

The Planet

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DAVIS' RESIGNATION.

Finding that he could not successfully defend himself against the North York protest, Hon. Mr. Davis approached the Conservatives, and made an arrangement to discontinue the exposure of crooked work in that riding, signing an undertaking to resign on Jan. 21, the first day the converted election law will permit him to resign, comments the Hamilton Spectator. Both sides pledged themselves to secrecy, the secret to be kept until after to-day's by-elections.

We can easily understand why Mr. Davis insisted upon secrecy. The fact of his resignation, known to the people of the three by-election ridings, would assuredly lead to the defeat of the Government candidates. But we cannot understand why the Conservatives agreed to the proposition for secrecy.

But the managers of the Conservative party in Toronto have done several queer things in connection with the recent elections.

The worst feature of the whole business is the quibbling—to put it very mildly—of Hon. Mr. Davis and Hon. Mr. Ross in their statements about this affair. Of course, the temptation to keep the knowledge of the transaction from the people of the by-election ridings was very great; but the Premier of Ontario and his minister ought to be above what in an ordinary man is called falsehood.

A CENTURY'S WARS.

Oscar Browning, the well-known Cambridge scholar and historian, has contributed to the Nineteenth Century series (the Linscott Publishing Company) the volume which treats of the wars of the century. The book is the seventeenth volume of the series. Naturally, the Napoleonic wars occupy a large space in the work. From the first consul's passage of the Alps in May, 1800, and the great battle of Marengo in the following month, to the battle of Waterloo, which ended the great conqueror's career, the wars that Napoleon waged during these fifteen eventful years are described with the accuracy of a military expert and yet with a breeziness which is appropriate in a work written for the general reading public. It is evident that Professor Browning is a profound admirer of Napoleon's genius, but this fact does not prevent him from pointing out the great man's faults and mistakes, nor from doing justice to the generals who opposed him in the field. The other wars dealt with are the war in the Crimea, the Franco-Austrian war of 1859, the American war of secession, the war between Prussia and Austria in 1866, the Franco-German war of 1870, the Russo-Turkish war in 1877, and the Spanish-American war in 1898. All the information necessary to a good general knowledge of these wars, the plans of the generals engaged in them, and the battles fought, is furnished by the author.

Although some of the most important battles in human history were fought in the nineteenth century, upon the whole the century's wars were, in comparison with other fields of human activity, less important, probably, than were the wars of any previous century. And it is very likely that when the history of the twentieth century is written, war will form a still less prominent feature of it.

CAN'T FOOL THE SEX.

THIBITS. A young lady from London was visiting for the first time a country farm. Seeing a cow looking very savage, she said to the old farmer, "Oh, show savage that cow looks!" "Yes, miss, it's the red parcel you are carrying," said the farmer. "Well," she said, "I knew it was a trifle out of fashion, but I never thought a country cow would notice it."

HEART BEATS.

Health. In almost all cases of organic trouble the heart is apt to beat rapidly, irregularly, worry, dissipation, overworking until the nervous system is a wreck, is a sure way to create a 90 pulse rate. However, when there is no organic trouble, the remedy is to correct the errors of living, sleeping regularly, eating regularly, exercising well, thus making better blood. If there is no heart trouble this is the best way to correct that condition.

A REAL SPOTLESS TOWN.

Detroit News. As a result of the introduction of the Bertillon system by the Zurich police the town has practically cleared out all its bad characters. Even stramps give the place a wide berth, for as soon as a person is arrested, he is photographed and his measurements taken, even if the charge is not serious. Of late, the police have had so little to do that there is talk of reducing the number of the force. So few crimes are committed in the

town that Zurich is considered to be the most moral town in Switzerland.

THIS STRENUOUS AGE.

The Public. The churches are as strenuous as the counting rooms and factories. Listen to the preacher's announcements week by week of meetings of this and that guild, his eager appeals for money in support of this and that enterprise. The schools have programs too long for their hours, new practical studies coming in to crowd the old ones, and none to be omitted; so that the teaching is done in a fidgety spirit. The colleges have a thousand and one activities among their students, overshadowing legitimate work—not football alone, but societies and clubs of every description.

"TIS A MAD WORLD, MY MASTERS."

Amboy Journal. As we have travelled over this country a good deal we have made up our minds it is a queer world or rather the people that live in it. Not one of them are alike and not one of them think alike. There are some that attend strictly to their own business, while others are trying to find out other people's business. Then there are some that like to be on the go all the time or nearly taking about some one, and there are some that we have heard of that would talk about their own family. Such a person must be very small. We should think such a one would stop and think if it would be any honor to such a person. We think not. Still there are some that will differ with the writer. I have tried to understand how it is that some people stand so high or think they do. But they do. Well, there is as much difference in folks as in anybody. Well, we all have our faults, I suppose.

Dover Council.

The council met as court of revision on Dyer drain Dec. 8th. The members were all present. The appellants and persons appealed against in attendance were heard in evidence. The court of revision adjourned till Dec 22nd, to allow the clerk time to notify the parties appealed against at this meeting.

The council met. The members were all present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Wright—Grant—That John Bishop's Statute labor grievance be referred to Mr. Crawford and report.—Carried.

Wright—Trudell—That A. D. Charbonneau, F. J. Goudreau, A. Reaume, Jr., T. Charron, R. Steen, J. Bachelard and R. Wilmore be each paid \$1 for pathmaster's returns.—Carried.

Grant—Crawford—That J. W. White be refunded \$2.76 paid by him at tax sale for lot 73 Wood's survey, which lot has no existence.—Carried.

Grant—Wright—That Harry Smith, collector, be instructed to receive the taxes from Nelson Everly on lots 57 and 58 and to return the taxes on S 1/2 lot, 69 and 105, Wood's Survey, as the owners have redeemed these lots.—Carried.

Grant—Trudell—That the grievance of Henry Brown be referred to Mr. Crawford and report.—Carried.

Crawford—Wright—That the clerk be instructed to let H. Macpherson, pro provincial auditor, have the lists returned by him from the county treasurer of lands liable to be sold for arrears of taxes from 1890 to 1902 inclusive re county audit.—Carried.

Grant—Wright—That the grievance of Nelson Everly re certain lots in Wood's Survey be referred to the clerk and report.—Carried.

The following accounts were ordered paid. Joseph Rankin for use of hall at Dover Centre as polling station in election, May 29th last \$4; and for on Liquor Act, 1902, Dec. 4th, \$4; Louis Sterling salary as commissioner on Ft. Con. mechanical drain for 1902, \$15; William Farber for Statute labor done, \$1.13; Banner News for advertising, \$2.60; Napoleon Bourdeau digging graves for indigent, \$1.50.

The council adjourned and met on Dec. 15th. The members were all present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. A communication was read from E. H. Macpherson re county audit and recommending that certain book forms being in course of preparation be used in township municipalities, etc. The Arbitrators' Award was read re proposed dissolution of U. S. S., No. 15, Chatham and Dover.

Wright—Trudell—That M. Carson, treasurer, be instructed to return the amount of school rates collected for 1902 on the order of the trustees of the respective school sections.—Carried.

Crawford—Trudell—That H. N. Bechard, collector, be instructed to accept \$5.16 as the taxes for 1902 on lot 13, front con. Dover west, owned by James B. McKay.—Carried.

Crawford—Trudell—That the treasurer's financial statement for the year ended Dec. 15th inst. be adopted.—Carried.

Charles P. Hart as commissioner Gowrie drain, \$1.50; Asher Hind for polling station, Dec. 4th, \$4; J. Conroy and C. W. Raymond, each \$4 for polling station, re vote on Liquor Act, 1901; David Fryer, \$2 for pathmaster's returns; Geo. Crawford, \$6 for two years' rent of McLeod, Creek road.

The council adjourned.

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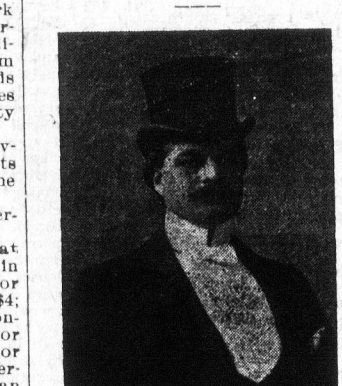
Everyone knows what a man's man is, but very few have a thorough conception of the phrase, "A Woman's Woman." In the case of the sterner sex the favorite is of athletic build, fond of good stories, more inclined to linger with the men over wine and cigars than to join the ladies in the drawing room; one that would rather hunt than dance, ride rough shod than be romantic, and in fact, what his men friends call "A good all-around fellow" and the women consider a boor.

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With all her perfections she is far from being "goody, goody," for no woman deep in the recesses of her heart admires the "I want to be an angel" style of feminine morals, but likes a girl of the earth earthy; one not too bright or good for all the fun and pleasure of this life, yet who does not wish to monopolize the good things, but rather scatter them broadcast over the land.

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INFANT BAPTISM A SIN.

Before showing that the practice of baptizing infants is a sin, let us ascertain from the Word of God what sin really is. There are four distinct definitions of sin given in the New Testament. The first definition is in James iv., 17. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." According to this, sin, which literally means missing the mark, is negative, and is something beyond a condition or state. It is sin not to do good when knowledge, power and opportunity are possessed for doing so. Failing to do right is sin. Not doing what we are told to do is just as much sin as doing what we are not told to do. The one is as much disobedience as the other, and has appropriate penalty attached, as found in Luke xii., 47. Infant baptism is doing what we are not told to do, and, according to this passage, is sin. The second definition of sin is found in I. John v., 17. "All unrighteousness is sin. Unrighteousness is a departure from that which is straight, upright, or exactly right. It is a coming short of the end, failing to attain unto the will of God as expressed in His Word. This departure may be in thought and desire as well as in act and speech. It may be negative as well as positive. According to this definition, infant baptism is a sin, as it is a departure from that which is straight, even the mind and purpose of God, as declared in His truth.

The third definition is given in I. John iii., 4. "For sin is the transgression of the law." Sin is lawlessness, is the reverse of obedience. Man, who realizes sin in act, manifests the assertion of a selfish will against paramount authority. The will of God is applied to our personal being as well as to our relation to man, to things without, and our duty to God. The law of Moses took notice of man's dealings with himself, with other men, with animals, with harvests, and also of his duty to God. Any violation of any or all of these laws was sin. When, therefore, anyone acts in disregard to God's will there is lawlessness or transgression. The human will becomes the ruler and there is no respect for authority outside of self. The Christian should have his eye directed upward to his Lord, and not inward to his own will. He should permit God, through His Word and Spirit, to choose his path and direct his steps. To refuse to be thus guided by the will and word of God is transgression, or the widest missing of the mark possible to man. Infant baptism, according to this definition, is transgression, or lawlessness, because it is not either directed or sanctioned by the will or word of God.

The fourth definition of sin is found in Romans xvi., 23. "For whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Faith has three elements, each succeeding term of which includes and implies the preceding. There is (a) an intellectual element, or the recognition of the truth of God's revelation as an objective fact, as given in His Word; (b) an emotional element or an assent to that revelation as applicable to the character and conduct; (c) a voluntary element or the surrender to, and appropriation of, that revelation as the source of pardon, peace and life. Faith, in this passage, includes all the elements of true trust, and, according to Romans x., 17, has its source in, and basis upon, the Word of God. The apostle means that whatsoever doctrine, practice, or conduct has not its source in, or basis upon, the Word of God is sin, or missing the mark. Infant baptism has not its source or foundation in the Word of God, but only in tradition. It is therefore sin.

There are yet other reasons for affirming that infant baptism is a sin. 1. It is expressly contradicted in the Scriptures by the pre-requisites of faith and repentance as signs of regeneration. Matthew and John—Matt. xxviii., 19; John iii., 2—speak of baptizing disciples; Mark speaks of baptizing believers; Mk. xvi., 16; Peter speaks of baptizing only those who have first repented and received the word, Acts ii., 38-41. Luke speaks of baptizing men and women who had first believed the good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. Acts viii., 13, Acts x., 47, speaks of those being baptised who had first received the Holy Ghost. Infants are none of these.

2. It breaks the connection between the ordinances. No reason can be assigned for restricting to intelligent communicants the ordinance of the Supper which could not equally restrict to intelligent believers the ordinance of baptism. The ordinance of baptism tells of life imparted, the ordinance of the Supper tells of life sustained; and accordingly, if baptism should be administered to unconscious babes, they should also partake of the Lord's Supper. This course is logically consistent, and in the Greek Church has led to infant communion. No argument can be advanced for infant baptism which has not equal weight for infant communion.

3. It forestalls the voluntary act of the child baptised, and thus practically prevents his personal obedience to Christ's commands. The child is made the subject of an act and thereby becomes the member of a church which it may afterward spurn. More than fifty per cent. of those baptised as believers were baptised in infancy. The person baptised in infancy has never performed any act with the intent to obey Christ's command to be baptised. In I. Peter iii., 21, it is declared that baptism gives a good conscience before God. What "conscience" can an infant have in this matter?

4. It obscures and corrupts Christian truth with regard to the sufficiency of Scripture and the inconsistency of an impenitent life with church membership. Infant baptism in England is followed by confirmation as a matter of course, whether there has been any conscious abandonment of sin or not. In Germany a man is always considered a Christian unless he

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expressly states the contrary; in fact he feels insulted if his Christianity is questioned. At the funerals even of infidels and debauchees the plate used is the dead that die in the Lord." They are believed to have died in the Lord because of their baptism in infancy. Confidence in one's Christianity and hopes of heaven, based only on the fact of infant baptism, are a great obstacle to evangelical truth.

5. It destroys the church as a spiritual body by merging it into the nation and the world. It opens wide the gates and fills the church with a corrupt mass of unregenerate humanity. This practice has always gone hand in hand with the state church and the unbiblical doctrine of baptismal regeneration. Its rise in the history of the church is due to sacramental conceptions of Christianity.

6. It induces a superstitious confidence in an outward rite as possessing regenerating efficacy. Stanley says the French peasants still regard infants as mere animals, members of the brute creation, until baptised. The haste with which the priest or minister is summoned to baptise the dying child, which in some cases is prematurely born, shows that superstition still lingers in many an otherwise evangelical mind in our own country. In the Catholic Catechism, on page 69, we read that baptism is "A sacrament which cleanses from original sin, makes us Christians and children of God, and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven," and that without it one cannot enter into the kingdom. In the Catholic Review we read, "Unbaptised, these little ones go into darkness; but

baptised, they rejoice in the presence of God for ever." In the English Church Book of Common Prayer it is declared that the infant is "made a child of God and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven," in baptism. In the Presbyterian "Confession of Faith," which is the doctrinal standard of the church, on page 91, S. S. I., baptism is called a "seal." A seal is that which secures or makes certain. According to the Confession, baptism seals, secures or makes certain four things for the candidate, there named "his ingrafting into Christ," "regeneration," "remission of sins" and "his giving up unto God, through Jesus Christ, to walk in newness of life."

According to Romans iv., 11, circumcision was a "seal," and being such it secures for the flesh, or self-life, the responsibility of obtaining justification by works. Baptism, on the contrary, puts the flesh, or self-life, under condemnation before God as utterly useless, consigns it to death and, as a sign, declares that justification before God now is through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

Speaking of the efficacy of baptism on page 92, S. S. vi., the confession declares that "by the right use of the ordinance the grace promised is not only offered, but really exhibited and bestowed by the Holy Ghost." This makes baptism instrumental in regeneration, which is opposed to Scripture. In James i., 18, I. Pet. i., 23, the word of God alone is declared to be the instrument by which the Holy Spirit regenerates. The Holy Spirit is the sole agent in regeneration; the word of God is the exclusive instrument in regeneration; and faith directed to Jesus in His sacrificial capacity is the sole condition of regeneration—John i., 13. How then are those children regenerated who die in infancy? It is not known. Baptism does not save. Salvation is only through the once shed blood. Jesus was no more God's son after His baptism than He was before it. It did not make but only "manifested" His sonship. He is known as God's son—John i., 31, 33. There is not a church or body of people who hold to the practice of baptizing unconscious infants but claim that the rite in some way and to some degree possesses saving efficacy. Were an adult convinced that by being baptised he obtained salvation was rendered more secure and should put confidence in that and die in his sins, baptism would be a damnation to him.

It has been shown that the traditional practice of baptizing infants is a sin. Two little words will answer the letter entitled "The Rev. J. J. Ross vs. Infant Baptism." The writer of that article is unfair in that he demands "Thus saith the Lord," as "the ultimate standard of appeal," meaning, of course, direct proofs from Scripture for each statement made, while he himself takes the fathers as "the ultimate standard of appeal." Their divine authority of the fathers is "not accepted as valid," is the Rev. J. B. Scott, of Buxton, the Presbyterian minister there, a Roman Catholic? The doctrine of baptismal regeneration, the real presence transubstantiation. Invoking the Saints, praying for the dead, etc., all have their origin and authority in the fathers. They claim that Jesus taught and believed such things. If the fathers be accepted as divine authority for infant baptism why not for these other erroneous doctrines?

"Where there is no law there is no transgression—Rom. ix., 15. What does Paul mean here? Does he mean that there is no sin where there is no law? He does not mean that, for in Romans v., 13, 14, he affirms that in that long period between Adam and Moses, when there was no written law, men were yet in sin. Fourteen years before the sign of law was given to Abraham, while he was yet in heathenism and knowing absolutely nothing about the covenant of works, he was a sinner for it was then that God justified him—Rom. iv., 10, 11. Sin was in the human race long before the law of Moses was given. By a comparison of Romans iii., 20; v., 13, 20; Gal. iii., 19, 21, it will be clear that the apostle means that without written law there can be no knowledge of transgression. Where there is no applied plumb-line there is no revealed crookedness. The law was designed to give a manifest form to the latent sin that dwelt within. Man has always been slow to believe in the deity of the fountain of sin that dwells in human nature for he only fixes his eye upon detached actions of evil. Let us suppose a physician who wishes to convince his patient that a deep seated insidious deadly disease lies rooted within his system. The man is unwilling to believe it. He gives him, then, a medicine which brings to the skin, in numerous ulcers, the evil disorder that lurks within. Now the disease is evident to the eye. The medicine did not produce the disease but only brought it out to view. When there was no applied medicine there was no manifest disorder. This is the idea that the apostle has in mind when he says "Where there is no law there is no transgression."

Man is not excused from sin because of ignorance. There are many who believe in and practice infant baptism in good faith, thinking that it is authorized in the Scriptures when it is not. Are they, therefore, guiltless? No, they are as surely under sin in that practice as those people were during that long period between Adam and Moses.

Does the writer of "The Rev. J. J. Ross vs. Infant Baptism" still believe and affirm that infant baptism has Scriptural authority? He is challenged to produce it. One plain positive declaration of God's word, in principle, precept or practice, will be sufficient, but do not try to build your doctrine upon a type or an inference for by such alone it cannot stand. Your Biblical students are noted; your numbers are many, and surely you are able to find only one place in the Scriptures where the ordinance is described, where its method of administration is given, and where its results are stated. If the Rev. J. B. Scott does not speak "by his silence he gives consent" that such a practice is exclusively a tradition and therefore a sin. J. J. ROSS.

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THE LOCAL BUDGET

Mrs. Innes is in Detroit to-day.
Robert Gray is in Detroit to-day.
Judge Woods is in Thamesville to-day.
The Daughters of Rebekah meet to-night.
"Caste" at the Grand on Saturday night.
A moon feast will be held next Tuesday evening.
J. A. Elliott, of Ridgetown, was in the city Tuesday.
L. Ruth, of Ridgetown, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.
J. V. Gardiner, of Ridgetown, was in the city Tuesday.
Robert Campbell, of Ridgetown, visited Chatham friends yesterday.
F. W. Knight, of Blenheim, called on his Chatham friends yesterday.
The Rebekahs will hold an At Home in the Auditorium next Tuesday evening.
Geo. Holman and Harry Stinson, of Dresden, were visitors in the city yesterday.
Now, new City Dads, get together and make a bluff, if nothing else, at a snow by-law.—Growler.
Miss Kate Delaney, of Windsor, who has been visiting friends in Corunna, was in the city yesterday on her way home.
"I wonder if Fair Play will now tell us why Georgie left the Council?" asked Wm. H. Carswell of The Planet this morning.
Mr. Gilpin, representing the Temple & Patterson Company, of Toronto, and well known here, is spending the day in the city.
The 24th Regiment Band held a good practice last night. The Regiment will parade to Christ Church Sunday morning next.
The reserved seat plan for "Caste," which appears at the Grand Saturday night, opened at the Central Drug Store this morning.
The installation of officers in St. Joseph's Court, C. O. F., will be held Thursday evening, January 22. The work will be conducted by J. P. Dunn, D. H. G. R.
The C. P. R. train which brings the Toronto papers to the city was about five hours late yesterday and consequently the delivery of the papers was very much delayed.
The Independent Forrester's of Fletcher gave a dance in Murphy's Hall last evening. There were about 100 couples present and a most enjoyable time was spent. They were several present from Chatham, Tilbury and Merlin. Latham's orchestra furnished the music for the dancers.
A rare opportunity will be afforded next Sunday of learning from a well informed Japanese concerning his country. Rev. C. Hirawa, delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church, will speak in the Park St. Methodist Church both morning and evening. It will be missionary day.

Jane Huff, relict of the late Daniel Huff, of Dresden, passed away in the General Hospital last evening. Deceased has been confined in the hospital for some time, and it was thought that she was improving. Death was caused from apoplexy and paralysis. She was 63 years of age. Neil, Peter and John McGeachy are brothers. Miss Kate McGeachy is a sister. The remains were taken this afternoon to Dresden for interment.

Thomas Urquhart, the newly elected Mayor of Toronto, is a former fellow student and a very intimate acquaintance of John A. Walker, barrister, of this city. Mr. Walker was teaching the Public School at Wallacetown in the year 1876. Mr. Urquhart was a merchant at Wallacetown and his brother was a pupil of Mr. Walker's. Mr. Walker and Thomas Urquhart, who was also clerk of the municipality of Dunwich, were members of a class of young men who made a habit of meeting and studying together in the evenings. In speaking of Mr. Urquhart this afternoon Mr. Walker said:
"Mr. Urquhart is a man of about 45 years of age, and a lawyer in Toronto. I was very much pleased when I learned that he was elected mayor, for he is a very capable man and worthy of the position. He is naturally a student and an excellent example of a self-made man."
Mr. Urquhart and his sister summered at Erie Beach a few seasons ago.

TILBURY EAST.
Reeve—
No. 1—Campbell 62, Fletcher 40.
No. 2—Campbell 77, Fletcher 31.
No. 3—Campbell 44, Fletcher 35.
No. 4—Campbell 76, Fletcher 30.
No. 5—Campbell 62, Fletcher 69.
No. 6—Campbell 39, Fletcher 20.
No. 7—Campbell 26, Fletcher 14.
No. 8—Campbell 56, Fletcher 8.
Total—Campbell 442, Fletcher 247.
Councillors—
No. 1—Clark 81, Cooper 44, Richards 45, McGregor 44, Graham 55, Doyle 44, Hope 27, Chalmers 34.
No. 2—Clark 80, Cooper 34, Richards 50, McGregor 76, Graham 37, Doyle 18, Hope 17, Chalmers 27.
No. 3—Clark 38, Cooper 67, Richards 14, McGregor 32, Graham 24, Doyle 9, Hope 30, Chalmers 12.
No. 4—Clark 12, Cooper 51, Richards 18, McGregor 25, Graham 24, Doyle 84, Hope 60, Chalmers 19.
No. 5—Clark 47, Cooper 31, Richards 107, McGregor 31, Graham 50, Doyle 9, Hope 25, Chalmers 27.
No. 6—Clark 30, Cooper 36, Richards 18, McGregor 24, Graham 10, Doyle 4, Hope 5, Chalmers 10.
No. 7—Clark 4, Cooper 15, Richards 3, McGregor 3, Graham 11, Doyle 19, Hope 20, Chalmers 1.
No. 8—Clark 30, Cooper 39, Richards 26, McGregor 16, Graham 23, Doyle 29, Hope 24, Chalmers 17.
Totals—Clark 322, elected; Cooper 317, elected; Richards 281, elected; McGregor 261, elected; Graham 239, Doyle 216, Hope 214, Chalmers 147.

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THE WATSON BURGLARY.

Alfred Hanley and Edward Ray Acquitted.
Brantford, Jan. 8.—Alfred Hanley and Edward Ray, the two Ancaster men charged with robbing the Watson brothers, were acquitted by Mr. Leitch, J.P., yesterday, and the judgment was received with applause by scores of spectators who crowded the court room. The Crown authorities threw up the case after several witnesses had been called by the defence to establish an alibi. It was proven that the defendants were not near Middleport on the day when the robbery was said to have taken place; nor were they near there on the preceding day. An adjournment was suggested in order that other witnesses might be called for the Crown, but Crown Attorney Wilkes stated that he was convinced that the wrong men had been apprehended. There was no doubt in his mind that the Watson brothers, who were so positive in their identification, believed that they were right, but there was also no doubt that they were mistaken.

Samuel Watson, the man who now awaits trial on a charge of manslaughter, was the chief witness for the Crown in the afternoon, and his story was substantially the same as that told by his brother James in the morning.
The Crown is pretty sure now that it knows who the robbers were, and if it had not been for the fact that the two material witnesses, the Watsons, have committed themselves to the belief that Ray and Hanley did it a conviction of the guilty parties might be easily secured. In the face, however, of the evidence that has already been submitted, it will be very difficult to secure the conviction of the guilty parties.

FOSTER FOR NORTH ONTARIO.

Conservative Ex-Finance Minister Nominated.
Beaverton, Jan. 8.—The Conservative of North Ontario met here yesterday in convention and mass meeting to nominate a candidate for the Commons. Dr. Donald Gillespie, Cannington, President of the Conservative Association, presided. The convention was called at 1 o'clock, and after nearly three hours' discussion a ballot was taken, and Hon. Geo. E. Foster was declared the choice of the convention. A telegram was sent to him shortly after 4 o'clock, and he replied, accepting the nomination, and started on the 5 o'clock train for Cannington, where he will address a meeting. Some sixteen names were placed in nomination, but only six other than that of the candidate finally selected were seriously entertained. They were Dr. Gillespie, Chairman, who was tendered the nomination, but declined it for private reasons; Mr. Hugh Wilson, Cannington; Mr. O. M. Arnold, Bracebridge; Mr. T. E. Godson, Bracebridge; Mr. Thos. Cooper, postmaster at Cooper's Falls, and Mr. Jesse Cook.

COAL SITUATION NO BRIGHTER.

Dealers Blame Railways and Miners—City Selling Again.
Toronto, Jan. 8.—The fuel situation in this city does not appear to be easing, looked at through the spectacles of the coal dealers, and their telescope reveals no relief this season. Mr. Elias Rogers stated yesterday that it was a continual fight, first to get hard coal and second to get it forwarded from Buffalo. He was keeping a man there to get his cars forwarded. Another reason for the present stringency was that the miners had no festivals. He stated also that the American retail dealers were bringing influence to bear on the operators to prevent coal coming to Toronto on the ground that the Canadian city was getting more than its share.
The railways, on the other hand, say they are handling the coal as expeditiously as possible, but the Christmas passenger traffic has been so heavy that the locomotive power of the companies has been required for this purpose.
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WALTER HERBERT'S CASE.

London, Ont., Jan. 7.—The prisoner, Walter Herbert, who is so widely known for having confessed his guilt as an accomplice in the alleged Sifton murder, is to appear before Chief Justice Sir William Meredith at the Assizes, which commence on Monday next. The prisoner does not stand for trial, since his confession stands as a verdict against himself. He is simply awaiting the passing of judgment. Five jury and one non-jury actions have been entered.

GLENWOOD.

Miss Violet Chester spent a few days last week with friends in Renwick.
W. C. Estabrook was in the city on Saturday.
Miss Alice Estabrook returned on Monday to resume her school duties.
P. J. McGee was a city visitor on Saturday.
Miss Lulu Palmer, our new teacher, re-opened the school on Monday.
At the school meeting on the 31st of Dec. W. C. Estabrook was re-elected trustee for a three year term.
Mr. A. Boughner, of Detroit, who has been visiting his brother Charles, of this village, returned to his home in Detroit on Tuesday.
The municipal elections are again over and we will not observe groups of talking, gesticulating canvassers and their auditors until next year.
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CIVIC SLATES.

Considerable Speculation as to how the Chairmanships will be Allotted—Present Draft.
"Well, can you name the new civic chairmanships?" is the question bandied about in municipal chat on the streets to-day. A score of combinations are mentioned, but the majority of slates are shattered because of one or the other more or less valid objections.
On Tuesday The Planet published the initial slate, compiled by street speculation, and its contemporary copied the same in its yesterday's issue.
But since that time some important changes are scheduled and whispered. There are said to be some startling amendments and doings at the caucus of the new Council on Saturday evening.
For chairman of Finance Ald. Marshall and Taylor are both mentioned and are both said to have a strong following, although there is said to be a dark horse in the running.
Ald. McCoig is now slated for the Board of Works. This is, perhaps, the most audacious committee and it is customary to award it to the alderman at the head of the polls.
Mayor McKeough held the honors last January and, although the difficulties confronting the chairman at that time were exceptional, did not shirk the responsibilities. In addition, those who favor Ald. McCoig's claims point out that he has always been one of the most energetic and persistent critics of this department and should be afforded an opportunity to show the citizens how it should be conducted.
For the Property committee the names of Ald. Scullard and Piggott are both mentioned and either would make an excellent chairman.
The Industrial committee will likely fall to the lot of Ald. Mounteer or Ald. Robinson, and in the hands of either of these gentlemen the city's interests and progress would be safe.
The Parks and Cemetery committee, as previously stated in The Planet, will likely fall to the lot of Ald. Edmondson, who promises to be one of the most zealous of the new aldermen.
Gradually the council-elect is preparing for its inaugural next Monday. Mayor McKeough took the oath of office yesterday in order to be in a position to represent the Council at the inaugural meeting of the new Board of Water Commissioners to-night, while Ald. G. G. Martin and Ald. Thos. Scullard have also made the necessary declaration.

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Very finest quality. These regularly sold at \$6.00; we now place on sale for \$4.00. \$4.50 Plumets at \$2.75. \$3.00 Plumets at \$1.95
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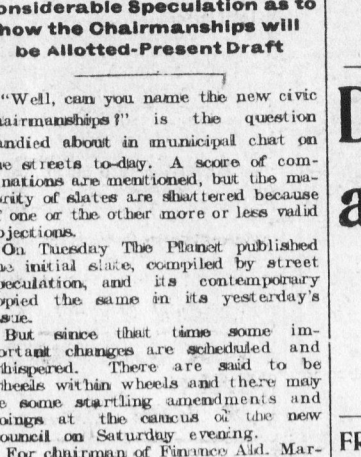
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DR. A. W. THORNTON DENTIST, has Moved to his New Office Corner King and Fifth Streets over A. I. McQuinn Drug Store. TELEPHONE OFFICE 164. RESIDENCE 285.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

DIED.

RANKIN—On Tuesday, January 6th, 1903, Lavina Glasgow, second daughter of the late Robert Rankin, aged 44 years.

The funeral will take place on Friday, January 9th, at 10 a. m., from the homestead, 10th concession, Dover, to the Maple Leaf cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

TO-NIGHT.

Daughters of Rebekah, Oddfellows Temple, "At Home," at 8.

Week of Prayer service will be held in St. Andrew's Church, at 8.

Regular meeting of Wellington Chapter, No. 47, R. A. M., Masonic Hall, Fifth St., at 8.

Local Briefs

Mrs. E. Bush, Forest street, is quite ill.

Frank Scott returned to Detroit on Saturday last.

Mrs. Wm. Sharpe, VanAllen avenue, is not much improved.

The Busy Bee Society met at Miss Rhoda Perry's, Lansdowne avenue.

Enjoy a good laugh; see the Merry Housewives at St. Joseph's Hall Friday evening.

Miss Marion Roe, of Bloomfield, is the guest of Bertie Ryan, St. Clair street.

Miss Clara Rutley, of Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. Will Rutley, Selkirk street.

Friday evening, at St. Joseph's Hall, living pictures, by a pupil of Miss McNaughton.

Miss Maggie Wiseman, of Beiton, is the guest of Miss Lillian Kelley, Adelaide street, city.

To rent—A room 20 x 36, on second floor over Cowan's Shoe Store. Apply to Geo. W. Cowan.

A. B. Scott, who has been spending part of his vacation in Chatham, left for Collingwood yesterday.

Don't miss the embroidery sale at Thibodeau & Jacques to-morrow and Saturday; 8c and 25c values for 5c and 12 1-2c.

Mr. A. McCallum and Mr. A. J. Bedford visited their oil well in Raleigh yesterday, which is in process of boring.

Wall Paper from 2c per roll up, at the Dingman store. Sale commenced Monday, Jan'y 5th, and continues one week.

Beautiful embroideries just received at Thibodeau & Jacques, 8c and 25c values for 5c and 12 1-2c to-morrow and Saturday.

The fourth number of the Royal Course Friday evening at St. Joseph's Hall; instrumental and vocal music, tableaux and recitations.

Mrs. H. E. Miller and sons, of Walkerville, are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edmunds, Taylor avenue.

W. Harold Smith, Toronto, will be at Wm. Gray & Sons carriage works on Saturday, January 10th, to purchase horses. The highest cash prices will be paid.

The Ladies Aid of St. Joseph's church are to be commended for the splendid entertainments of the Royal Course; to-morrow night will be no exception. Don't fail to attend.

The Dingman stock of Wall Paper was placed on sale Monday morning, Jan. 5th, at 8 o'clock; everything at half price. The entire stock must be sold out in one week.

We are pleased to learn of the success attending one of our Chatham young men. Mr. Percy Bedford, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bedford, Selkirk street, North Chatham, who has been employed in the office of the Walkerville Wagon Co., since the closing of the summer term of the C. B. C., and his services have proved so satisfactory to the managers that he was given full charge of the "ledger" set of books at the beginning of the new year—a very responsible position and one it often takes years to obtain. Percy is only a boy yet, not out of his teens, which fact speaks well for his ability as a student, and is no mean recommendation for our city schools and colleges, where he received his training.

Ladies' and Misses' Corsets

Girdle Corsets 50c. 75c. \$1.00. Long Hip Corsets, \$1.00, \$1.25. Hip Spring for Stout Figures. Gloria Waist, all sizes. Erect Form Shoulder Braces 40c.

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COOKSLEY'S, Opposite the Market Square.

Wanted—Two smart active girls at the Woolen Mills.

John Anderson, of Tilbury, was in the city Tuesday.

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A. J. Ridley, of Blenheim, was a Chatham visitor Tuesday.

A. M. Byram, of Blenheim, was a Maple City visitor Tuesday.

A Trotter, of Wallaceburg, was a visitor in the city Tuesday.

J. Coyle, of Courtright, called on his Chatham friends Tuesday.

William Trotter, of Wallaceburg, was a Chatham visitor Tuesday.

Mrs. McFarland, of Thamesville, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

R. Burns, of Wallaceburg, was among the Chatham visitors yesterday.

John Lee, M. P. P., of Highgate, called on his Chatham friends yesterday.

Mrs. Ed. Smith's sister from Moll, spent New Year's at Maple Grove Farm.

The gentlemen of St. Andrew's Church are arranging for a concert to be given shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller, of Tilbury Centre, visited at Mr. Ed. Smith's, Maple Grove Farm.

S. Hopper and Mr. and Mrs. W. Hawes, of Dresden, were guests at the Rankin House yesterday.

Mrs. Job. Lee and daughter from Sanda, Mich., who have been visiting Mrs. G. S. Bowers, St. Clair street, have returned home.

Walter Jeffs, of Dresden, returned Tuesday to the Dental College, Toronto. W. Doherty, of this city, has also returned to resume his studies.

Lost! On Monday, a large tan pug, answers to the name of "Ges." Finder will be rewarded by returning to Wm. D. Johnson, Cor. Chatham and Thames St.

W. H. James, of Austin's, has received a letter from John Conway, of Perth, a former employe of this firm. Mr. Conway is well and wishes to be remembered to his Chatham friends.

After the regular meeting of Camp Carlyle, S. O. S., Monday night, the retiring Chief, John McKay, treated his fellow-Scotchmen to an oyster supper.

City Tax Collector Rennie received about \$36,000 on December 30th and 31st. The 31st was the last day for receiving taxes before the two per cent. was added. So far about \$80,000 of taxes have been collected and there is about \$30,000 still to be collected.

Col. J. B. Rankin, K. C., was in Romney Tuesday assisting provincial auditor Macpherson in auditing the accounts of Romney Township. Sworn statements from Percy Gahn, Alfred Couthworth, Councilor John Featherston, Reeve Fox and Clark Hodgson were taken by the auditor. Mr. Macpherson will have his report on the County audit ready in about a month.

Among those taking part at a large musicale last week at the country place of Mrs. J. K. Williams, was her cousin, Miss Maude Pearson, daughter of Mr. George Lewis Pearson, formerly of this city, but now of Ontario Province, Canada. Miss Pearson was heard to sing "The Girl with the Green Eyes" and "Delilah," and a couple of German love songs, which were well handled, and she showed much sympathy in her deep contralto voice. She is a great granddaughter of the late Joseph Pearson, of "The Highlanders," Baltimore County, and interest is felt here in her progress.—Baltimore Sun.

Gordon's Annual White Fair.

Our January White Wear Sale is now on, we lead with this opening event of the year, which ladies expect and appreciate. You will find here some of the finest undermuslins from the fashion centres, also India Linens, Lawns, Organdies, Dimities, plain and dot Swiss Mulls, Nainsooks and other fancy weaves for dresses, waists, aprons, etc. Note some pointers, but come, look and judge for yourself. We are able to save you time and money.

Women's Night Gowns

- 75c—White Gowns trimmed with insertion and frills. \$1.00—Cambric Gown, 24 tucks, catch stitching, embroidered neck, front and cuffs. \$1.00—Empire Cambric Gowns, inserting and embroidery on neck, front, sleeves, etc. \$1.00—Empire Cambric Gowns, tucked, torchon lace trimmed. Empire Cambric Gowns, Valenciennes lace and tucks. \$1.33 to 1.80—Splendid Gowns, very fine material, fine wide embroidery and all over yokes, etc.

White Petticoats

- 75c—A fine Cambric Muslin Skirt, lawn and embroidery flounced, catched stitching. \$1.00—Splendid Skirt, 10 inch lawn flounce, insertion set in, cambric frill. \$1.00—English Cambric Skirt, deep lace flounce, 2 clusters tucks, embroidery frills, etc. \$1.75—Extra fine material, 5 clusters of tucks, 18 inch lawn flounce and insertion trimmed. \$1.98—Special Skirt, 18 inch flounce, 3 rows torchon lace, catch stitching, etc. Indescribable Underskirts, up to \$3.98 and 4.45 ea.

Women's Drawers

- 50c—Fine English cambric finish, 2 clusters of 10 tucks, ruffle of embroidery, open or closed. 68c—Fine English cotton, hemstitched tucks, wide umbrella ruffle, open or closed. 82c—Fine Lonsdale cambric, 5 hemstitched tucks, deep embroidery frills, etc.

Corset Covers

- 15c and 25c—Plain and frilled Cambric Covers. 32c—Marguerites, fancy frills, fine materials. 36c—Fine Cambric Covers, embroidered sleeves and necks. 50c—Lonsdale Marguerites, fine lace or embroidery trim back and front. \$1.00—Very tasty Lawn Covers, 12 rows of tucks and hemstitching back and front. 75c—Fine long cloth Covers, Valenciennes lace trimmed on sleeves and front.

200 Embroidery and Insertion Ends at 1c, 3c, 5c, 7c, 10c, 12 1/2c, and 15c sale prices a yard.

JANUARY = JACKET = SALE

A table of \$6, \$8.00 and \$10.00 Coats, \$2.50 sizes 32, 34, 36, NOW

French Flannel Sale : : : : :

50c. and 75c. Flannels to clear at 25c. Yard. Wide heavy Dress Goods at 12 1/2c. Yard. 40c. Black Chevots, sale price 25c.

Jan'y Fur Sale

- 3 Electric Seal Boas 6, 6.50 and \$7, stylish, now \$4 to \$4.50 each. 7 Caperines—Seal, Sable, Mink, Lamb, and Combinations, values 14 to \$20, now \$9 to \$15 each. 5 Electric Seal and Persian Caperines, 2.50 to \$10, now 1.50 to \$7.50 each. 1 Seal and Mink Combination Caperine, \$35, now \$25. 2 Mountain Bear Boas, 80 in. long, to clear now \$3 each.

WILLIAM GORDON

Beginning of a New Year

We wish to thank those who have helped to make our first year's business so entirely satisfactory. We acknowledge appreciation and extend to our patrons the sincerest wish that the year 1903 may be one of happiness and prosperity. Our aim has been to conduct a drug store that should conserve in every way the best interests of the public. The accomplishment of this purpose has been made possible by the steadfast adherence of those to whom this greeting is extended.

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WORLD OF SPORT

LACROSSE

HEARD OF THIS LEAGUE? Detroit, Jan. 7.—An effort is being made to enlist the support of all lacrosse devotees in this city in an endeavor to get together a strong team to represent Detroit. Noah Brusso is leading the movement, and says that he has assurance that Detroit will be able to get in the league now contemplated, which will consist of Flint, Chatham, London, Woodstock and several other Canadian cities. Brusso is a crank at the game, and is willing to subscribe \$50 to a fund to meet the expenses that will arise when a team is formed.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.



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PREACHING HOLY WAR.

MOHAMMEDAN PRIESTS AMONG THE KABYLES.

Telling of Wonderful Miracles Wrought by the Pretender—Rumors of Defeat.

Centa, Morocco, Jan. 7.—There is great anxiety at Tetuan for news of the result of another battle which is reported to have taken place between the forces of the Sultan and those of the pretender. It is rumored that the latter were victorious. The Governor, after a conference with the leading Moors, has decided to purchase arms and ammunition, owing to fears of attack by the Kabyles. The Mohammedan priests are preaching a holy war among the Kabyles, and are relating the wonderful miracles said to have been accomplished by the pretender.

BOERS AND CHAMBERLAIN.

BOTHA, DELAREY AND OTHERS AT A GARDEN PARTY.

Mrs. Chamberlain Tactfully Aiding the Colonial Secretary—Conversation With General Cronje.

Pretoria, Transvaal, Jan. 7.—All doubts as to whether the Boers would participate in the entertainments given in honor of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain were dissipated by the appearance of Generals Botha, Delarey, Cronje and Smuts at the garden party given by the Governor yesterday. The attendance of the town Boers, however, was not large. Mrs. Chamberlain is tactfully aiding the Colonial Secretary in his pacificatory mission. When General Cronje was introduced she at first did not catch his name, but immediately after she heard it was General Cronje Mrs. Chamberlain sent for him and engaged in a lengthy conversation with the noted General.

BRITAIN MADE PROTEST.

Treaties Are Being Broken by Turkey and Russia.

London, Jan. 7.—The action of the British Ambassador at Constantinople in protesting against the passage of four Russian torpedo boats through the Dardanelles is warmly approved here. The contention of the St. Petersburg Government that the vessels were entirely changed in character by being stripped of their armament and flying a commercial flag is regarded as merely farcical. This is not the first time that evasions of the same kind have been practised, and on similar pretexts. Warships, when smuggled through the Straits, are represented by the Russian authorities either as harmless merchantmen or transports conveying home time-expired troops. There can be no doubt that such expedients are in conflict with the spirit of the convention of 1856 and the treaty of 1871. The Daily Telegraph insists that if the Dardanelles are to be free of entry to Russian warships they must not be closed to those of Great Britain.

BLAZE IN CHAPEL ROYAL.

The Christmas Decorations Were Ignited.

London, Jan. 7.—There was considerable alarm at the Chapel Royal, St. James' Palace, this morning owing to the sudden outbreak of fire in the Christmas decorations above the altar. The chapel was crowded, the occasion being the annual Epiphany service, at which the King's offering of frankincense and myrrh is made. The draught carried the flame of a candle to the decorations, but before the blaze had made much headway the officiating clergyman mounted the altar and tore down the burning holly.

SUDDEN DEATH AT DUTTON.

John D. McDiarmid, a Prominent Liberal, Passes Away.

Dutton, Jan. 7.—John D. McDiarmid, a prominent farmer of Dunwich, died very suddenly last evening. He took an active part in the recent municipal elections and drove to the polls on Monday afternoon, and on returning he was unable to get out of the rig. Mr. Froggat, who accompanied him, assisted him to the house. Death was due to the bursting of a blood vessel near the heart. The deceased was a staunch Liberal, and for a number of years was President of the West Elgin Reform Association. He also took an active part in municipal affairs, and spent several years as a member of the Dunwich Council. He was also a member of the Sons of Scotland and I. O. F. Lodge. A wife and daughter survive him. The funeral will take place on Thursday at 2 o'clock, and will be conducted by the I. O. F. Lodge.

Honor to Sagasta.

Madrid, Jan. 6.—The Cabinet at a meeting to-day decided on a State funeral for the late Premier, Senor Sagasta, who died suddenly yesterday evening. The ceremony will be similar to that for Premier Canovas del Castillo, who was killed by an Anarchist in August, 1897. The body will lie in state in the Chamber of Deputies. The funeral services will take place to-morrow at 2 o'clock, first at the Pantheon and subsequently in the Antocha Church, where the interment will take place. The remains of the late Premier were conveyed to the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon. King Alfonso, accompanied by the Duke of Solomayor, prayed briefly at the bier. Immense crowds have passed before the catafalque, which stands in the lobby of the Cortes.

Mrs. David Patterson of Chesley died from the effects of burns received while taking a vapor bath.

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FOR HEADACHE. FOR DIZZINESS. FOR BILIOUSNESS. FOR TORPID LIVER. FOR CONSTIPATION. FOR SALLOW SKIN. FOR THE COMPLEXION.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The Merritt Inquest has been adjourned till January 31.

Hon. E. J. Davis has denied the rumor that he has resigned.

A Norwegian bark was wrecked off the Washington coast, and eight men drowned.

The revenue for the year from the British grain registration duties and sugar tax will exceed \$37,500,000.

Marconi denies with emphasis a current story that he had been engaged to Miss McGillivray of Sydney.

Gloucester (Mass.) fishermen are protesting against the ratification of the United States treaty with Newfoundland.

Steps may be taken to attack the election of the Labor Aldermen of St. Catharines on the ground that they are not properly qualified.

The breaking apart of a C.P.R. freight train near Cooksville yesterday blocked traffic for about half an hour, but no one was injured.

The Court of Appeal will to-day begin hearing argument in the Lennox election appeal. The hearing of the South Oxford appeal will follow.

Thomas Wilson, one of the men who shot Detective Harry Plair at London, Ont., twelve years ago, has been released from Kingston Penitentiary.

About 40 members of the Dominion Methodist Church, Ottawa, interviewed Rev. Dr. Rose and protested against their pastor wearing a clerical gown.

At Guelph last night King's Sergt. John Wilkinson and Corp. Minchen were given a reception and banquet and presented with an address and a purse of gold for each.

The royal yacht Victoria and Albert has been ordered to proceed to the end of February to the Mediterranean, where King Edward and Queen Alexandra will embark for a cruise.

WORTH KNOWING

At This Season of the Year.

Any cough accompanied by expectoration which lasts over three or four days, requires attention and treatment; this does not mean a visit to the hospital, nor to your physician nor wholesale drugging with patent medicines, but it means that some simple, harmless effective anti-septic remedy like Stuart's Catarrh Tablets should be used to ward off any possible termination in Pneumonia, Chronic Catarrh, Bronchitis or Consumption.

All of these formidable diseases start from a common cold, neglected or allowed to run its course and it is only the exercise of common sense every day caution to cure a cold as quickly as possible, not so much for what it is at the moment, but what it may become if neglected.

Perhaps no remedy is so safe, reliable and convenient to stop a cold or obstinate cough as Stuart's Catarrh Tablets. The extract of blood root contained in them combined with the red gum of the Eucalyptus tree seem to put the mucous membrane of the nose, mouth and throat in a condition to throw off the germs of catarrh, bronchitis and consumption, and as they are taken internally they seem to equalize the circulation and place the body in that condition of health which resists, and throws off the germs of disease.

A person in perfect health rarely catches cold, and if he does, throws it off in a day or two, but where the cold hangs on, stopping up the nostrils, irritating the throat or there is persistent annoying cough it is evident that the system for some reason is unable to throw off the disease germs which cause the trouble; a little assistance is necessary, and this is best given by the use of some harmless germ destroying anti-septic like Stuart's Catarrh Tablets which are also palatable and equally so for children and adults.

Druggists sell these tablets at 50 cents. Full sized packages, higher in price than stores and cheap cough syrups, but Stuart's Catarrh Tablets contain antiseptic properties which actually cure colds, catarrh and throat and lung troubles while it is a notorious fact that cough drops and cough syrups are largely composed of opium, cocaine and similar drugs that have no curative power.

It is also true that many popular liquid medicines and tonics for catarrh depend upon the alcohol they contain which give simply a temporary stimulation of no real benefit for any trouble, catarrhal or otherwise.

Minard's Liniment Cures LaGrippe.

FOUR PEOPLE KILLED.

The Victims Said to Have Formerly Lived in Toronto—Hotel Somerset, Chicago, Badly Damaged.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Three persons lost their lives and a fourth was fatally injured in a fire at the Hotel Somerset, an eight-story brick structure, at Wash-ash avenue and Twelfth street, early yesterday. Three of the victims, Mrs. E. T. Perry, aged 35, and her two daughters, eight and nine years old, respectively, were burned or suffocated to death in their room on the fourth floor. The fourth victim, a Miss Ethel Perry, jumped from the window of a room on the same floor to the street and was fatally hurt, dying on the way to the hospital. Wm. A. Parker, a guest, jumped from the window of a room on the fourth floor to the roof of a two-story building adjoining the hotel. He sustained a broken ankle and severe bruises. The financial loss was about \$2,000.

There were about 100 guests in the hotel. William Clemons, a porter, who is said to have been awake when the fire started, is held by the police. Clemons is believed to have caused the fire while smoking a cigarette in bed.

A complete list of the injured follows:—T. E. Parker, internally injured; Emile Sanez, cut by broken glass; C. A. Wrightman, badly cut about face and hands; William Pears, elevator boy. Pears ran his car to the top floor, shouted a warning and carried many of the guests to safety.

Although the woman and her daughters who perished were registered under the name of Perry, Edward Saunders, a coachman, declared them to have been his wife and daughter. Saunders is said to have been known in Toronto as Perry, where he lived formerly, and assumed the former name when he came to Chicago.

BLUE POINTS ARE CLEAN.

Scare Over United States Oysters is Misplaced.

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 7.—The State Forest, Fish and Game Commission forwarded to the Secretary of State of the United States an affidavit of Superintendent B. Frank Wood of the shellfish department, that East River and Blue point oysters are not contaminated by sewage from New York City. This action has been taken to allay an oyster scare in England. Governor Odell received through the State Department several days ago a communication from the American Consul at Liverpool, stating that there is a belief in England that oysters taken near New York City and along the Connecticut coast are contaminated by sewage, and that they have been responsible for some cases of typhoid fever that have developed in England. Superintendent Wood said that there is not the slightest possibility of contamination from sewage or any other cause. The blue points are taken on the south shore of Long Island, two miles from the mainland, and the East River oysters from 60 feet of water in Long Island Sound.

AIDED THE SHERIFF.

President Mitchell Several Times Assisted in Keeping Order.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 7.—Before the Strike Commission yesterday Sheriff Schadt of Lackawanna County gave in detail his experiences during the strike, and finally his call upon Governor Stone for assistance. The Sheriff said President Mitchell had several times assisted him in preventing trouble. President Mitchell cross-examined Sheriff Schadt, and the latter admitted he had employed about fifty deputies, whom the coal companies paid. He would not say a general state of lawlessness prevailed in the county, but a reign of terror existed in some localities. General Wilson asked the Sheriff why the county did not pay the deputy sheriffs, and counsel for the witness explained that it was the law in Pennsylvania that the company pay the cost for protection.

FEARS A REVOLT.

The Shah of Persia Transfers Several Officials.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—A despatch to The Cologne Gazette from St. Petersburg says Prince Ein Ed, Dauleh, Governor of Teheran, capital of Persia, has been transferred to the Governorship of Arabistan, as the Shah feared a revolution under the Prince's leadership. The latter is said to be under British influence. Other officials suspected of pro-British leanings have been transferred to the Provinces.

FREE SITE FOR ELEVATOR.

Fort William's By-law Carried Almost Unanimously.

Fort William, Jan. 7.—The by-law voted on here yesterday for the granting of a free site for a million-bushel elevator and a flour mill with a minimum daily capacity of 1,500 barrels, to be erected by the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company, was carried almost unanimously.

Found Dead in Hamilton.

Hamilton, Jan. 6.—An unknown man was found on the street in an unconscious condition by Mr. J. Boulanger, near the corner of Bay and Simcoe streets, to-night. Mr. Boulanger dragged the stranger up to a doorway and notified the police by telegraph. Sergeant McKenna and Constable Campbell went to the scene with the police and conveyed the man to No. 3 police station. When that place was reached the man was dead. Coroner Griffin was summoned. The remains were removed to the morgue, and an inquest will be opened there to-morrow at noon. In the pockets of the deceased were found a couple of A.D. Whyte's election cards, on the back of one of which was written in a scrawl:—"Dear wife and mother: It's from Jack, that's doing this. Please bury me in Toronto. No money was found in his clothes. He had on a badge bearing the words, "Canadian News Company" and "No. 308." He was apparently McKenna's age, and was fairly well dressed. It is thought he committed suicide by taking poison. The body was identified at midnight as that of John Cardwell of 82 Ferris street. He was formerly a Toronto newsboy.

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THE short ends that have accumulated at this dress goods section during the present season have all been measured and marked at such prices that will move the most of them if not all before we list at the end of the present month. Remnants of this season's popular dress stuffs such as Cheviots, Homespuns, Canvas Cloths, Satin Cloths, Serges, Cashmeres, Purnilla Cloths, Etc.

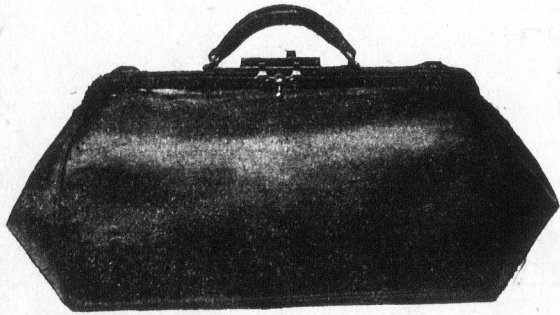
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WHEEL WORKS

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Frank Madigan and Wm. McVittie are two other new arrivals.

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THE PREMIER'S RETURN.

Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier Arrive at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is back in the capital once more, looking very fit and ready for business. The Prime Minister and his wife were greeted by atmospheric conditions in marked contrast to the heat and languor of the sunny south. The temperature was several degrees below zero, and a biting wind, with snow flurries, whistled through the streets of the city and swept across the open platform of the Central Station, where a numerous party composed of the Premier's colleagues and friends and supporters were in waiting. Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier came up from Montreal on the Canada Atlantic, which was booked to arrive at 7.10, but it was 35 minutes later when the train swung into the station. There was a rush to the rear. Pullman, and some of the Ministers climbed on board almost before the train had stopped. Lady Laurier was the first to appear, and as she descended to the platform three hearty cheers were given. Then came the Premier, and the cheers were renewed with even greater vim. Sir Wilfrid doffed his cap in salutation and sprang lightly from the car. Immediately he found himself in the midst of a joyous throng, and was shaking hands in all directions. The Premier's face was illumined with a glad smile, and as each person grasped his hand he spoke a pleasant word of greeting. It was quite evident that Sir Wilfrid was glad to be home once more. A way was made for the distinguished pair through the throng of people, and soon the Premier and his lady were seated in a comfortable sleigh and speeding swiftly in the direction of their residence. Among those who welcomed the Premier and his wife were Sir William Mulock, Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. R. W. Scott, Hon. Wm. Paterson, Hon. James Sutherland, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, Hon. Raymond Provencher, Mr. N. A. Belcourt, M. P., Chas. Marcell, M. P., Mr. Mackey, M. P., and Lieut.-Col. Fred. White. Sir Wilfrid, as far as could be seen in the semi-darkness, looked wonderfully improved. The one-time pallor has vanished from his countenance, and its place has been taken by a good, ruddy glow. The Premier was in unaffectedly high spirits, and walked with a most elastic step.

AGAINST THE UNION.

Employing Painters and the Potter Case.

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 8.—The local branch of the International Association of Master Painters and Decorators of America at a meeting held last evening declared its purpose to support Shafer & Barry, the contracting firm of this city, against which a strike was ordered last Saturday by the Painters Union because it had again employed William Potter, who was discharged because he is a member of the National Guard. The vote on the action was unanimous, and it means practically that if the union members who are trying to injure the business of Shafer & Barry because they have employed Potter, persist in their attitude they will have to deal with all the employing painters in the city. The fact that several of the strikers have gone back to their work practically broke the force of the strike, and it probably will be called off shortly.

LYNCHERS AT LIBERTY.

Taken Out of Jail by a Friendly Mob—No Violence.

Lewisburg, Tenn., Jan. 8.—Last night thirty masked men released W. P. Hopwood and W. H. L. Johnson from the Marshall County Jail. The prisoners were charged with lynching a negro named John Davis. Assistant Jailer Marshall was forced to give up the keys to the jail. The keys were returned to the office and the party quietly departed, taking the alleged lynchers with them. Now the whereabouts of the fugitives is unknown. The County Judge had refused to hold a special term of court to try the prisoners.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

The electric light station at Tweed was burned. Paisley's Hotel, at Elderton, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$3,500.

The Bank of Montreal has decided to increase its capital stock to \$14,000,000.

Mr. George Rankin, a son of the late Col. Rankin of Sandwich, died at Sault Ste. Marie.

The argument of the appeal in the Lennox election case was not concluded at adjournment.

British trade returns for 1902 show an increase in exports of £3,517,004, and in imports of £6,870,086.

The new Principal of Upper Canada College, Mr. H. W. Auden, will sail for Canada on February 5.

John Norris, a traveller for the Queen City Oil Company, was instantly killed by a C. P. R. train at a crossing at Port Credit.

Prof. Koch has been engaged by the British South Africa Company to study and report upon the cattle plague in Rhodesia.

The financial agent of the Conservative M.P.P. for Frontenac, John S. Gallagher, has been found guilty of bribery in the May election.

The thirty-sixth annual convention of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association opened at Ottawa, with Mr. D. Derbyshire, President, in the chair.

Mr. H. W. Auden, M.A., the new Principal of Upper Canada College, has notified the Board of Governors that he will sail for Canada on Feb. 5, to assume his new duties.

Britain and Germany are reported to have each demanded a payment of £87,000 from Venezuela as a condition to submitting their principal claims against that country to arbitration.

Rev. C. R. Morrow was struck in the eye by a piece of candy at a Methodist Sunday school entertainment in Bartonville and had to consult a Hamilton specialist. His eye is not permanently injured.

ROBERT V. FERGUSON ON REPARTÉE

Prince of character Actors pays a Tribute to the ready wit of our Ancestors.

Robert V. Ferguson, the famous character actor, and a few friends were discussing repartee, of the present and past generations, the other day. The International Eccles, as Ferguson is called by his friends—he having attained as the maudlin old father in Caste on both sides of the Atlantic—insisted that our ancestors had quicker wits than the men of this commercial age. In order to substantiate this assertion, Mr. Ferguson, who is a deep reader, said he would repeat a few retorts made by famous men and women in the by-gone days. "One of the best I remember," he said, "was by the venerable Charles Wesley when he was once rudely confronted in a very narrow pathway by an arrogant clerical opponent, who accosted him with the words, 'I never make way for a fool.' Wesley at once stepped aside and remarked, as he passed on with a courteous bow, 'I always do.'"

"A society bore once told Charles Lamb that he considered Shakespeare unworthy of the universal commendation bestowed upon him. 'Had I the mind to do it,' said the fop, 'I could produce plays quite equal to those of Shakespeare.'" "Just so," responded Lamb, "of course it is only the mind that is lacking."

The following racy retort, made by a brilliant literary lady at a recent dinner party, was as smart as it was well deserved. An indiscreet guest of the male persuasion ventured to remark that, "Woman's chief mission in life was to make fools of men." "Admitting the statement," responded the lady in question, "how tantalizing it is to discover that, in many cases, Nature has forestalled us." "A certain gifted youth, seriously smitten by the charm and grace of a demure looking country damsel, ventured to remark, 'How I wish you would give me that ring upon your finger. I exactly resembles my love for you—it has no end.'" "Excuse me, sir," replied the fair one, "I think I will keep it, for it is also emblematic of my love for you—it has no beginning."

"A strictly orthodox parish priest, whose worldly minded daughter had recently offended him by fresh acts of misconduct, greeted her with the words, 'Good morning, child of the Evil One.'" In reply to which came the innocent but crushing response, "Good morning, Father."

"Caste" at the Grand on Saturday night.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

THAMESVILLE

Jan. 7.—A. G. Marmion, of Toronto, is in town.

Rev. J. N. McInnis is conducting services in Fletcher this week.

Fairy Watts returned to the Ursuline Convent, Chatham, to-day.

Harry Spittal, of London, is in town to-day.

M. Ruckle returned to Winnipeg to-day, after a two weeks' visit with T. M. Syer and family.

Geo. Attridge, of London, was in town to-day.

Miss Galloway, of Bothwell, is visiting her sister, Mrs. N. K. Cornwall.

Mrs. W. Bambridge is visiting Watford friends.

DRESDEN

Jan. 8.—We regret to learn of the death at her home in Wallaceburg of Mrs. Aaron Gordon. Mrs. Gordon, lately Mrs. John B. Johnston, was for a number of years a well respected citizen of this town and her many friends here will learn of her death with sincere regret. The deceased lady leaves four children, Mrs. Joseph Hawking, of Dutton; Charles Johnston, of Dresden; Frost Johnston, of Dutton, and Harvey, who is at present in the States. Mr. C. P. Watson, of Dresden, is a brother.

The Misses Leila and Nellie Hicks are entertaining a number of friends at a "thimble" party this afternoon in honor of their guest, Miss May Passmore, of Rockwood.

Mrs. A. Frank Cragg has returned to her home in Detroit after spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Rudd.

We understand that Frederick Bodkin and family will remove to Wallaceburg shortly, where Mr. Bodkin has accepted a position with the Wallaceburg sugar factory.

The Coronation Club held a very successful and pleasant assembly in the Grand Opera House last evening.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Frank Williams have returned from visiting the doctor's parents in Georgetown.

H. Cutbush and wife, of Nepeswa, Man., are visiting with Mr. Cuthbert's parents, North Dresden.

Miss Nettie Hughes left yesterday for Kalamazoo, after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Smith.

WALLACEBURG

Jan. 8.—Mrs. (Dr.) Bell has returned home from visiting at her home in Paris. Her sister, Miss Lucy Baker, accompanied her for an extended visit.

Died—In Wallaceburg, Jan. 6th, '03, Mahala Gordon, aged 58 years, widow of the late Aaron Gordon. Mrs. Gordon has resided in Wallaceburg for the past few years and has made many warm friends who will feel keenly her death. Mrs. Gordon has been ill for several months.

Skinner—Stewart—At the home of the bride's parents, on the Snye, last evening, Miss Prescilla Stewart and Mr. Isaac Skinner were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Nicol. Only immediate friends and relatives were present to witness the ceremony. The young couple are very favorably known here and were the recipients of many valuable presents.

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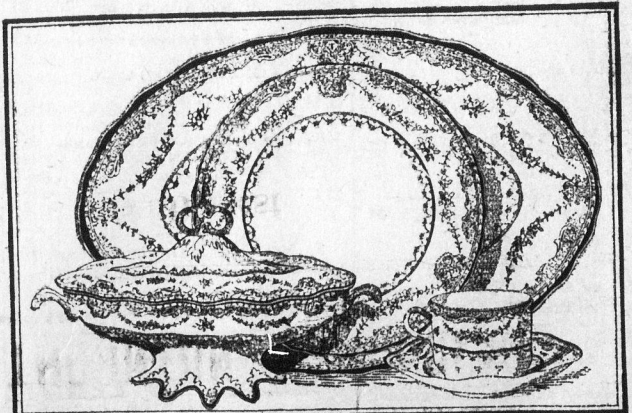
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