who fixes sashes,
Have all essayed dramatic art
And have some drama hid away,
And so I query from the heart
"Who hasn't tried to write a play?"
Diogenes, with lantern lit
Went searching for an honest mortal
And with this odd archaic kit
He paused at everybody's portal.
A longer quest than his I plan,
About the world I mean to stray,
To find the woman, child or man
Who hasn't tried to write a play!

Santa Claus and Miss Grey Are Still Looking For Your Doll!

BILLIE BURKE

ON COMFORT FOR THE STOUT GIRL.
BY BILLIE BURKE.

The First Word: Don't spoil your health by trying to be a bag of bones. The doctor says that from fat you get most of your endurance.

I sometimes wonder just where this craze for being thin started. It is quite as prevalent and most as silly as that fad of our grandmothers of "enjoying poor health, thank you." It has come to the time when two or three women cannot gather together without mourning over their fat.

And the things they discuss! From what they recommend you get an idea of the things to reduce their fat, which is to diet and exercise.

You seldom see a young girl who is too fat, and that is because most girls nowadays take plenty of exercise. The only way to reduce one's flesh is to burn up a little more energy, which means food that one eats.

Don't try to make yourself into a bag of bones. The "rag and a bone out of fashion. Look at the Venus de Milo, who since the time she was found has been the standard of womanly beauty; there is not a bone to be seen in her beautiful body. She is a series of beautiful curves from the top of her lovely head to the end of her broken foot.

Don't sniff and say that "she may be all right for a matron, but her body is too big for a girl." This all may be true, but at least the young girl must give promise that in time she will become a beautiful matron; that she will have that greatest beauty of woman—a body that will be able to bear strong,



MISS BILLIE BURKE.

healthy and beautiful children. She must have a fine, broad chest, for with this she can combat almost any ill except a broken neck. With a chest equal to holding big lung power she will mend a broken heart much quicker than the little girl who only breathes to the top of her corsets, no matter how much she sobs over her lost love and broken dreams.

The girl of today who would be beautiful must have throat, shoulders, and arms well rounded. Her hips must be as wide as her shoulders, and the line under her arms from her bust to her feet must be nearly straight. She must hold her head high and her chest up, so that she can get all the good possible from deep breathing.

Just One Last Word: Cover your bones with a good coating of fat, and then carry it as if you were proud of it, for it bespeaks good health, as well as beauty.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

It is about this time in the Christmas season that the Average Person begins to look wildly about for articles suitable as Christmas gifts for his or her friends. The following list may help in making a selection:

For Mother—Pair of cosy bedroom slippers, dressing gown, gloves, opera scarf, marabout neck ruff, folding leather case containing scissors, thimble, needles, etc., useful when travelling, blouse length brush, comb, and mirror for her own dressing table, pair of candlesticks.

For Father—Shaving set, smoking set, box of cigars (only be sure to get his favorite brand), pair of house slippers, cuff links, tie pin, or watch fob with lodge emblem, muffler, brass paper knife, inkwell or calendar holder, mocha, or suede gloves, umbrella, smoking jacket, clothes brush, leather pocketbook.

For Big Brother—Books, subscription to sporting magazine, watch, fountain pen, bedroom clock, cushion, indoor life for his room, box of handkerchiefs, tie pin, dog collar (if he possesses a dog), pair of shin guards or boxing gloves (if he is athletic), hair brush, camera or kodak, mother-of-pearl vest buttons, stationery.

For Big Sister—Pair of satin party slippers to match her dress gloves, opera glasses, cut glass perfume atomizer, hair pin, earrings, silk stockings, paper in various sizes, box of note-handkerchiefs, neckwear, set of pins, manicure outfit, rattan chest (seat), for bedroom, hand-embroidered underwaist, handbag.

For Little Sister—Coral chain, pair of skates, new hair ribbons, ring set with birthstone, doll's kitchen set, or tea set, kimono, small silver purse with a bright dollar in it, books (Anne

of Green Gables, Anne of Avonlea, by Montgomery; Peckles; Girl of Limb; The Harvester, by Stratton; For School-Boy Brother—Pair of skates, hockey stick, checker, marionette, Youth's Companion, Jack-knife, books.

Feminine Frills

Crocheted bedspreads are in fashion again.

Few of the fashionable mantles reach to the hem of the skirt.

Three or four different kinds of laces are employed in the fancy jabots so much the rage.

Chains of pearls to hang over the shoulder are preferred to anything else.

Satin and velvet are the favored fabrics this winter.

Apricot, tinting down almost to orange is the most popular color for evening gowns.

Black and white are the proper colors for daylight, and black and gold for evening wear.

Muff purses made to slip into a pocket in the lining of the muff are the very latest.

Best Ever Date Cake.

One cup of stoned and chopped dates, 1 teaspoonful of soda, 1 tablespoonful of butter, pinch of salt, 1 egg, 1 teaspoonful of vanilla, 1 cupful of boiling water, 1 cupful of sugar, 1½ cupfuls of flour, ½ cupful of nut meats. Sprinkle the soda over the chopped dates and add to the other ingredients and bake in medium oven for twenty-five minutes.

Problems of the Fair Sex Solved by Cynthia Grey

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn as they are received. No letters can be answered privately.]

School Girl Queries.

Dear Miss Grey: 1. Is there any harm in going to a play party? 2. What are some games to play at school?

A.—1. Presumably you mean a party where amateur plays are given. You should be guided in this matter by the opinion of your parents, inasmuch as you are still a school girl. 2. I suggest that you play good, healthy romping games, which will give you plenty of exercise and be a complete change from the sit-still sort of work you have during study hours. Basketball, tennis, the old-fashioned prison-er's base and hide-and-seek are all good. Outdoor physical culture work under the direction of one of the older girls will be fun and good exercise.

A Budget of Queries.

Dear Miss Grey: Would like to know if it is proper to acknowledge an invitation (if one intends going) to a luncheon, when invitation is on ordinary calling card. Also when invitation is formal, is it proper to call after a reception or luncheon and should one leave cards? Is it proper to acknowledge an invitation to "at home," and if so, how should it be worded? Also, is it proper at a home wedding to take place at 6 o'clock for a bride to wear a dress with a train without a long veil?

JEANNE.

Every invitation where the hostess provides a luncheon, dinner or supper should be acknowledged at once, or else how is she to know for how many to prepare? My theory is that every invitation should be accepted or declined just as soon as possible. In accordance to the old-fashioned rules of etiquette, calls should be made after generation and on acceptance of the fact that guests do not pay party calls for it is almost impossible. A bride may decide for herself exactly the costume she wishes to be married in, and a short gown minus veil and train is proper if it best suits her plans, her purse and her convenience.

Take No Notice.

Dear Miss Grey: I am 17 years old and a young man whom I have only seen once and never spoken to keeps writing and asking for my acquaintance. My mother does not want me to notice him. What shall I do? The young man desired to know you he should have sought an introduction in the conventional way.

Unkissed Children

This world's a rare and joyous place for those who deem it so. With smiles enough for every face—This is no tale of woe. But yet, when all's been done and said, Some little children creep At cuddling time unloosely to bed, And sob themselves to sleep.

Their daddy's off at work, somewhere Their mamma's tired and worn, Both burdened down with caring care From the first break of morn. Each love-starved young one on the list Has troubles by the heap. Yet each must go to bed unkissed, And sob himself to sleep.

Oh! world of sunshine mixed with storm, Oh! world of tears and joy, Oh! world of frozen hearts and warm, Oh! world of tears and joy, Less were your sorrow, less your dread. If, when night's shadows creep, Each little lad were kissed to bed And smiled himself to sleep.

OUR EXTRA-VA-GANT GRAND-MOTHERS.

What great times our grandmothers had!

A book just published on the seventeenth and eighteenth century housewife conveys the astonishing intelligence that many housewives were unable to run their households on an allowance of \$200 a year, in addition to having the produce of the estate at their disposal.

Six eggs and a half pound of butter figured in the recipe for rice pudding. Two pounds of butter and ten eggs were needed for a seed cake. Tongues and chickens were added as more fillings to a pastry, or to improve the flavor of an already rich soup. Gowns costing \$150 to \$200 were common.

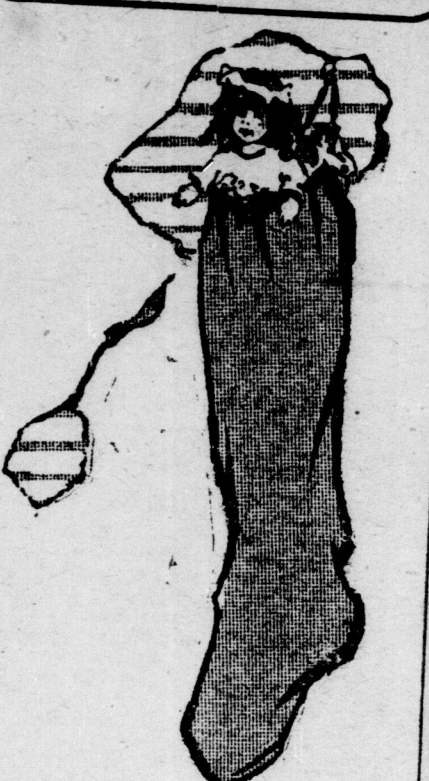
The Birthday Calendar



IF THIS IS YOUR BIRTHDAY

You will make many friends, who will work together for your success, and by being faithful you will gain a high place. Those born today will be well liked by many people, who will be willing to make sacrifices for them. Their careers will be successful and general good fortune will follow them.

Won't You Find a Doll Like This for Some Poor Kiddie?



Can you imagine a more pathetic picture of childish sorrow than the little girl who awakes on Christmas morn to find her stocking empty, and no new doll as she had hoped for?

Miss Grey is asking her girl readers to help her make this a Merry Christmas for every little girl in London whom Santa Claus may chance to overlook. Have you sent in your doll yet? Address it to Miss Grey, at The Advertiser Office, and she will see that it reaches its destination safely.

Some Fritter Recipes

Plain Fritters—One pint of sour milk, one teaspoonful of salt, three eggs, one tablespoonful of molasses or sugar, one handful of flour and cornmeal enough to make a stiff batter. Lastly stir in a small teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a little warm water. This recipe is very nice made of rye flour also.

Apple Fritters—Make a batter in the proportion of one cup of sweet milk to two cups of flour, a heaping teaspoonful of baking powder, two eggs beaten separately, one tablespoonful of sugar and a teaspoonful of salt. Heat the milk a little more than lukewarm, add it slowly to the beaten yolks and sugar. Then add flour and the whites of the eggs. Stir altogether and dropping thin slices of good sour apples, dipping into boiling hot lard in large spoon, fry to a light brown. Serve with maple syrup or a syrup made of clarified sugar. Bananas, sliced oranges or other fruit can be used in the same batter.

German Fritters—Take slices of stale bread cut in rounds or stale cake. Fry them in hot grease, like crullers, to a light brown. Dip each slice when fried into boiling milk to remove the grease. Drain the quickly, dust with powdered sugar or spread with preserves. Pile on a hot plate and serve.

Hominy Fritters—Take one pint of hot boiled hominy, two eggs half a teaspoonful of salt and a tablespoonful of flour. Thin it a little with cold milk. When cold add a teaspoonful of baking powder. Mix thoroughly. Drop tablespoonfuls of it into hot fat and fry to a delicate brown.

Parsnip Fritters—Take three or four good-sized parsnips. Boil them until tender. Mash and season with a little butter, a pinch of salt and a slight sprinkling of pepper. Have ready a plate with some sifted flour on it. Drop a tablespoonful of the parsnip in the flour and roll it about until well coated and formed into a ball. When there are a sufficient number ready drop them into boiling drippings or lard as you would any fritter. Fry to a delicate brown and serve hot. Do not put them in a covered dish. That would steam them and deprive them of their crispness. These are also very good in a frying pan, fried in a small quantity of fat and browned on both sides.

WILSON'S INVALIDS' PORT WINE

(a la Quina du Perou)

"The weary find new strength in generous wine."

A Brimming Wineglass

of Wilson's Invalids' Port Wine taken regularly before each meal will give you

A Good Appetite
Good Digestion
Good Muscles
Good Nerves
Good Spirits
A Clear Brain
GOOD HEALTH
HAPPINESS

DOCTORS KNOW!

ASK YOUR DOCTOR
BIG BOTTLE ALL DRUGGISTS

A Few Suggestions

Our whole store is filled to overflowing these days with articles suitable for gifts. Merchandise to suit every person's taste and purse. Now that you have such a short time quarters for useful Christmas gifts, where stocks are large and assortments are complete. You will get quick, sure service, and will have no trouble in finding some article to suit your every requirement. Remember, only five more shopping days before Christmas.

The items given here are just a few suggestions from the many of which this store is filled. Be sure and come in, if only to look around.

Handkerchiefs

With any Handkerchief purchase of 50 cents we give a fancy box. Many lines are already boxed. There are no better Christmas gifts than Handkerchiefs.

Embroidered and Lace Handkerchiefs, at from.....
.....15¢ to \$2.25
Plain Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs at all prices.
Many special lines for children.

Neckwear

Fancy Neckwear will be much worn this coming season. Consequently no more acceptable gift can be given. We have a very large assortment. Collars and Jabots of all kinds. Many lines in separate fancy boxes from.....
25¢, 50¢, 75¢ to \$2.25

Gloves

Gloves always play a very important part in Christmas giving. Here are a few of our many lines:

Children's Kid Gloves, tan, at pair.....75¢
Ladies' Kid Gloves, all sizes, tan and black, at a pair.....
59¢, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50

LONG KID GLOVES.

White, 14-button length, a pair.....\$1.79
White and black, 16-button, a pair.....\$2.75

Silk Hosiery

We have Silk Hosiery for men as well as women.

Women's Silk Hose, pair...
50¢, \$1.00 and \$1.50
Men's Silk Socks, pair...75¢

Christmas Waists

A pretty Waist makes a very useful and a much appreciated gift. In our Ready-to-Wear Department on the second floor, you will find many new models.

New Chiffon Waists, \$5, \$6
Messaline Silk Waists, \$2.95, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5, \$6
White and Ecru Net Waists, at \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50
Dainty Voile Waists, at.....
\$2.25 and \$2.50
White Pique Waists, special at.....\$2.50

New models in Lingerie and Embroidered Waists at all prices. Boxed in separate boxes.

Evening Scarfs

We have a very large variety of New Evening Scarfs in plain chiffon, beaded and printed chiffons. Silk and Wool Scarfs in new effects. Prices are 50¢, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2 and \$2.75.

Fancy Linens

Guipure Lace Centres, Doilies, Tray Ends, Dresser Scarfs, etc., in all the newest designs at all prices.

Battenburg Lace Table Covers, Centre-Pieces, Shams and Dresser Covers.
Embroidered and Drawn Linens of all kinds.

Colored Delaines

A waist, kimono or dress length of Delaine or Flannel would prove a very acceptable gift.

All-Wool Bordered Delaines and French Flannels, at yard.....50¢ and 60¢
All-Wool Striped Flannels, splendid quality, yard...60¢

Dolls!

Dressed Dolls, at from, each.....25¢ to \$5.00

Special lines at, each.....25¢, 50¢, 75¢

Kid Body Dolls, at each.....25¢, 50¢, \$1.25

Jointed Dolls, large size...\$1

Character Babies...35¢, 50¢

Gift Umbrellas

A Parasol or Umbrella is a very useful and practical gift for man or woman. We have many lines. Prices range from \$1.00 to \$5.00

Sweater Coats

See the special cheap Sweater Coat on sale at the front counter.

Children's sizes, without collar.....69¢
Men's, Women's and Children's sizes with high collar.....79¢

GRAY'S

150 DUNDAS STREET.

OPEN THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
EVENINGS THIS WEEK.

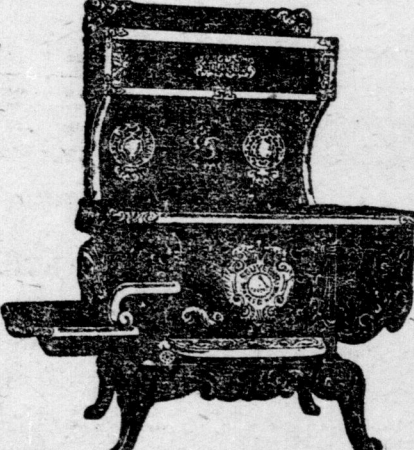
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TELEPHONE 1182.

"I strongly recommend—"

SOUVENIR RANGES

for purely business reasons—that's the situation in a nut-shell."



Like all Souvenir Ranges the "Champion" is made in Hamilton, the Stove Centre of Canada, by the Hamilton Stove and Heater Co., Limited, successors to Gurney, Tilden Company.

Only the best material is used, making this range the next best thing to an imperishable cooking apparatus.

"Like the 'Royal', the 'Champion' Souvenir is fitted with an AERATED OVEN, thus ensuring perfect roasts—roasts that hold their invigorating juices and remain wholesome.

"You get cooking efficiency and fuel economy with a 'Champion' Range.

N.B.—Come in and talk the matter over.

Ideal Furniture Company

PHONE 2066, 84 DUNDAS STREET, NIGHTFOOT, Manager.

"You see, the range and stove trade is a big part of my business. I cannot afford to push a line that's liable to injure the reputation of this Store. For my own sake I must stock the best ranges on the market. That's exactly why I recommend Souvenir Ranges.

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Exceptionally Clever Gift Things

are to be found in great profusion at all of the P. L. and O. Stores. Our line of Perfumes and Toilet Articles is not surpassed by any in the city.

We invite you personally to look over our stock—you will have no trouble in making a selection.

P. PERCIVAL, 344 Richmond Street, Phone 1261. L. LISTER, Wortley Road, Cor. Craig, Phone 1920. O. OMOND, 468 Dundas St., Phone 1429.

THE PROGRESSIVE DRUGGISTS.

When you're tired, What's more refreshing than a delicious cup of

LIPTON'S TEA

Try the Grey Label Blend, 40c per lb.

PREPARING LENTILS.

As a rule, the Canadian housekeeper knows little about the lentil, which is one of the most nutritious and valuable of foods. Even in households where a great deal of meat is consumed, once lentil soup is introduced into the menu it is sure to find a permanent place among the favorite dishes.

To prepare lentils for the table wash and pick over a half pound and put on to boil in a quart of water. Cut up two stalks of celery and give onions and fry in butter until brown, but not allowed to blacken. Add this to the lentils and allow to stew gently for two hours. Then press through a col-

FRY'S COCOA

It's Flavor Is Delicious. Buy It.

ander and add half a pint of milk and as much cream as can be spared. Bring this to a boil, and salt and pepper to taste, and serve at once with croutons. This is called German lentil soup, and is delicious when made carefully.

Used cleverly, red adds a fascinating touch to the costume.

KIDNEYS WERE SO SORE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. GRAVEL AND SMALL STONES PASSED THROUGH THE URINE.

One of the most painful forms of kidney disease is Gravel or Stone in the Bladder, and is caused by the acid and lime in the blood uniting and forming a gritty substance which lodges in the inner surfaces of the kidneys or bladder, and sets up a painful irritation.

To relieve these terrible pains it is necessary to keep the kidneys healthy for healthy kidneys secrete fluids that dissolve the gravel and stones, and they pass out through the urine harmlessly and without pain.

Mrs. Elmore Baldwin, Windsor, Ont., writes: "I was so weak I could not do my own work. I tried many doctors, and every one of them told me to go to some institution. Reading of Doan's Kidney Pills, I tried them, and am now well, and can recommend them to all. My kidneys were so sore I did not know what to do, but after using the Doan's Kidney Pills, you would be surprised at all the gravel and small stones that passed through my urine. Now I am well and able to do my own work."

Doan's Kidney Pills are 50 cents per box, 3 boxes for \$1.25, at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

When ordering direct, specify "Doan's."

INGERSOLL TO GET NATURAL GAS LINE

Plans Under Way For Merger
Absorbing Present
System.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ingersoll, Dec. 18.—Prospects for Ingersoll having natural gas within a year are considered very bright. The question is one that has been before the council in an indefinite way for some time, but present indications suggest the probability of the gas being distributed here some time during 1913.

From what has already been announced it would appear that there is a strong probability of the local gas plant being taken into the merger with other works between Niagara Falls and Windsor. It is understood that preliminary measures looking to the acquisition of the local plant have already been taken, and in the event of the transaction going through natural gas will in all probability be piped from the wells in the Vienna district.

It has been stated that the cost of the gas to the consumer will likely be about forty cents per thousand feet. Should this be the case it would prove a boon.

A Wayward Girl.

Yesterday a local girl of seventeen years, of wayward tendencies, was taken before Magistrate Patterson on a charge of vagrancy. The case is one of the most pathetic that the magistrate has had to deal with. The girl, from what was told the magistrate, has been beyond the control of her parents for some time, and in view of various conditions which entered into her case she was sent to the Mercer Reformatory for a period of two years.

A fine of \$10 was imposed by Magistrate Patterson in the case of Fred Murray, charged with being under the influence of liquor while his name is on the Indian list. The explanation offered as to how Murray obtained the liquor was that he had imbibed hard cider that was in the house to give the requisite "flavor" to certain Christmas delicacies.

Strong for Option.

The young people of St. Paul's Church have passed a strong resolution pledging their support to local option. They urge all the young people of the town to a list in the campaign, and to vote for the measure. Mrs. Harry Webster was very pleasantly surprised at her home by a large number of her friends who have been meeting with her at the regular prayer meeting of the Methodist Church. To emphasize their respect and appreciation of her efforts they presented Mrs. Webster with a carving set and a dozen bone-handled knives. A suitable address accompanied the presentation.

District Personals

THAMESFORD.

Thamesford, Dec. 17.—The Sunday school of St. Andrew's Church intend having their Christmas tree and entertainment on Friday evening, Dec. 20, when a good time is expected, as the teachers and scholars are putting forth their best efforts to make it a success. Rev. John Currie, of Belmont, exchanged pulpits with Rev. W. Galbraith Sunday. Mr. Currie was welcomed by a large congregation.

Mr. Torrence has left to spend the winter in Texas. He expects to return in the spring.

Mrs. Alex. Wallace has returned from Toronto, after spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. McClure, who was very ill, but who is somewhat improved. Miss Smith, of the ninth concession,

To Keep Skin Healthy, Youthful, Wrinkleless

Now that the social season is here, be especially careful to keep your skin in fine condition. You know how conspicuous complexion defects appear under the bright light of the drawing or ball room. Also how very evident are some makeups when similarly illuminated. I have myself discarded cosmetics entirely, using a process which gives far better results, and which leaves no trace on the skin. At night I smear on a thin coat of ordinary mercurized vasoline, washing it off next morning. This gradually absorbs the devitalized particles of surface skin, just as gradually the more youthful skin beneath comes forth, providing a complexion as clear, smooth and delicately tinted as a young girl's. Get an ounce of mercurized vasoline at your druggist's and try this remarkable treatment.

Remember, too, that wrinkles, even the finer lines, are not easily concealed in a brilliantly-lighted room. You can quickly obliterate these hateful marks by bathing your face in a solution of powdered sandalwood, 1 oz., dissolved in witch hazel, ½ pt. And your face won't look sticky, as after using pastes.—Aunt Sally in Woman's Realm.

had the misfortune to fall and break her arm.

NILESTOWN.

Nilestown, Dec. 17.—Mr. Wm. Bernard, of St. Thomas, spent a week with his parents here recently.

Mrs. Herbert Barrows, of London, was a recent visitor with relatives here.

Mrs. John Knott, sen., has recovered from his recent illness. The public school entertainment reflects great credit on both teacher and pupils. The schoolroom was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the varied program of songs, drills, dialogues and recitations was splendidly carried out. Mr. F. Barrows, one of the trustees, was chairman. The former teacher, Mr. W. Stevenson, came some distance to be present, and made a very pleasing address to his old pupils. At the close of the program Santa Claus made his appearance, and each pupil and little one present received a sack of Christmas goodies. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the teacher, Miss Stewart.

EMBRO.

Embrow, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Bentley, of Gravenhurst, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Osborne, at the Methodist parsonage.

Embrow council held its regular meeting today.

Mr. E. L. Sutherland visited recently in Woodstock.

Rev. Mr. Wright, of St. Mary's, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church on Sunday evening. He spoke in the interests of missionary work.

At a meeting held in the Congregational Church, a call was tendered to Rev. Mr. McLean, who preached here recently.

Mr. D. M. Sutherland, who has been in Toronto for the past few days, has returned.

Mr. E. D. Sutherland was in Ingersoll recently.

One of the most enjoyable social gatherings ever held in Embrow took place in Knox Church under the auspices of the King's Daughters. A "mystic tea" was served, which was one of the best features of the evening. Then the meeting was called to order and Rev. Mr. Matheson acted as chairman. The following took part in the programme: Mrs. A. D. Riddle, solo; Mrs. Riddle and Miss Marie Creighton, duet; Mr. Peter Smith and Mr. Karney, duet; Messrs. R. J. Murray, J. S. Simes, Misses Anne and Marie Smith, quartette; an instrumental duet by Mrs. Riddle and Miss Joanne Kennedy; a recitation by Miss May McDonald; reading by Mrs. James Matheson; a solo by L. W. Wood. A very interesting address given by Rev. Mr. Whaley, of Brookdale.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Sutherland were in Woodstock recently.

Mr. Charles McCauley, of Galt, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCauley, on Sunday.

Mrs. Anderson, of the Albion Hotel, was in Stratford recently.

The public school trustees, at their regular meeting, decided from the applications sent in to have Mr. Charles Stewart, of Kilmurley, as principal of the local school.

Mr. K. B. Ross, of Lindsay, was home on Sunday.

Miss J. Murray, of Drayton, North Dakota, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Murray.

Mr. Gilbert Ross, of Stratford, was a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ross.

Miss Eva Vanatter, of Woodstock, spent the week end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. James McFarley and son Norman visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McBurney on Sunday.

Mr. D. R. Ross was in Woodstock recently.

Rev. W. Osborne and Rev. Mr. Malotte, of St. Mary's, exchanged pulpits on Sunday last.

MELROSE.

Melrose, Dec. 17.—Miss Jessie Grant, teacher of Lobo school, No. 9, has prepared a first-class entertainment, to be held in her school on Friday evening, Dec. 20. Mrs. J. Thompson and son Willie have returned home from London.

The Sunday school anniversary services were quite a success. In the morning Rev. Mr. Moorehouse gave a fine talk to the children. In the evening he spoke of the coming of the young people.

Miss Helen Bannerman, of Ballymore, visited at Mr. W. James' recently.

HENSALL.

Hensall, Dec. 17.—James Ross, who moved here about five weeks ago from Brucefield, died a few days ago. He was very poorly when brought to town, and sank gradually. Rev. Mr. Hall Wood, of Brucefield, conducted the funeral service in Hensall Union Cemetery.

A. Hemphill, Hugh McDonald and Alex. Murdoch visited in Toronto recently.

Mrs. R. Horsley, who has been very ill for some time, is showing signs of improvement.

Mrs. T. Dick, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Cawthorpe, of Tavistock, has returned home.

Mr. Samuel Smiles, who has been in the Clinton Hospital for about two months, has so far recovered as to be able to return home.

Peter Burns, Buchanan, who holds a fine position as travelling salesman for a long house out West, is home on a vacation.

Russell Sterling, of Tuxford, Sask., is home on a vacation.

Quite a number of Hensall boys who went West during the past few years, are expected home for Christmas.

Rev. Mr. Hicks and wife have visited friends in Crediton recently.

Gen. McEwen has purchased 250 cords of wood off the Brock farm, opposite Kippen station.

Local coal merchants are receiving a few cars of very badly needed fuel.

Rev. Mr. Craswell, of McKillop, recently preached in Carmel Church.

Wm. McEwen, one of the pioneers of this section, died at his home here recently. He was in his 65th year.

BANNER.

Banner, Dec. 17.—Banner public school will give a Christmas entertainment on Friday evening, Dec. 20, in the hall. The program will consist of music and singing, comic dialogues, fancy drills and pantomimes given by the pupils of the school, assisted by the young people of the village. St. Nicholas will also be present.

Several of the local young people attended the anniversary services at Dorchester on Sunday.

A surprise party was held at Mr. J. Key's recently and all had a good time. A number of the young ladies attended the shower given to Miss J. Brown.

Mr. Keenan conducted the church service here on Sunday evening.

WALLACEBURG.

Wallaceburg, Dec. 17.—Mr. Will McGrail has returned from the West, where he has been spending a few months.

Mrs. Wallace May, of Sombra, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. Richards.

Mr. Leigh, of New Jersey, is the guest of his brother, Edwin Leigh.

Mrs. C. B. Jackson spent Monday in Algonac.

Knox Church Sunday school entertainment will be held on Friday evening.

Mr. Jack Scagel received the sad news that his son, John Scagel, of Sarnia, had died on Tuesday at the Sarnia General Hospital. Mr. Scagel was an old resident of Sarnia and leaves three sons and one daughter to mourn his loss. Mr. Jack Scagel left on Tuesday to attend the funeral.

AYLMER.

Mrs. (Dr.) Miller and Mrs. James Bayes visited in St. Thomas recently.

The Misses Mann are visiting in St. Thomas.

Rev. Edwards, of Springfield, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church on Sunday.

Rev. A. W. Tonge preached at Springfield.

Harold Hambridge sang a solo in the Methodist Church on Sunday.

Albert Gillett spent Monday at Sparta.

Captain W. W. White was in Port Burwell on Sunday.

L. Hankinson disposed of a fine load of poultry here yesterday.

John Cawley, inspector of the Imperial Life Insurance Company, is spending a week with the local agent, C. S. Bridgman.

GUILDS.

Guilds, Dec. 18.—Mr. Samuel Robb fell while climbing over a gate that was frozen fast and injured his leg severely. He is improving slowly.

A large number of local people attended the funeral of Mrs. William Serson at the funeral home, Serson resided in Guilds for many years.

Rev. John Dixon was in Duart assisting

Rev. Dunn, of Ridgeway, and Rev. John Bauman, in conducting the funeral of the widow of the late Rev. Currie, of Ridgeway. Mrs. Currie removed to Duart after the death of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. James K. Laird were recent guests of W. R. Mallory, of Blenheim. Mr. Laird conducted the sale of the Sheldon House, now to run on telephone lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Alverda McCoig, of Bethel, were guests of Rev. Dixon and wife Monday.

Relations here have been notified of the death of Mrs. Terrington, who was fatally injured in an accident near Chatham when a train struck her buggy.

The Christmas entertainment will take place on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Cato, Mr. and Mrs. J. Neavills, have returned from attending the funeral of Mrs. William Serson. Mrs. Neavills, Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Cato are daughters of Mrs. Serson.

Miss Mamie Campbell is ill at her home. Her place in the Christmas cantata will be filled by her sister, Mrs. Delmar Jenner.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jenner were Blenheim visitors recently.

John Hastings, of the G. T. R., spent Sunday with friends here.

Tunnel Town News

SUNKEN SAND SCOW HAS BEEN RAISED

Boat Is Still Bottom Up, But Is in Good Shape.

SARNIA BRANCH OFFICE,
209 Front Street.

Office hours, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Dec. 18.—The sand scow Hustler, which sank opposite Algonac in St. Clair River over a month ago after a collision with the tug Annie Smith and tow, has been raised by the Reel and Working Company and towed to this port.

The scow is still bottom-side up, but appears to be in good condition, and will be righted later on. The Manistique and the Fischer accompanied the scow to Sarnia.

The freighter, the second largest boat owned by Canadian interests on the lakes, has arrived at Sarnia with a load of grain from Port William. The cargo will be discharged at the elevator at Point Edward. The Regina, which came in over a week ago with a cargo of wheat, is still waiting for a chance to unload at the elevator.

SECURED \$100.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Dec. 17.—The Sarnia Board of Trade held a meeting last night. The question of finances for carrying on their work was the subject of interest. A fund of \$100 was raised for expenses. One hundred dollars was raised by subscription at the meeting.

NOT YET SENTENCED

Fred Chester Caught Red-Handed Giving Liquor to Indian.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, Dec. 18.—Fred Chester, of Sarnia, was caught by the Port Huron authorities supplying liquor to an Indian at that city and was promptly arrested. This makes the Sarnia arrest of violators of the Indian act in the American city. The police there are conducting a crusade against the supplying of booze to the Indians, who come over there from the Sarnia reservation. Chester pleaded guilty to the charge, but has not yet been sentenced.

TEMPERANCE HOTEL FOR WEST LORNE

Citizens Strongly in Favor of Project Discussed at Big Meeting.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

West Lorne, Dec. 17.—Probably what was one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in West Lorne was held in the town hall last evening.

The West Lorne Industrial Association at its regular meeting a week ago discussed the matter of better hotel accommodation, and in order to get an idea of what the citizens desired in regard to this matter, they called the special meeting, to which all interests were invited.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was the fact that though there was a full attendance of citizens who voted entirely differently when a vote was taken two years ago on the local option question, they were last evening evidently quite ready to join hands in standing back of the movement to erect a large modern temperance hotel, second to none and provide the best accommodation either for travellers or other parties coming to West Lorne.

The matter was left in the hands of a strong committee to procure all information as to site, style, etc., for a suitable building, who are to report at another meeting called for Friday evening.

It is expected that following this meeting arrangements shall be gotten well under way.

A large force of men are working on the new electric light power house during the last two or three fine days, and expect to have it ready to receive the new machinery at an early date.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Dutton, Dec. 17.—The Dutton High School Hockey Club organized last night. The officers who were elected were: President, John Battin; vice-president, T. W. Elliott; secretary, Archie McKillop; captain, Archie McKillop; rink committee, Archie Black, Douglas Kennedy, Don Kirkland.

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THE METROPOLITAN Suit and Skirt Co.

INVITES THE PUBLIC OF LONDON AND VICINITY to call and look over the special inducements to Christmas purchasing in Ready-to-Wear Clothing. No trouble to show our goods.

Big chance for saving in every department. Every price cut down.

Our stock is most complete and covers every need in Ready-to-Wear Goods, Coats, Suits, Furs, Dresses, Shirts, Waists, Kimonos, Underskirts and Children's Dresses and Coats.

Our Suits are going at less than half-price. You should have one of these. We are the manufacturers and you save the retailer's profit when buying from us.

The Metropolitan Suit and Skirt Co.

232 DUNDAS STREET.
Look for the Star Sign.

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ANOTHER CUT IN CABLE RATES

London, Dec. 17.—Postmaster Samuel, replying to Archer Shee in the Commons yesterday, predicted a further reduction in transatlantic cable rates.

CAPT. BETELLE DEAD.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Bay City, Dec. 17.—Capt. Betelle, who was injured on the G. T. R. at Chatham some time ago while on his way home from attending a meeting of the Wallaceburg Sugar Company, of which he was a director, is dead.

Royal

ON JANUARY 4 WE ARE
MOVING TO OUR TORONTO
BRANCH.

Removal Clearance

Heavy selling continues here, and it's not surprising when the tremendous price inducements are considered. We give only a few of our bargains; hundreds equally good await you at the showrooms. The enormous price reductions make it an inviting chance for you making your friend a CHRISTMAS GIFT of an Ostrich Feather.

WILLOW PLUMES—A magnificent Hat Trimming in great variety, 18 inches long, made of high-grade, lustrous Ostrich Feathers, full and bushy and thick curl. Regular \$9.50, Moving Sale price.....\$5.95

As described above, 16 inches long. Regular \$5.50, Moving Sale price.....\$3.50

FRENCH PLUMES, 20 inches long, made from best selected stock. Regular \$7.50, Moving Sale price.....\$4.95

FRENCH PLUMES, 18 inches long, as described above. Regular \$5.50, Moving Sale price.....\$3.75

OSTRICH BANDS, 36 inches long. Regularly up to \$5.00. Moving Sale price.....\$1.65

14 Willow Plumets, 22 to 24 inches long, made of the best male stock, positively hand-knotted. Regular 20.00. Moving Sale price.....\$10.50

MAIL ORDERS, 15c EXTRA

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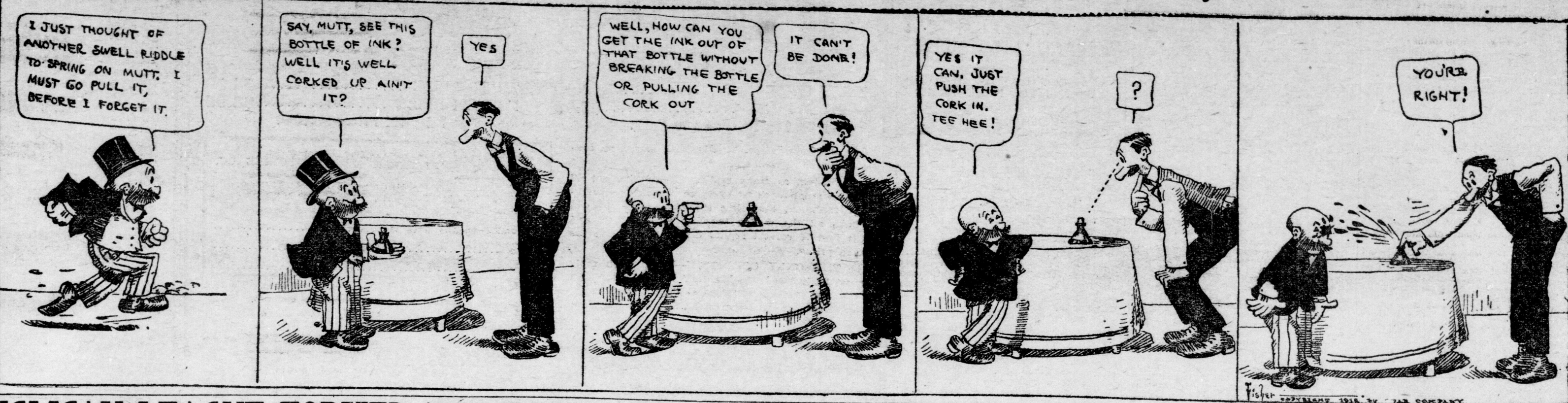
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ANGLICAN LEAGUE FORMED
WITH SIX TEAMS ENTERED

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Evening Results in Organization of One Church League For London—Cup Donated By President G. T. May.

The Anglican Hockey League was formed at a meeting held in Elliott, Marr & Co.'s office on Tuesday evening, six clubs being represented, as follows: Memorial Church, All Saints', St. Paul's, St. James', St. George's and Christ Church.

The league decided to amalgamate with the Presbyterians and Methodists and play the games on the same night as the other two leagues. Two nights a week have been secured by the three leagues at the Simcoe rink, and three games will be played each night, Monday and Tuesday are the probable nights which will be devoted to the church leagues.

Players Will Be Registered. All the Anglican League players will be registered with the teams they play with, and all players must have their names on the league on or before Dec. 27. Players registered after that date will have to wait two weeks from date of registration before they can take part in a league game.

The colors of each team have been chosen, and are as follows: St. James—Black and red; St. Pauls, white and blue; Memorial, blue and white; All Saints, red and white; St. Georges, green and white; Christ Church, purple and gold.

PITCHERS' RECORDS
WILL BE CHANGED

Ban Johnson Will Make Radical Changes in Rating American League Twirlers.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—No record of the number of games won and lost by American League pitchers will appear in the official averages compiled for the baseball season of 1913, according to a statement of President Ban Johnson here last night. "I am opposed to the present method of rating hurlers," said Mr. Johnson, "and the way and lost column will be absent in the next batch of pitching figures sent out from my office."

"Instead of having the pitchers arranged according to their victories and defeats, it is my intention to have them rated according to the number of hits they yield in an inning, or according to the number of runs earned by them. The details of the new plan have not been worked out, but the present method will be forsaken for all time."

"I intend to put an expert at work to evolve a satisfactory formula, and expect to have one ready by the opening of the season."

GUELPH O. A. C.
MAY DROP OUT

Agricultural College Team May Quit Group No. 7 Owing to Long Jumps to London and Other Cities—Poor Train Connections Another Reason.

Guelph, Dec. 17.—It is very unlikely that the Ontario Agricultural College Intermediate hockey team will stay in the O. A. C. this winter, since the schedule has been arranged. In with the O. A. C. are the Guelph Victorias, London, Drumbo, Paris and Brantford. To play in Guelph in the morning, play at night and come back the next morning, the team would have to leave Guelph at 11 o'clock the next morning, meaning the loss of a whole day. To do this the team would have to leave practically every day in the month of January, and this is more than the boys can afford to do. They may play in intercollegiate and friendly games.



HARRY HYLAND, of the Montreal Wanderers, who accepted terms with the Patrick Brothers and then refused to make the jump to the coast.

TIGERS WILL NOT
WIN 1913 PENNANT

Hughie Jennings Says There Is No Use Deceiving Himself, Detroit Will Do Well To Get Fourth Place.

Detroit, Dec. 18.—"There is no use in my trying to convince either myself or the Detroit fans that the Tigers will win the 1913 pennant," said Hughie Jennings on Tuesday afternoon.

"Nothing would please me better than to come out with a rosy prediction that we would be up among the leaders all next season, but I couldn't do so and be honest with myself or to my friends here. I do not expect to win the flag next year, and I might as well be frank and say so."

"If the Tigers can finish in fourth place I shall consider that we have done well. It is about all we can hope for. It takes a long time to build up a ball club that has 'gone back,' and the material that Detroit has available is largely green, and needs time to develop."

Packey's Mother Gets
His Share for Christmas

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Packey McFarland, who drew about \$2,500 for his share of the gate for his fight with Eddie Murphy at Kenosha last night, announced that the money would go to his mother as a Christmas present. Packey got 40 per cent of the gate receipts.

DOINGS IN CITY HOCKEY CIRCLES

The City League will meet this evening in the Orient Club. The representatives are requested to be on hand as early as possible, as the meeting starts sharp at 8 o'clock, and important business matters are coming up.

The London Hockey Club officials had a meeting this morning, but only minor business matters were dealt with. The new sweaters are expected on the 20th.

All Saints' will place a strong team in the Anglican League. The Hamilton readers are very enthusiastic over the prospects and they may make all the others hustle.

The three church leagues should get together and pass a resolution forbidding a player from playing on more than one church league team, no matter in what league he plays. This is the only way to bring out new material and keep the leagues together.

The First Hussars have arranged exhibition games with Emory Brass, London O. H. A. Juniors, and Sarnia Intermediates. The local games will be played next week if there is ice, while the others are postponed.

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At the last meeting of the Manufacturers' League the question of dropping out the low team at the end of the first schedule was brought up, but was voted down when the Greene-Swifts representative pointed out that this was an unfair thing to do. Last year the Greene-Swifts team was going as good as the strong teams when it was forced to drop out.

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Wagner Made Longest Hit
In Baseball Off Marquard

What is declared by such veterans as Dan Brouthers and Mike Tierna to have been the longest hit in the history of baseball, was made off Rube Marquard by Hans Wagner at the Polo Grounds in New York one day last summer.

Here is what Marquard has to say of the hit: "It was the longest hit I ever saw. I was trying to waste a ball on the Dutchman, and I shot it two feet above his head. But Hans reached it with his mighty club, and knocked the ball over the elevated railroad structure on the other side of our left field fence."

Palzer Will Be Favorite Over McCarty, Prediction

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—On the showing that he is making in his training bouts with sparring partners many predict that Al Palzer will be a favorite for his New Year's Day battle with Luther McCarty.

Four boxing partners faced the big fellow today and each took a good deal of punishment before he was allowed to quit. Two rounds were allotted to each man.

During the morning Palzer, who was greatly overweight when he started training, took a long turn on the road.

Promoter Tom McCarty announced today that nearly all the seats for the fight had been reserved in advance and he expects to take in nearly \$35,000 at the gate.

VICTORIA LOST
TO VANCOUVER

Prodger's Team Was Beaten in Great Game in Vancouver Tuesday Evening—Victoria Forward Line Was Unable to Penetrate Vancouver Defence—Score Was 7 to 3.

[Canadian Press.]

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 18.—In the most sensational hockey game ever played on the coast, Vancouver defeated Victoria before five thousand wildly enthusiastic spectators Tuesday night, and assumed the leadership in the Pacific Coast League. The final score was 7-3.

Both teams set a terrific pace, and the checking was hard and close. Vancouver played better combination. Frank Patrick and Tommy Dunderdale starred, giving a wonderful display. Fred Taylor was also in the line, and Earl Kendall, the former Ottawa amateur, showed grand form. The Victoria forwards were unable to do much against the Vancouver defence, Griffith and Patrick intercepting many rushes, while Taylor was to the fore in leading attacks on the Victoria goal.

Final summary: First period—1, Vancouver, Harris, 15:42. Second period—2, Victoria, Dunderdale, 4:19; 3, Victoria, Dunderdale, 40 seconds. Third period—4, Vancouver, Harris, 1:05; 5, Vancouver, F. Patrick, 3:25; 6, Vancouver, J. McDonald, 28 seconds; 7, Vancouver, Taylor, 2:15; 8, Victoria, Dunderdale, 1:25; 9, Vancouver, F. Patrick, 5:18.

Penalties—First period, none. Second period—Poulin, Victoria, 3 minutes; Dunderdale, Victoria, 2 minutes; Kendall, Vancouver, 2 minutes. Third period—Kendall, Vancouver, 3 minutes; Prodger, Victoria, 3 minutes; Kendall, Vancouver, 3 minutes; Griffith, Vancouver, 2 minutes; Griffith, Vancouver, 2 minutes.

Total—Vancouver, 10 minutes; Victoria, 8 minutes.

Line-up: Vancouver—Parr, goal; F. Patrick, point; Griffith, coverpoint; Taylor, rover; Prodger, centre; J. McDonald, right wing; Harris, left wing.

Victoria—Lindsay, goal; L. Patrick, point; Prodger, coverpoint; Dunderdale, rover; Bow, centre; Poulin, right wing; Small, left wing.

Judge of play—Hugh Lehman. Timekeepers—R. J. Clark, Vancouver; George E. Gorman, Victoria. Penalty timekeeper—W. B. McDonald. Goal umpires—Fred Ion, Vancouver; H. Gould, Victoria.

PAPKE BREAKS HIS
HAND IN PARIS

Will Not Return to Ring Until March 5—Is on His Way Back to America Now.

Paris, France, Dec. 17.—Billy Papke, middleweight champion, is out of the ring again until next spring. Papke knocked out Bernard, and when he did so he broke a bone in his right hand, so he had to call off all his theatre work for eight weeks. Papke will not box again until March 5, on March 5 he meets Frank Klaus for the middleweight championship of England.

Papke is expected to return to America on Dec. 9, and will return to Paris some time in February, by hurling his hand it will make a \$10,000 difference to Papke. Today he is the Papke of 1908, the real champion of the world.

His last match with Klaus he meets Carpenter in Monte Carlo. Papke in shape is the real middleweight champion, and has moved his camp to Paris. Today he is the Papke of 1908, the real champion of the world.

He fought Bernard at the middle limit, and was presented with the gold and ivory belt by Mons. Vienne, of the Wonderland Club, and on the belt, which cost \$2,500, is the inscription, "Champion of the World." It is the finest belt ever given to a boxer by one man, and the real middleweight has the belt.

Lippe is in Paris with Jeff Smith, Chas. Thomas and Danty Lewis, and will stay in Paris with them until Papke returns in February. If his hand is well he will surely meet Klaus in March.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
AVERAGES ARE ISSUED

Krause and Falkenberg, of Toledo, Are Leading Pitchers.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—The official averages of pitchers and fielders of the American Association for the season of 1912, issued today by Thomas M. Briggs, president of the organization, show Krause and Falkenberg, of Toledo, leading the pitching list. Krause's name appears first with thirteen victories and four defeats, giving him an average of 76.9. Although Falkenberg is named second on the official list, he was the real league leader, with twenty-five victories and eight defeats, a percentage of .758.

Riger, of St. Paul, lead the pitchers in fielding, having a clean record in twenty-five games. He accepted fifty-one chances.

Fielding honors in the catching department belong to Orvino, who used to pitch in the American League, but who worked behind the bat last season for Minneapolis. In 18 games he made only fourteen errors, setting a mark of .582.

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Since the Canadian League has come into existence, Ontario is fast gaining notoriety as a place where good ball-players come from. Players like Matt Fynes, Dick Tasker, Ernie Dinsmore, Andy Kyle, Harry Fursessdorn and others, are all Canadians raised in this province, and given their initial baseball training on Ontario soil. The big league scouts have put the Canadian League on their calling list, and as a result, Ontario home-grown players are being eagerly sought after. The most recent instance of this is a letter received by the sporting editor from Buffalo yesterday. It explains itself:

Sporting Editor, London Advertiser: Dear Sir:—The writer is to manage the Bradford, Pa., club in the New York and Pennsylvania League next season, and is desirous of landing some good young ballplayers.

I understand there are a number of good players in Southern Ontario, and thought I would write you requesting that you print this article so I can get in touch with them. With best wishes, I am, Yours truly,

WALTER E. JAYES, 14 Landon street, Buffalo, N. Y.

OTTAWA WILL TRY
TO GET DUBBIE KERR

Will Make a Strong Bid for Stanley Cup This Year—First Game at Quebec.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—That Ottawa is out to recover the Stanley cup this winter is evident from the extensive preparations which the local are making. Joe Denison joined the team at tonight's practice and completed the squad, which now numbers ten, including "Cap" McDonald, who may be retained as utility defence man, owing to the refusal of Horace Merrill, of New Edinburgh, to turn professional.

The team will line up as follows in the opening game at Quebec: Lessard, goal; Lake, point; Shore, coverpoint; Ronan, centre; Broadbent, right wing, and Darragh, left wing; with Westwick and Denison as utility men.

Broadsbent has not begun to show last season's form as yet, and there appears to be a lot of doubt as to his ability to make good, though he is rugged and fast.

Ottawa will take the above team to Quebec, but if it fails to deliver the goods they will immediately make the wires hum in quest of new players. "Dubbie" Kerr is one of the men they have in view, and if Broadbent falls down on the right wing assignment, Kerr will be brought back and Darragh swung over to the right side. Ottawa will support a winner, but the present team looks like an uncertain venture, and a loss would never go locally in view of the popularity and strength of the amateur teams. Kerr was so seldom in humor for hockey that he was a handicap rather than an aid to the local team last winter. In 1910 and 1911 he played brilliant hockey for Ottawa.

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Phyle Will Umpire
in Coast League

"Bill" Phyle, who umpired first in the Canadian League this year, and wound up the season as a member of President Barrow's International League staff, will handle the indicator next year in the Pacific Coast League. Phyle's appointment was due to the influence of President McCaffery and other friends around the International League circuit.

Phyle knows the game well enough, but his success depends on his mastery over the players. If he starts out by showing the players that he will not stand for senseless kicking and inflicts fines to compel obedience, he will surely make good. His London friends will be glad to hear of his success on the coast.

Two Fast Games in
St. Andrew's League

The St. Andrew's Senior Basketball League opened their schedule last night with two very interesting games.

The first game ended with the score of 18 to 10. Captain Lorne Little's team beating Captain Ernest Smith's team in the last half.

The second game was very close, Captain Wilfred Anderson's team beating Captain Clair Slater's team in the last minute of play by the score of 23 to 22.

Games next week are to be played on Thursday, instead of Tuesday, on account of the holiday.

Juarez Results.

Juarez, Dec. 17.—Three favorites, two second choices and Lucille Allen at 16 to 1 proved the winners here today. Following is the summary:

First race, 5 furlongs—Pan Zareta, 112; 1, Mrs. Camp, 109; 2, The Cinder, 108; 3, Time, 1:07 1-5.

Second race, 6 furlongs—Gold of Ophir, 109; 1, Col. Marchmont, 106; 2, Ulfur, 95; 3, Time, 1:14 1-5.

Third race, 1-16 miles—John Louis, 112; 1, Sister Florence, 95; 2, Ben Uncas, 110; 3, Time, 1:48 2-5.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs—J. B. Robinson, 105; 1, Eye White, 106; 2, Orba Smile, 109; 3, Time, 1:13 3-5.

Fifth race, 5 1/2 furlongs—Lucille Allen, 106; 1, Tilford Thomas, 109; 2, Chapultepec, 112; 3, Time, 1:06 1-5.

Sixth race, 1-16 miles—Black Mate, 106; 1, Shorty Nordeutt, 106; 2, Minnolette, 105; 3, Time, 1:47 4-5.

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BY FREDERICK ORIN BARTLETT

CHAPTER I. The Christening.

As wild as logs leaping clear of a broken jam, twenty lumbermen just off the spruce drive jumped from the train as it pulled into Bangor and whooped their way across the platform. Tanned and bearded and hard as nails, they made as great a commotion as though there had been two hundred of them. Fox, bent-up enthusiasm for sheer animal spirits, for naked beef and brawn, they were, in fact, fully equal to that number of the putty-faced, soft who waited behind the swinging doors to receive them. For when you give men who are stalwart to begin with five months of mountain air, five months of swinging an axe from dawn to twilight, and add to this a month of logging where an hourly shaking of dice with death makes men reckless, and finally fill their pockets with money and turn them loose in even a Maine city, you have made a goodly company of savages.

Sanderson, a hairy giant in a gaudy Mackinac jacket, led the group. His black hair was whitening at the temples, and though his eyes were as clear as June morning, the lusts that burned back of them were crimson-streaked. Behind him followed a crowd of men, all hairy, all clear-eyed, all burning within. In the rear followed a young fellow, Nat Page, the youngest of the group. Though the latter equalled the best of them pound for pound and inch for inch, this was his first season. He stood six feet two, and his hair, blonde as a Saxon's, needed cutting. Beneath his blue-grey eyes stood out like crystal springs. He walked a bit stiffly, like a man who had never been in a crowd, and he lacked the eagerness of the others and lagged behind, for the hunger that burned within him drove him to St. Croix, where a whisp of a girl who wouldn't more than reach to his shoulder had smiled good-by to him a year before. That was all she had granted him—neither more nor less—just a smile at parting, but it was just that smile that had been enough to gladden the toll of the day. It wasn't much, and he stood within fifty miles of those black eyes, might seem a weak thing compared to the lady who had smiled at him, but he was not only had more of red blood but more of youth than any man-son of the group. Call it moonshine if you will, but chaste and temperate as the moon's white beam are, it is in them and not in sunshine that the big dreams are quickened which later are born in the heat of the day.

Bartineau lingered by his friend's side while the others moved on. Built like a giant dwarf—short of stature but broad across the shoulders and deep of chest—he considered Nat Page the finest man on earth. He had thought so ever since the smallpox had struck camp last winter, for he might have died then and there, like a rat in a hole, had it not been for Page. His other comrades would willingly have plunged among the grinding ice-blocks on the river to save him from drowning; they would have battled with the twisting, writhing logs to save him or any other of the fellows from that mauling, watery death, but when it came to the smallpox—Sacred Dieu, that was another matter. This took a different kind of courage, and only the younger of the group had proved himself big enough for that.

"Son," pleaded Bartineau, who was ten years the other's senior, "take me home with you. Non de Dieu—I can hoe like the devil."

He spoke eagerly while watching the disappearing group out of the corner of his eye with a certain wistfulness.

Nat Page glanced down uneasily at the man, who scarcely reached his shoulders, but who was as thick as the chest of himself. He felt embarrassed by such devotion from an elder.

"Ye'd better get along with the others," he advised.

"Au diable with them!" answered Bartineau promptly.

"There isn't work enough at home for me," explained Page.

"I won't eat more'n a dog," persisted Bartineau. "Sacred—I will sleep in the barn and hoe like the devil."

"The younger man shook his head with a good-natured laugh which revealed round white teeth.

"What about that sister ye was always talkin' about when ye was sick?"

Bartineau shuffled his feet. True enough there was Nanette, who was mother and sister to about ten of them.

"Eh, bien," he stammered.

"A shout from Sanderson startled them both. The latter, who had a voice like the bellow of an ox, had come running back into the station as excited as an old woman.

"Where's Frenchy and the kid?" he demanded of the world in general.

At that moment the world in general consisted of two commercial travellers, a woman and her three children, a mild-mannered old gentleman, and a half-dozen baggage-men.

Page quickly extended his hand to Bartineau.

"Scout along," he said. "They're looking for ye."

Six faithful henchmen rounded the corner after Sanderson.

"Where's the kid?" they demanded in chorus.

The mother gathered her children around her, and the drummers made as though to help them look. The spirits of these drummers were like rain-washed things compared to the vibrant luster lusts that burned within these forest men. One of the children began to cry, and Sanderson, perceiving the lad's fear, swooped

down upon him and raised him seven feet into the air.

"Ye be a't afeered o' me, be ye?" he demanded.

The child began instantly to chuckle, as he felt the strong fingers in his ribs. The mother reached up for her own. Sanderson dove into his pocket and brought out a half-dollar, which he left in the boy's hand, and then with a whoop started off again.

The mother thought better of him and watched with some anxiety to see if he found his own kid. She saw him swoop down upon the six-foot blonde giant who apparently bore this meek title.

"Good Gawd," panted Sanderson, "we thought we'd lost ye. This is the first time I was over twenty minutes in Bangor with a thirst, still clawin' at my throat. Come on!"

Page looked around as though for some way to get to St. Croix this afternoon. "What's that, kid?"

"Dye think ye nussed through thoe left fer nothin'?"

"But I've got to get my train," he insisted. "So they marched, mostly past the offices of Bangor's sterling business-men—men who were sterling, too, and they were willing to risk their lives for their lumber; so they hooted and shouted down one street after another until the room was filled.

For a second Page swept the circle of faces around him. These were all his comrades. He knew the custom of the drive, and had no wish to violate it, but the train to St. Croix was in a hour and he must take that train. He figured that he might go with them and still get back. He nodded.

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GIRL OF SIXTEEN WEDDED BIGAMIST

Marriage Was Annulled After Case Had Dragged Over a Year.

HUSBAND NOW MISSING

His Story That He Had Been Divorced Was Found To Be Incorrect.

Cayuga, Dec. 17.—Mr. Justice Leitch at the opening of the assizes this afternoon annulled the marriage of Alberta Dint and Robert Warden on the grounds of bigamy, after the case had been before the high court for almost a year.

The case was a peculiar one, involving an alleged Buffalo divorce. When the application was originally made by the woman Warden opposed it on the ground that before he had married Miss Dint he had secured a divorce from his former wife, Ethel Michener, in Buffalo, and that the annulment granted in the United States held good in Canada.

Owing to the husband's contentions, the application was traversed to the winter assizes, and the wife engaged a firm of Buffalo attorneys to search the records of the divorce court in that city. According to the evidence given this afternoon by the clerk of the county court, there had been no divorce granted Warden, and it was shown that he had made no application.

The woman, in giving her evidence, stated that she had been enamored of Warden when by a girl, and that she married him when she was 16 years old. The marriage was solemnized in Canada. She stated that she had four children, the eldest being 15 years old and the youngest 5.

Warden was not present at the trial and his whereabouts are unknown.

The grand jury returned six true bills against William Draper, of Cayuga, five being for attempted arson and one for conspiracy. It is alleged by the crown that Draper attempted to burn the hotel of Barney O'Rourke of that village. This is the only criminal case on the assize calendar.

WINTER ASSIZES WILL OPEN ON JANUARY 7

High Court Sittings in London Are Also Announced.

The London winter assizes will commence on Tuesday, Jan. 7, and will be presided over by the Hon. the Chancellor, according to the announcement given out at Osgoode Hall Monday. The chancellor will also preside at the following: London weekly court, Saturday, March 29 and Saturday, May 31.

The following list contains the dates of the other London weekly courts until the end of June:

Courts presided over by the Hon. the Chief Justice of the King's Bench, March 1, June 7; presided over by the Hon. the Chief Justice of the common pleas, Feb. 8, April 12, May 3, June 14; presided over by the Hon. Justice Britton, Feb. 15, April 10, June 21; presided over by the Hon. Justice Testel, Feb. 1, April 5, April 21; presided over by the Hon. Mr. Justice Latchford, Feb. 24, May 10; presided over by the Hon. Mr. Justice Middleton, Feb. 22, April 26, June 28; presided over by the Hon. Mr. Justice Kelley, Jan. 11, March 15, May 17; presided over by the Hon. Mr. Justice Lennox, Jan. 18, March 22.

PERMANENT ART BUILDING FOR LONDON

Structure on Fair Grounds Turned Over to a Committee.

Ald. Johnston is confident that a permanent art gallery will be established in the city.

At the council meeting Monday night the building at the Western Fair was turned over to a committee composed of the mayor of London, the president of the London Art Association, the president of the Western Art League, the chairman of the art committee of the Western Fair Association, and Messrs. John Marr, R. R. Bland, W. H. Abbott and E. H. Johnston.

"I think this is the beginning of good things for London," said Ald. Johnston. "For many years we have not paid as much attention to art as we should, but now that we have a fine building accessible at all times for exhibition, Mr. J. Johnston is of the opinion that prominent artists would exhibit their pictures here, either for sale or otherwise, and in this way we could develop a great love of art in this city."

BOYS ARE CHARGED WITH ROBBING CAR

Three Lads Arraigned Before the Police Magistrate.

Three boys, charged with having entered a car of the London and Lake Erie Railway Company, and having broken open a cigar-vending machine, were summoned to appear before Police Magistrate Judd in juvenile court yesterday.

The case was enlarged for a week. It is said that the three boys entered the car while a girl who was with them stood guard on the outside. When Mr. Judd asked the boys what they were doing, they said they were robbing the machine.

WILL PASS BYLAWS

City Council Will Hold a Meeting on January 30.

There will be a special meeting of the city council on Jan. 30 to wind up the business of the year.

The main idea is to pass the local improvement bylaws for the year. There are at least fifty or more of them, and the council must give them three readings, if the frontage taxes are to be levied the coming year.

CRUELTY TO CATTLE

Animals Said to Have Been Kept 29 Hours Without Food.

Something of the methods of cattle shippers that will probably result in more rigorous action on the part of the police was told in Carling street court yesterday by Dennis Flannigan, who was charged by P. C. Thomas Bolton with cruelty in leaving six cows and two pigs in an open pen at the C. P. R. freight house for 29 hours without food or water.

The officer stated that the cattle

CHRISTMAS CONTEST—\$100 in Cash Prizes

FUN-TO-WASH

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FIRST PRIZE\$10.00
SECOND PRIZE\$7.00
THIRD PRIZE\$4.00
FOURTH PRIZE\$3.00
Fifty-six Prizes \$1.00.

Seventy Cash Prizes. Send replies early, as contest closes December 23rd.

Send in as many replies as you like, but all replies must reach us by three o'clock on December 23rd. At that time the three judges will shake all the replies together in a basket, and the first 70 correct replies drawn will receive the cash prizes.

THE ONLY CONDITION—With each reply must be inclosed one MAMMY HEAD, cut from a 5c or 10c package of "Fun-to-Wash" Washing Powder, and not more than one reply in each envelope. Be sure to address Contest Department, Standish Manufacturing Company, Limited, 11 Colborne Street, Toronto.

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TO-DAY

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

Holiday Fares

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will issue excursion tickets at single fare for the round trip, between all stations in Canada, and to Detroit, St. Clair, Mich., Buffalo, Black Rock, Niagara Falls, and Suspension Bridge, N. Y., and to points on connecting lines in Canada via authorized junction points on Dec. 24th, 25th, limit to return Dec. 26th, 1912, and on Dec. 31st, 1912 and Jan. 1st, 1913, limit to return Jan. 2nd, 1913.

And at One and One-Third first class limited fare for the round trip on Dec. 21st, 1912 to Jan. 1st, 1913, limit to return Jan. 3rd, 1913.

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NEW YORK CENTRAL LINES

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Build your strength and vital forces with SCOTT'S EMULSION; it supplies the needed lime and concentrated fats; the glycerine soothes and heals the delicate organs; the emulsion nourishes the tissues and nerve centers and makes red, active blood.

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO. Arrive from the East—*3:52 a.m., 10:56 a.m., *11:12 a.m., *11:28 a.m., *6:30 p.m., *8:00 p.m., 10:45 p.m. Arrive from the West—*12:14 a.m., 3:45 a.m., 8:50 a.m., *11:55 a.m., 1:10 p.m., *4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m. Depart for the East—*12:19 a.m., *3:48 a.m., 7:20 a.m., 9:00 a.m., *12:05 p.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m. Depart for the West—*3:57 a.m., 7:40 a.m., *11:18 a.m., *11:35 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 8:20 p.m.

LONDON AND WINDSOR. Arrive—10:28 a.m., *4:00 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 11:05 p.m. Depart—*3:45 a.m., *11:45 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 8:05 p.m.

STRATFORD BRANCH. Arrive—11:15 a.m., 1:39 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:25 p.m. Depart—6:00 a.m., 10:26 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 11:55 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE. Arrive—10:00 a.m., 6:10 p.m. Depart—*3:20 a.m., 4:40 p.m. Trains marked * run daily. Those not marked, daily, except Sunday.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY. Arrive from the East—*11:42 a.m., 6:50 p.m., *8:35 p.m., *11:12 p.m. Arrive from the West—*4:30 a.m., 11:40 a.m., *12:15 p.m., *6:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m. Depart for the East—*4:28 a.m., 7:00 a.m., *12:25 p.m., *5:55 p.m. Depart for the West—*8:00 a.m., *11:50 a.m., 7:00 p.m., *8:23 p.m., *11:20 p.m. Trains marked * run daily. Those not marked, daily, except Sunday.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY. Arrive—10:04 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 4:55 p.m., 8:40 p.m. Depart—7:20 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 5:20 p.m., 10

Gift Suggestions

Fancy Collars, Embroidered and Lace Handkerchiefs, Fancy Scarfs and Kid Gloves

The largest selection of Christmas novelties shown in London.

Lace Collars in white, round and square styles. Special50¢

Large Lace Collars, coat size, white only. Special\$1.00

Perrin's Kid Gloves in tan, white, gray and black, sizes 5 1/4 to 7 1/2. Every pair guaranteed. Special\$1.00

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Splendid quality, Leather-Lined Handbags, with small purse, gilt or oxidized frame. Special\$1.00

Another special in seal grain leather, leather lined, with small purse, oxidized frame. Special\$1.39

Children's Mesh Purses, with long chain. Special50¢

100 YARDS OF BLACK DUCHESS PAILLETTE SILK, with green selvage, full yard wide. Christmas special79¢

AMERICAN LAD CORSETS FOR \$1.39.

Correct models of American Lady Corsets, made from fine coutil, with rust-proof boning, four hose supporters attached, sizes 18 to 26. Special...\$1.39

CROMPTON'S SPECIAL CORSET FOR \$1.00.

Long hip, soft skirt suit Corset, made from extra quality coutil, with hose supporters attached, sizes 18 to 28. Special, pair...\$1.00

WOMEN'S BLACK MOIRE UNDERSKIRTS,

with pleated ruffle, lengths 38 to 42. Special...\$1.98

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Six-Inch Lace Doilies, at...12 1/2¢, 15¢, 19¢, 25¢

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At...20¢, 25¢ and 40¢ Larger sizes up to \$4.50

LARGE DAMASK TOWELS,

With hemstitched or scalloped ends. Regular 75¢ value, Thursday, special...50¢

MISSIE'S COATS.

Made from imported navy coating, with convertible collar, belt all around, sizes 14, 16 and 18 years. Regular \$10 value. Thursday, special\$6.50

50 DOZEN BLACK CASHMERE STOCKINGS,

Full fashioned and seamless, sizes 8 1/2 to 10 inch. Thursday special, pair...19¢

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Made from imported embroidered voile, sizes 34 to 40 bust, values up to \$3.00. Special sale price...\$1.98

R. J. Young & Co.

Cattle and Produce Markets

FOR OTHER MARKETS SEE PAGE ELEVEN.

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; market weak; beefs, \$6.50 to \$7.50; Texas steers, \$4.40 to \$5.65; western steers, \$5.25 to \$7.50; stockers and feeders, \$4.25 to \$7.25; cows and heifers, \$2.75 to \$7.50; calves, \$5.50 to \$7.50. Hogs—Receipts, 23,000; market slow, \$5.00 to \$7.50; light, \$6.50 to \$7.25; mixed, \$6.50 to \$7.25.

Union Stockyards.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Union stockyards—Choice butcher cattle and steers had an active market here today, while trade in the commoner grades was not so good, and in some cases was slow. Hogs were steady to firm at last week's closing quotations of \$5 for fed and watered stock and \$7 for o. b. Sheep and lambs were also unchanged. The run totaled 344 cars, with 2,552 head of cattle, 158 calves, 1,215 sheep and lambs and 1,381 hogs. Choice butcher cattle went at last week's ruling prices of from \$6.50 to \$7.25, with quotations even higher for Christmas beef of the best sort. Choice heavy steers had brisk sale, some few selling at \$5.50. There is no improvement in the prices for medium and common beef, in fact, the market for these grades is a holiday trade. Cows went at \$3 to \$5.25 and bulls ranged at the same figure, while canners and calves remained at \$2 to \$3.50. Calves sold steady at \$7 to \$9 for choice veal. Lambs changed hands at \$6.75 to \$7.25, light ewes at \$4 to \$4.50 and heavy ewes at \$3 to \$4. Hogs sold at \$5 and \$7.65. Representative transactions were: Maybee & Wilson sold 12 loads steers and heifers, \$5.25 to \$6.75; cows, \$2.50 to \$3.50; one choice bull, \$6. Dunn & Leacock sold 30 loads butchers', \$5.50 to \$6.50; Christmas cattle, \$7.25; Coughlin & Co. sold 70 heavy Christmas steers, 1,150 to 1,550 lbs., \$6.75 to \$7.15; 100 butchers' (good), 550 to 675 lbs., at \$5.50 to \$6.50; 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., \$4 to \$5.50. Harris Abattoir bought 300 butchers' cattle, \$5.25 to \$6.50; cows, \$4.50 to \$5.25; canners and cutters, \$2.25 to \$3.50. Swift's Canadian Co. bought choice heavy Christmas steers, \$7.25. C. McCurdy bought 600 cattle, 800 to 1,050 lbs. from \$5 to \$7. C. Good bought 50 butchers' cattle, \$5.50 to 1,000 lbs., \$5 to \$6.40. Western cattle market—Trade was good, with a light run of five cars, with 50 head of cattle and 88 sheep and lambs. Quotations were:

Export cattle, choice	6.00	to	6.25
do medium	5.75	to	6.00
do bulls	2.75	to	3.12
Butchers' cattle, choice	6.00	to	6.25
do medium	5.50	to	6.00
do common	2.75	to	3.12
Butchers' cows, choice	4.50	to	5.00
do medium	3.50	to	4.00
do common	2.00	to	2.50
Butchers' bulls	2.25	to	2.50
Feeders	2.25	to	2.50
do bulls	2.75	to	3.12
Stockers	5.00	to	5.25
do common	4.00	to	4.25
Canners and cutters	2.00	to	2.25
Milkers and springers	4.00	to	4.25
Calves	5.00	to	5.25
do common	3.00	to	3.25
Lambs	6.00	to	6.25
Light ewes	2.25	to	2.50
do heavy	3.00	to	3.25
Rucks and wethers	2.25	to	2.50
Hogs, fed and watered	8.00	to	8.25
do f. o. b.	7.65	to	7.85

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—At both local cattle markets this morning there was a big demand for good cattle, but poorer grades went off slower. Sheep and hogs showed no change in prices. Receipts: At Union stockyards—Cattle, 925; sheep, 615; hogs, 520; calves, 1,802. At City cattle market—Cattle, 88; sheep, 125; hogs, 95. Quotations: Export cattle, choice, \$5 to \$6.50; do medium, \$5.25 to \$5.75; do bulls, \$2.75 to \$3.12; butchers' cattle, choice, \$6.50 to \$7.25; do medium, \$5.50 to \$6.00; do common, \$2.75 to \$3.12; butchers' cows, \$4.50 to \$5.25; do medium, \$3.50 to \$4.00; do common, \$2.00 to \$2.50; butchers' bulls, \$2.25 to \$2.50; feeders, \$2.25 to \$2.50; do bulls, \$2.75 to \$3.12; stockers, \$5.00 to \$5.25; do common, \$4.00 to \$4.25; canners and cutters, \$2.00 to \$2.25; milkers and springers, \$4.00 to \$4.25; calves, \$5.00 to \$5.25; do common, \$3.00 to \$3.25; lambs, \$6.00 to \$6.25; light ewes, \$2.25 to \$2.50; do heavy, \$3.00 to \$3.25; rucks and wethers, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hogs, fed and watered, \$8 to \$8.25; do f. o. b., \$7.65 to \$7.85.

springers, each, \$40 to \$60; calves, \$7 to \$9. Sheep—Ewes, cwt, \$4.25 to \$4.50; hucks and culs, \$2.50 to \$3; lambs, \$5.50 to \$7.25. Hogs—Fed and watered, \$8; f. o. b., \$7.65. QUINCY, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 18,000; market steady to slow; beefs, \$5.45 to \$9.75; Texas steers, \$2.45 to \$5.65; western steers, \$5.25 to \$7.50; stockers and feeders, \$4.25 to \$7.25; cows and heifers, \$2.75 to \$7.50; calves, \$5.50 to \$7.50. Hogs—Receipts, 30,000; market slow and steady; light, \$6.50 to \$7.15; mixed, \$6.50 to \$7.25; heavy, \$6.50 to \$7.25; roughs, \$5.50 to \$7.25; pigs, \$5 to \$6.50; bulk of sales at \$7.10 to \$7.20. Sheep—Receipts, 25,000; market slow and steady; natives, \$3.90 to \$5; westerns, \$4 to \$5. Yearlings, \$5.40 to \$6; culls, \$2.50 to \$3.75; westerns, \$6 to \$7.50.

SEEDS. TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Seeds—Timothy offers freely, but the supply of alfalfa is falling off. Prices unchanged. No. 1 Alsike, bu, \$11.50 to \$12; No. 2, \$10.50 to \$11; No. 3, \$9.50 to \$10; No. 1 Timothy, bu, \$1.90 to \$2.25; No. 2, \$1.25 to \$1.60; flax, \$1.10 to \$1.25; clover seed, No. 2, \$7.20.

WOOL. TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Wools—Receipts are limited and prices firm. Dealers say the following prices: Unwashed, 13¢ to 13 1/2¢ for coarse, 15¢ to 15 1/2¢ for fine; washed, 21¢ to 24¢; rejections, 15¢ per lb. at country points.

OILS. LONDON, Dec. 17.—Calcutta linseed, April and June, 45s 7 1/2d; linseed oil, 26s; sperm oil, 27s; petroleum, American refined, 8 1/2d; spirits, 9 1/2d; turpentine, 31s 1/2d; rosin, American strained, 17s 1/2d. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Refined oil—Spot, prime summer yellow, \$6.10 to \$6.25; good oil, \$6.00 to \$6.10; off oil, \$5.95 to \$6.05; red off oil, \$5.95 to \$6; winter, \$6.30 to \$6.35; summer white, \$6.30 to \$6.35.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 17.—Turpentine—Firm, 39 1/2¢ to 39 3/4¢; sales, 698; receipts, 2,000; stock, 23,387. Rosin—Firm, sales, 3,105; receipts, 3,717; shipments, 2,200; stock, 154,800.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Messrs. Burns & Sheppard, of the Repository, report that they had good offerings of all classes of horses at their bi-weekly auction yesterday, the heavy draughts and delivery horses being especially strong in numbers and quality. An extra good crowd of buyers was present at the sale, and business was brisk. The Robert Simpson Company bought a number of the best class of delivery horses, paying from \$150 to \$200 for the most of them. The Chalmers Box Company gave upwards of \$600 for a very fine pair of big gray, and also bought an extremely good brown mare for \$225, a bay gelding \$200, brown mare \$232.50, and several others at lower prices. Mr. J. H. Proctor, Newmarket, bought a choice pair of bay geldings for \$450; J. E. Cavill, Sheridan, bay mare, \$205; Whittier Bros., bay mare, \$135; J. Neilsen, bay gelding, \$75; J. Carter, chestnut gelding, \$85; G. May, gray gelding, \$200; G. Crozier, bay mare, \$185; J. O'Connor, Streetville, bay gelding, \$180; George Weston, Limited, bay mare, \$127.50; J. Lightfoot, Clarkson, gray mare, \$185; S. J. Carlew, bay mare, \$105; C. Mitchell, brown mare, \$225; W. Graham, bay gelding, \$140; A. Gordon, Eglington, bay gelding, \$122.50. Boyd, pair bay geldings, \$210, etc. The demand for the cheaper horses was again good, as it has been for a number of weeks past, and the Repository expect large shipments of sound and fresh country horses all the time, and expect to clear them out with very little delay after arrival. Sound horses of a right age of the various classes bring at present from \$250 to \$220, according to quality and weight, and serviceably sound horses \$50 to \$100.

PRODUCE.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—Provisions fairly active. Dressed hogs, abattoir killed, \$12.25 to \$12.50; country, \$11 to \$12.25. Pork, heavy Canada, \$9.00 to \$9.15, 35 to 45 pieces, \$23; Canada short cut back, \$45 to \$5.50 pieces, \$23. Lard, compound, tierces, 275 lbs., \$9.50; wood pails, 20 lbs net, \$10; pure tierces, 275 lbs., \$14.75; wood pails, 20 lbs net, \$15.25. CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Provisions, varying from last night's level to 12 1/2¢ decline. Provisions weakened because shippers had but little sold for deferred delivery. December lard received the poorest support and declined 12 1/2¢ net. Cash quotations: Mess pork, per cwt, \$17.10 to \$17.25. Lard, per 100 lb, \$10.27 1/2. Short ribs sides, loose, \$9.27 1/2 to \$9.27 1/2. Estimated receipts of hogs for tomorrow, 21,000 head.

PORK.—Estimated receipts of hogs for tomorrow, 21,000 head.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Trade here is quiet for Ontario wheat, the demand being limited, owing to the slow movement of the Canadian Interlake Line, Limited, and to acquire other vessels, making fourteen in all. It is now the largest company in Canada engaged entirely in freight lake transportation. All are modern steel vessels.

The names of the ships are as follows: Canadian, Acadian, Regina, Kenora, Tagona, Fordonian, Gordon, Hamilton, Calgarian, McKinstry, Renvoye, Cadillac, Pioneer, and Mars.

The first nine vessels constitute the finest, most modern and best-equipped fleet of canal-size package freighters operating on the great lakes. The "McKinstry," "Renvoye," "Cadillac" and "Pioneer" are thoroughly modern steel bulk freighters, and are also canal size. The "Mars" is engaged in freight traffic on the lakes west from Buffalo and Port Colborne and on Georgian Bay.

The total insurance on the fleet is over \$1,800,000, which exceeds the total of the Preference Stock and underlying Bonds.

Considerable of the Company's tonnage is protected by favorable contracts, having from three to seven years to run. Under these contracts 180,000 tons of westbound freight were handled this year. The Company has also a contract for each of the next three years for transportation of pulpwood for four boats for the four months of the season of navigation when tonnage is slackest.

The value of the vessels, as fixed by appraisal of seven by the Canadian Appraisal Co., Limited, and by the purchase prices of the other vessels, totals \$1,851,958, and is in excess of the total of the underlying Bonds and the Preference Stock.

The Company will be in a strong financial position, having ample working capital, and three of its vessels free of bonded indebtedness. By 1925 the Sinking Fund will have retired the Bonds on four other vessels, and those now outstanding will then have been reduced to \$220,000, while in 1927 all the existing Bonds will have been paid off.

PROFITS. Net Earnings for the year 1912 (seven vessels for the full season, and two from the early part of July—actual to November 30th, \$111,270, and estimated for the balance of the season \$14,000)\$225,270

Estimated Net Earnings for 1913, on the basis of the same earnings for the nine vessels operated in 1912, though two of them were not in commission for the first three months of the navigation season, and proportionate earnings for the five other vessels\$248,000

The Earnings indicated for 1913 will provide for payment of interest, Sinking Fund, Preference dividend and Reserve Fund, and leave \$134,250 as earnings on the Common Stock, being 13.4%. This showing is after providing out of profits for payment of \$67,000 for Sinking Fund, which is actually paying off liabilities and not really a charge upon profits.

DIVIDENDS. The first dividend on the Preference Shares is to be paid on April 1st, 1913, for the quarter commencing January 2nd, 1913.

Interest on payments on account of subscriptions will be paid on the first dividend date at the rate of 7% per annum from dates made.

In view of the current earnings, valuable freight contracts and generally favorable business prospects, the directors propose to commence paying dividend on the Common Stock from July 1st next, the first payment to be on October 1st for the quarter then ending.

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Western Insurance Company Manager Placed Under Arrest.

[Canadian Press.]

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 17.—Team work between Chief Cuddy, of Calgary, and Charles Davis, of Lethbridge, has resulted in the arrest of William L. Dodds, provincial manager for a life insurance company with

headquarters at Calgary, on a charge of bigamy. Dodds is alleged to have left his wife and family in Calgary when three weeks ago he married a

young English girl employed in a cigar stand at a local hotel. When arrested a bottle of carbolic acid was found in his pocket, and Dodds told the constables he was tired of life and wanted to die.

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The Wanstead Wreck.
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LONDON AND DISTRICT

Schools Reopen Jan. 6.

The public schools of the city will
open on Monday, Jan. 6. The school
regulations call for the opening on
Friday, Jan. 4, but Inspector Edwards
announces that the schools would not
open until Monday owing to the fact
that little could be done on Friday.
They will close on Friday of this week.

Dr. Imrie Appointed.

Dr. Cyril Imrie, a graduate of the
Western Medical School, has been
chosen one of four physicians to con-
stitute a panel to work at the University
of Toronto. He is an honor graduate
of the Western Medical College, and
was a medalist in addition. His course
was particularly brilliant.

Appeal Dismissed.

The divisional court at Toronto yester-
day heard the London case of
Rickett vs. Britton. Judge Odonoghue
for plaintiff, C. G. Jarvis (London) for
defendant. An appeal by plaintiffs
from the order of Riddell, J. of Nov.
9, 1912, whereby he stayed all proceed-
ings in the action under payment of
costs and interest at 5 per cent until
the date of judgment.

Writ For Hydro.

The water commissioners, through
their solicitors, Messrs. Meredith &
Fisher, have issued a writ against
Daniel Walde, of Grosvenor street, to
recover \$144 for hydro supplied to the
defendant for the two months ending
Oct. 21. The claim states that the de-
fendant was furnished with 30 horse-
power each month at \$2.40 per horse-
power. The plaintiffs also claim \$20
for line construction at \$10 per
month and interest at 5 per cent until
the date of judgment.

REV. DR. NIXON WILL

ACCEPT CALL TO WEST

West London Pastor Had Also

Received Invitation For a

Local Church.

The Presbytery of London met in
the First Presbyterian Church of
Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. T. H.
Mitchell, moderator, presided.

The calls to Rev. Dr. Nixon from
Hamilton Road and Kamloups, B. C.,
were considered. Hamilton Road of-
fered \$1,000, with manse and a month's
holidays. Rev. John Smith, Mr. C. W.
Summers, and Mr. A. McFarlane ap-
peared for the Hamilton Road congre-
gation, and urged their claims very
strongly. They feel that as the city
is growing in that direction it will
in a few years be one of the best congre-
gations in the city. They have now
property worth at least \$20,000. They
are a loyal and devoted people. The
call was very hearty and unanimous,
and the stipend will soon be increased.

Mr. D. McKenzie, ex-M. P. F. Dr.
Douglas and Thomas Ramsey, for
Hyde Park; Messrs. T. G. Turnbull, C.
Waugh and J. D. Campbell, for Komoka,
and Messrs. Hugh Wyatt, H. H.
Wallace, Wm. Rae and F. Rossiter,
spoke in the highest terms of Dr.
Nixon's ministry in these places for
eight years. They greatly wished him
to remain, although they did not like
to stand in the way of the splendid
opportunities that now opened to him.

The call from Kamloups was very
unanimous and enthusiastic. The
stipend is \$2,200 and vacation. Dr.
Nixon, after hearing all parties, ex-
pressed his desire to accept the call
to Kamloups. He felt he was called
to the west, as the need there was
very great. The Presbytery granted
the translation, to take place after

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Jan. 20 next. Dr. Ross was appointed
interim moderator of Hyde Park, Ko-
moka and London West. Dr. McDon-
ald, Mr. Stuart, Dr. McCrae, Mr. Thos.
Alexander and Dr. Munro expressed
the regrets of the Presbytery, and
their appreciation of Dr. Nixon's
worth. The old congregations of Dr.
Nixon will be declared vacant on the
last Sunday of January.

Dr. McCrae moved that Dr. Ross
be instructed to confer with the three
congregations and see if London West
can be separated from Hyde Park and
Komoka. A call from Mosa to Rev.
S. D. McPhie, of Avonmore, was pre-
sented. The stipend is \$1,000 with
manse and vacation. The call was
sustained and forwarded to the Pres-
bytery of Glenagarry.

A special meeting will be held later
to consider the call to Mr. Inkster.

LONDON'S FIRST ATTEMPT

TO FIGHT FIRE KING

Mr. F. E. Leonard's Interesting
Address Before Local
Historical Society.

Mr. F. E. Leonard was unable to be
present at the meeting of the Historical
Society last evening, and for that
reason the reading of his paper on
"The Old London Volunteer Fire Bri-
gade" was postponed until a future
date. Rather than disappoint the
members of the society present, Mr. F.
E. Leonard offered to give an im-
promptu address on the subject.

Mr. Leonard stated that the first at-
tempt to put London from fires was
made by the town council, which passed
an ordinance compelling each citi-
zen to supply himself with a bucket for
fire-fighting purposes. This measure
was caused by the fact that several
fires had done serious damage to prop-
erty in various parts of the city, and
once a blaze had started a great start
it was almost impossible to check
the course of the flames. The water
supply was obtained from wells and
thrown on the fire by means of the
buckets. The first engine was made
up of a box set on wheels and equipped
with a force pump.

A Primitive Method.

The pump was fed by the water being
taken from the wells and poured
into a tank. In a short time, however,
a more up-to-date engine was obtained
that was fitted with a suction
hose, and the buckets were discarded.

About this time large cisterns were
built in the ground at the principal
corners, and the fire brigade secured
its water supply from these. In wet
weather there was a plentiful supply
of water to answer all purposes, but
during a dry season the cisterns were
as a rule empty. There were four fire
engine companies, besides the hook and
ladder company at that time, each with
an engine company was known by the
name of the engine. The names of the
different companies were "Fire King,"
"Phoenix," "Rescue" and "Rising Sun."
These companies were stationed in
different parts of the town and each
company was distinguished by its uni-
form. The Phoenix was the most im-
portant of all the companies, and was
known all over Western Ontario.

A Suggestion.

In 1879 when the waterworks sys-
tem was completed, the fire engines
were sold and the people were content-
ed with a pressure of 85 pounds to the
square inch, which has now been in-
creased to 110 pounds. Mr. Leonard
stated that in his opinion the fire-
fighting system could be completely
revolutionized and its efficiency in-
creased by the construction of a fire
engine which would increase the pres-
sure to 250 pounds by means of an elec-
tric motor, which could be connected
with the electric wires, which are
common in all parts of the city. Such
a pressure would demolish an ordinary
building, and the adoption of such a
plan would result in the reduction of
the insurance rates all over the city.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Leon-
ard's address, a large number of those
present entered into a discussion of the
old fire system. Among those who
spoke were Messrs. T. H. Purdon, K.C.,
who presided at the meeting; Rev. G.
B. Cox, Dr. Woolverton and Mr. A.
Harvey.

BLIZZARD AT DULUTH.

Duluth, Dec. 17.—Duluth and vi-
cinity today are blanketed under one
to five feet of snow in the worst bliz-
zard in ten years. The temperature is
not low, however. This morning snow
and wind show no signs of abating.

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Christian Endeavor Society will be
taken by the Young People's Guild of
the First Presbyterian Church on Sun-
day evening next.

The program rendered at the for-
nightly meeting of the Guild, held on
Sunday night was a most varied and
pleasing one. A tableau, with "Loch-
lavar" as the subject, was enacted and
carried off the honors for wholesome
amusement. The cast for the drama
was as follows: Misses Grant and
Belton, and Messrs. Kray, Buchanan
and Petrie. Mr. A. Riach read the se-
lection, while the dramatists were per-
forming.

An old-time spelling match was car-
ried out successfully.

All were spelled down with the ex-
ception of one. Mr. A. Buchanan
rendered two solos, and Miss Hayes
also favored with one.

A sum of money has been laid aside
by the Guild for providing Christmas
baskets for the poor.

**ENGLISHMEN GIVE
MONEY TO CHARITY**

A Past President's Jewel Presented to
Mr. John Nutkins.

At the regular meeting of St.
George's Society, which was held in
the Albion Block on Tuesday evening,
the following donations were made to
different charitable organizations of the
city: The Children's Aid Society, \$15;
Victorian Order of Nurses, \$15; Pro-
testant Orphans' Home, \$10; Conval-
escent Home, \$10; Salvation Army Re-
scue Home, \$5.

Mr. Joseph Sanders, on behalf of the
members of the society presented Mr.
John Nutkins with a past president's
jewel upon the completion of Mr. Nut-
kins' third term as president of the so-
ciety. Mr. Nutkins thanked the mem-
bers for their kindness. The annual
election of officers was postponed until
the next meeting.

A HEAVY SENTENCE.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Windsor, Dec. 17.—Albert Secker,
aged 28, caught while doing a "Peep-
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Other Hospital Trustees Are
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Elected Again.

Reference to the fact that the term
of Col. Gartshore expires at the end
of the year was made at the meeting
of Victoria Hospital trust yesterday af-
ternoon, and the other trustees ex-
pressed the hope that he would be re-

turned without opposition in January.

"We cannot afford to lose him," de-
clared Mr. Llewellyn Meredith.

"I want to come back," said Col.
Gartshore. "I greatly enjoy the work."

Those present were Col. Gartshore,
chairman, Llewellyn Meredith, George
B. Harris, Thomas G. Turnbull and Su-
perintendent Heard.

A CHINESE CASE

Writes Issued Over a Local Laundry
Business.

Messrs. Flock & Flock, acting upon
instructions from Jung Can, of To-
ronto, and Jung Gat, of Chatham, have
issued a writ against Jung Wah, of
this city, asking for a declaration that
all the parties are partners in the
laundry business at 344½ Dundas
street, where the business is conducted
under the name of "John Thom Lain-
dry Company" for an order restraining
the defendant from selling the prop-
erty without the consent of the
plaintiffs, and also for an accounting
by the defendant of his dealings with
the property and assets.

The defendant in the previous action
has issued a writ through Messrs.
Meredith & Meredith, in which the
claim is for damages for wrongfully
depriving the plaintiff, Jung Wah, of
his interest in the business, and for
converting to their own use the assets
of the company.

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Rings. Were \$10.00, now \$7.50

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