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Births, Marriages, Deaths

MARRIED.

JOHNSON-BRESSETTE—By Rev. H. D. Tyler, on Dec. 1, at the residence of the bridegroom's father, Levi Johnston, son of Chief John Johnson, of Stoney Point Reserve, to Miss Hannah Bressette, daughter of Mrs. John Henry, of Kettle Point.

DIED.

MASON—In this city, at 240 Central avenue, James Mason, hardware merchant, Sarnia, age 32 years, 8 months and 25 days.

Funeral at 3 o'clock, Thursday afternoon, from 240 Central avenue, city, to Woodland Cemetery.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading, two cents per word, or ten cents per line each insertion.

BASKET BALL — Y. M. C. A. — TWO games tonight Admission 10c. b

JUBILEE RINK—NO SKATING—WAIT for Orient carnival, Monday, Dec. 20. Good prizes. b

LECTURE—REV. CANON DANN, B.A., Christ Church schoolroom, Thursday, Nov. 9, 8 p.m. Subject—Ireland and the Irish. Tickets 15c, two for 25c. Good music. 96u

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY Mr. R. B. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princess avenue Special attention given to teaching the waltz and two step. Lessons any hour.

OPENING NEW ORGAN—GRAND RECITAL First Methodist Church, Thursday, Dec. 9. Clarence Eddy, the celebrated concert organist of Chicago. Admission 25 cents. Second recital Friday evening, Dec. 17, by J. T. Wolcott, assisted by noted soloists and choir. 94i

VOICE CULTURE—
EVA N. ROBLYN.
Studio, Bell Piano Parlors; Residence, 320 Dundas street. Concert engagements. Phone 1,270. tx

LAST CALL FOR CHRISTMAS—GALLIA sails Dec. 9 from Halifax; Parisian Dec. 9. Leave London afternoon Tuesday, Dec. 7, to connect. F. B. CLARKE. Richmond street, next door to Advertiser office.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—SEASON tickets for advanced class now ready at special low rates. Meets Wednesday evenings. Learn the new dances as taught by competent teachers. Circular mailed on application. DAYTON & MCCORMICK.

Meetings.

1c per word each insertion. No ad. less than ten words.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY — USUAL monthly meeting, Thursday, 9th. All members are urgently requested to attend. Christmas cheer and last meeting this year. B. J. NASH, President; R. CADWALLADER Secretary. b

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS cost 1 Cent per word for first insertion and one-half cent per word for each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than 10 words.

Domestics Wanted.

GENERAL SERVANT. MUST BE first-class cook. References required. Apply 80 Maple street. 95c

WANTED—A GOOD GENERAL SERVANT. References required. Apply to Mrs. R. D. MILLAR, 70 Elmwood avenue, South London. 97tf

WANTED — GENERAL SERVANT — References required. Apply 474 Maitland. 97u

FIRST-CLASS COOK—WITH REFERENCES — For private house. Good wages. Apply at the Osborne Intelligence Agency, 56 Dundas street. Phone 386.

HEADQUARTERS FOR RELIABLE help—On hand cooks, housemaids, generals, experienced nurses for babies, also children nurses, housekeepers; wanting dining-room girls for out of city, also cook, wages good. DWYER'S agency, 591 Richmond street. Phone, 1,121.

Male Help Wanted.

WANTED—FIRST-CLASS CARRIAGE body worker, accustomed to working on light work. Married man preferred. Apply WM. GRAY & SONS, Chatham, Ont. 95u zx

BLACKSMITH WANTED—THREE OR four years' experience. Apply G. E. HENSHARD, Evelyn, Ont. 96c

Female Help Wanted.

WOMEN WISHING TO EARN $3 daily, address A. J. PHILIPS, Blenheim, Ont. 95k

Wanted.

HOUSEKEEPERS, HOUSEMAIDS, lady's companions, nurse girls, general servants, dining-room girls, with good references, are waiting situations at the London Employment Bureau, 372 Richmond.

WANTED—THREE HUNDRED GOOD second-hand overcoats. Highest price paid. A. P. SAINSBURY, 90 King street. Mail orders attended to.

Lost and Found.

FOUND — THREE WEEKS AGO ON Hamilton road, parcel. Owner, by proving property and paying expenses, can have same. b

LOST — SUNDAY EVENING — GOLD watch, initials L. S. on outside. Reward if returned this office. b

LOST — BETWEEN FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Church and Talbot street, lady's gold watch; finder rewarded at this office. 95c

Business Chances.

GREAT BARGAIN—BRICK AND TILE business for sale, in good running order Splendid market for all that is made. Apply quick to box 11, Advertiser office, London. 52tfx

Real Estate.

FOR SALE—
Fine new cottage, on monthly installments; splendid chance to get a nice home. Good mining stock wanted for city lots.
J. F. SANGSTER.
403 Richmond street.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

TO LET—NEW BRICK—817 MAITLAND street; 8 rooms, furnace, bath, electric light. 95k

TO LET—HOUSE—302 OXFORD STREET —Rent $9. Apply J. K. SPRY. 96c

STORE AND OFFICES IN ALBION building to let. Apply to T. H. CARLING, or H. & C. Colerick, adjoining the premises. 96i

TO LET — COTTAGE, 1,064 DUNDAS street; 7 rooms, extra large garden, rent low for the winter. Apply 320 Princess avenue. 94n

TO LET NO. 593 TALBOT STREET, eight rooms, modern conveniences. Key at No. 591. 76tf

Articles For Sale.

FRESH OYSTERS — EVERY DAY— wholesale and retail. Any orders received by mail given prompt attention. CATALANO & SANSONE, 306 Dundas street.

FOR SALE — SKATES AND SKATE parts; bicycle enameling and general repairing at lowest prices. D. MCKENZIE & Co., 374 Richmond street.

HORSE FOR SALE—APPLY 397 CENTRAL avenue. 96o

SHEETRUBBER AND RUBBER HOSE, hose nozzels and reels and lawn hydrant. SMITH BROS., 265 Dundas street x

XMAS CARDS,
CALENDARS AND BOOKLETS,
R. V. S. SAUNDERS,
650 Dundas street, East London.

CUSTOMS PAPERS OF ALL KINDS always on hand at Advertiser Job Department. You can have them in large or small quantities.

TIMBERS, TRUSS RODS AND PLATES. PATTERSON & JOLLY. 72tf

ENGINE FOR SALE—A BARGAIN— Thirty horse power; can be run at 90 revolutions; is in capital order; can be had at a very low figure. Address Engine, care "Advertiser" Office. 86tf&62tf

STOVES AND SECOND-HAND FURNITURE for sale cheap at KEENE'S Furniture Store, Masonic Temple, Market Square.

POSTERS — ALL STYLES — HANGERS and dodgers. ADVERTISER Job Department.

ENVELOPES—PLAIN OR PRINTED—AT ADVERTISER Job Department.

SHIPPING TAGS—AT CLOSE PRICES— ADVERTISER Job Department.

PAMPHLET WORK OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, clean and quick, at ADVERTISER Job Department.

DYMENT-BAKER LUMBER CO.—
Lumber Yard,
Planing Mill,
Box Factory,
Wood Carving.
Corner Wellington and Bathurst Sts.
London.
xt

Dressmaking.

WANTED — PUPILS AT MRS K. Franks' Dress-Cutting School. Instructions free. Classes every evening. 235 King street. 91n

Board and Lodging.

TWO NICE DOUBLE FRONT ROOMS— with electric light, and board, if desired, 362 Dundas street. 90tf

Pawnbrokers.

WANTED—100 GOOD SECOND-HAND overcoats, pants, suits. Money loaned on above; also diamonds, watches, jewelry. T. FOX, pawnbroker, 209 King street, opposite fire hall.

A Pretty Christmas Gift.

We have a number of copies of two handsome pictures, suitable for mailing as a Christmas offering,

"The Three Friends."
"The Holly Queen."

In tube ready for sending. 10c each. The supply is limited.

ADVERTISER PRINTING COMPANY.

Marriage Licenses.

WM. H. WESTON, 64 STANLEY STREET, issues marriage licenses; open evenings; take belt line car.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY J. G. Shuff, chemist, 340 Dundas street (corner William). Trolley cars pass the door. No witnesses required.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED AT Strong's Drug Store, 134 Dundas street. Residence 289 Dufferin avenue.

LICENSES ISSUED BY THOS. GILLEAN Jeweler 402 Richmond street.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUEDBY W. H. BARTRAM, 99 Dundas street.

Dental Cards.

DR. G. H. KENNEDY, DENTIST, successor to the late Dr. Davis. Specialty, preservation of natural teeth. 176 Dundas street. Phone 975.

DR. W. S. WESTLAND, DENTIST — Honor graduate Toronto University, post-graduate in crown and bridge work Chicago. Electric catophoresis for painless filling. Edge Block, Richmond street. Phone 960.

DR. HARRY E. SILK, DENTIST— Honor graduate of Toronto University. 185½ Dundas street, over Gurd's gun store.

J. ELLIOTT HOLMES, L.D.S., ROOM 3, Duffield Block, Dundas and Clarence streets. Phone 897.

DR. L. H. DAWSON, DENTIST, CORNER Dundas and Lyle streets, East London.

DR. JEFFREY N. WOOD—DENTIST— Higgins' Block, over 212 Dundas street.

L. MCDONALD, DENTIST,
Office, 183½ Dundas street, London
Telephone 702.

DR. J. H. SWANN—DENTIST—OFFICE 207½ Dundas street. Telephone 1,131.

WOOLVERTON & BENTLEY, DENTISTS —216 Dundas street, next Edy Bros., over Cairncross & Lawrence, druggists. Telephone 822.

Highly Important and Attractive Catalogue Sale by Auction of

23 Cases Japanese Art Productions,

Special consignment, imported direct from Hiogo, Japan, will be sold at Jones' Auction Rooms, 242 Dundas street, commencing on

THURSDAY, DEC. 9.

Afternoon at 2 o'clock and evening at 7:30, and continue every afternoon and evening until the whole consignment is sold.
No reserve. Goods on view Wednesday, Dec. 7.
J. W. JONES, auctioneer.
94u tx

MRS. McKINLEY.

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 8.—Mrs. McKinley is still living, and little change occurred in her condition during the night.

Phone 644 for Yeoman's Weather Strips.

Invasion of China!

Shots Exchanged Between Chinese and Germans.

Celestials Forced to Accede to the Kaiser's Demands.

Manchester Cotton Operatives' Wages Will Not Be Reduced.

Engineers Abandon the Idea of a General Strike.

French Party Murdered While on Its Way to the Nile.

SUSTAINED THE GOVERNMENT.

Paris, Dec. 8.—At the end of the Dreyfus discussion in the Senate yesterday, the house unanimously voted the order of the day in favor of the government.

AN EXPEDITION MASSACRED.

Brussels, Dec. 8.—The Houvement Geographique announces that a French expedition, under Major Marchand, while on its way to the Nile, has been massacred near Bahrel Ghaze. The survivors of the party, it is added, retreated to Bornou.

CARVED UP BY TRIBESMEN.

Bombay, Dec. 8.—An Englishman named Greaves, who had been inspecting the Persian Gulf telegraph line, was murdered in his tent by tribesmen. They decapitated and disemboweled the murlered man and looted and destroyed the camp of his native staff.

PETER'S PENCE.

Rome, Dec. 8.—It is said there has been a marked falling off in the receipts of Peter's pence, which constitutes the main source of the papal revenues. It is therefore proposed at the Vatican to cause to be placed in every Catholic church throughout the world a statue of St. Peter, together with an alms box and an appropriate inscription, for the collection of Peter's pence. The United States was formerly among the largest contributors, but its offerings have fallen off sadly in late years.

KOSSUTH SANGUINE OF HUNGARIAN INDEPENDENCE.

Budapest, Dec. 8.—In the lower house of the Hungarian Parliament yesterday, Herr Francis Kossuth, the leader of the party advocating an independent Hungary opened hostilities with a fierce speech on a motion which the house, just before closing on Monday, granted him permission to introduce. Herr Francis Kossuth's motion was that the Banffy bill be sent not to the financial committee, which would be the ordinary way of disposing of it, but to a committee of the house. In the course of his speech, which was eloquent and impassioned, he said: "The present opportunity may not soon return. Our king is a constitutional king, and he will lay aside his individual opinions if he can make Hungary great and happy. The independence of Hungary may now be assured for all time."

GERMANY'S NAVAL BILL.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—In the German Reichstag yesterday, Herr Richter, the Radical leader, during the second day's debate upon the first reading of the naval bill, opposed that measure, and dwelt upon the serious increase of expenditure. He contended that the great display of power made in China proved that the government considered the navy equal to the task imposed upon it. Germany's exports, he continued, had made unexpected strides, in spite of the alleged lack of cruisers, and the protective duties were more harmful to Germany's trade than could be balanced by the benefits derivable even by the greatest fleet. The bill, Herr Richter asserted, was not for seven years, but for eternity, and created a condition which the continued advance of technical knowledge would make it impossible to maintain.

PEARY FLATTERED.

London, Dec. 8.—Lieut. Peary, the Arctic explorer, was tendered a banquet by the Geographical Club. Afterwards he lectured in the theater of the University of London, under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society. A large audience received him and Mrs. Peary with the heartiest applause. The lantern views were heartily enjoyed. Sir Clements Markham, at the close of the lecture, thanked Lieut Peary in the name of the Royal Geographical Society. He said no audience in London had ever listened with such interest to an Arctic explorer as the company that evening had felt in the narrative of Lieut. Peary, who was "the greatest glacial and dog sledge traveler in the world." Sir Francis McClintock, amid loud cheers, wished Lieut. Peary success in his next expedition. The Times, Standard and other morning papers editorially praise Lieut. Peary's Arctic work, and wish him success in his next undertaking.

ENGLISH LABOR AFFAIRS.

The Cotton Operatives Win—Engineers Abandon the Idea of a General Strike.

Manchester, Dec. 8.—The employers in the cotton trade here abandoned their demand for a 5 per cent reduction in wages, many firms being disinclined to enforce it. The operatives are thus victorious in the struggle. The decision of the employers was largely influenced by the result of a ballot of the Association of Cotton Operatives, taken during the last few days, which was almost unanimous against accepting the reduction proposed by the employers.

London, Dec. 8.—As a result of the refusal of the Rt. Hon. Charles T. Ritchie, president of the board of trade, to accede to the request of the railway employes that he should interfere in the name of the board in the present labor dispute, with a view to arranging a conference between the Amalgamated Society of Railway Men and the railway companies as a whole, and avert a strike, the idea of a general railway strike has been abandoned.

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Germany's Latest Grab

Chinese Forts Open Fire on the German Marines,

Who Landed at Kiao Chau Bay and Attempted to Capture the City—The Celestials Surrender.

London, Dec. 8.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says: On Friday last Captain Becker, with 210 German marines, left Kiao Chau Bay to occupy the surrounding villages, whence they proceeded to capture the city. The Chinese forts opened fire and the Germans replied, killing three of the garrison, which thereupon fled in disorder. The Chinese general in command was captured, but afterwards liberated. Several German sailors were injured by stones, flung by the inhabitants of the villages. In return for this the head men of these villages were beaten with bamboo sticks by order of the German commander.

It is reported here that China is willing to pay an indemnity of 1,000,000 taels ($781,250), and to grant all the German demands, including the temporary cession of Kiao Chau Bay, and adjoining territory.

A dispatch to the Times from Pekin confirms the report that China, hoping for the evacuation of Kiao Chau, agrees unconditionally to all the demands of Germany.

The Times, dealing editorially with the situation at Kiao Chau, notes that the foregoing telegram, enumerating the German demands, does not include the permanent occupation of Kiao Chau, and points out that the evidence is conflicting as to whether this was officially demanded. It says: In any case, now that the other demands have been conceded, what will be the grounds for insisting on a permanent occupation? The double success in Hayti and China, demonstrating the practical value of a strong fleet, ready to act at short notice in any part of the world, will probable give a coup de grace to the declining opposition to the naval bill."

Pekin, Dec. 8.—The Chinese government has caused it to be made known that up to the time of the German occupation of Kiao Chau Bay no claim was made to Germany for reparation as a result of the murder of the two German missionaries, Nies and Hennle, and that there were no other differences between the two governments. Consequently the government of China points out that the missionary question is regarded as a pretext to obtain a naval sation, which, it is shown, Germany has long coveted. The Chinese government, it is said, in conclusion, will never consent to the Germans remaining at Kiao Chau Bay, as their presence there deprives China of a harbor which, since the war with Japan, has been regarded as the most suitable naval base of operations.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Dr. Stuebel, the German consul at Shanghai, has been ordered to go to Kiao Chau and establish a regular German administration. The Kolnische Volks Zeitung says that the coal deposits in the province of Shan Tung, which will become available to Germany, with railway and mining concessions, are most valuable.

Emperor William has ordered the number of volunteers for the China expedition to be increased by 1,000 men.

MR. PAUL FINK POISONED.

A Mysterious Death Puzzling the People of Waterloo.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—Mr. Paul Fink, an aged widower of the town of Waterloo, two miles from here, died in horrible agony about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He had just eaten a lunch of sausage and bread, prepared by himself, and it is believed that some malicious person deposited poison in the food. Dr. Armitage said the symptoms were unmistakably those of poison.

Mr. Fink frequently had quarrels with people in Waterloo and elsewhere and gained many enemies, and the theory that murder has been committed is believed by everybody. Waterloo is in a state of intense excitement over the affair. The suicide theory is entirely scouted, for only an hour before his death Mr. Fink was in one of the stores laughing and joking with a party of his friends. He sustatined no financial losses either. He was wealthy, but lived quietly and unassumingly by himself, keeping bachelor quarters. His wife died twelve years ago. He leaves a son and three daughters, the latter all married.

PUT THE PETITION IN THE STOVE

Dundas, Dec. 8.—The regular monthly meeting of the town council was held Monday night, Mayor Wardell presiding. A circular from F. S. Spence was read, asking the council to petition the Ontario Legislature to give municipal councils power to fix the hours for selling intoxicating liquors, and the power to refuse licenses to sell liquor in districts where a majority of the ratepayers were opposed to a license being granted. A motion was promptly made and carried unanimously that the petition be put in the stove.

GIRLS PASS PLATES IN CHURCH.

Trenton, Dec. 8.—Rev. Maurice Penfield Fikes, of the First Baptist Church, has introduced in his church a novel feature, in the form of girl ushers. On Sunday the experiment was tried for the first time. It was necessary to set chairs in the aisle to accommodate the crowd. When the girls started for the money they got it. When counted there was nearly $300 to add to the treasury of the church. The innovation made by Pastor Fikes does not, however, meet with the approval of his brother preachers.

THE MOTHER WAS GUARDIAN.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—At Osgoode Hall yesterday, in Gordon vs. Wright, an interesting ruling was made. W. F. Walker, Q.C., for defendant, moved to set aside verdict and judgment for plaintiff for $250 in an action for seduction tried before Chief Justice Meredith and a jury at Goderich, to dismiss the action upon the ground that the plaintiff, the mother of the woman, has no right to maintain the action, the father being alive, and that there was no evidence of services rendered to plaintiff by her daughter. The jury found that the father had abandoned his family, and there was no evidence to show that he had left the province. Campion (Goderich), for plaintiff, showed cause. Motion dismissed with costs.

The Legislature.

Pinning the Opposition Down to Their Stump Speeches.

Specimen Exposures at Tuesday's Sitting of the Assembly.

Mr. Stratton's Arraignment—Amendment Moved by Mr. Miscampbell.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Hon. Mr. Harty was in his place, and received many congratulations on the improvement in his health.

Dr. Willoughby took up the debate on the address for his side. He acknowledged that he had been saying severe things about the ministry in the country; he was prepared to repeat them, and, moreover, to prove them. Then he condemned the administration of the education department, and said the pupils had to study too hard. School books, he said, were too dear. At the last teachers' meeting papers had been read by Messrs. McGillivray and Wetherell criticising the educational system, but the minister had taken care that these strictures had not seen the light. They did not appear in the volume of the proceedings.

Mr. Ross asked the privilege of making a statement. He had had nothing whatever to do with the exclusion of these papers from the volume of the proceedings. The association had decided not to print them, but he had no more connection with it than Dr. Willoughby had.

Dr. Willoughby released this line of attack somewhat unwillingly. The doctor proceeded to say considerable about the Michigan deputation, but he took great care that he would make no statement with respect to it that would come within range of the offer made by the premier, namely, that if any member made the accusation that the interview granted the Michigan lumbermen was a secret interview, he would grant him a committee to enable him to prove it. After a good deal of indirect thrusting and hinting by the speaker, Mr. Hardy again invited the doctor to make a direct statement that might be submitted to a committee, but the offer was not accepted.

Mr. Stratton succeeded Mr. Willoughby, and adopted the line that has proved so exasperating to the opposition, namely, liberal quotations of recent speeches on the stump. He demanded that they should file a bill of particulars. Among the excerpts to which he drew their attention was one from a speech of Mr. Whitney, in which he said that if ordinary trustees had been guilty of such conduct they would be put in jail. (This extravagant statement amused the house.) Mr. Stratton went on to allude to Mr. Whitney's declaration, frequently made, that he religiously avoided attending the sessions of the public accounts committee. If he did attend its meetings he would be unable to make some of the statements he did make. Mr. Stratton quoted the tribute of Mr. Haycock, the Patron leader, to the care and economy with which the public funds are expended, facts which he had learned in the course of the investigations of the public accounts committee. Mr. Whitney said he had not time to investigate and prove his charges. Let him take time. During the whole of his (the speaker's) time in parliament the opposition had only challenged the usefulness of five government officials, and two of these were the clerk of forestry and the inspector of roads. Mr. Stratton defended the appointment of these officers, and believed the country would agree that the creation of the officers was amply justified. Mr. Stratton also showed that there was no foundation for the direct taxation cry of the opposition, or its condemnation of the mining policy of the government. Mr. Stratton wound up his speech by referring to the various sectarian cries with which the opposition had gone to the country during the four foregoing elections—the "Marmion" discussion, the Ross Bible, the school amendments, and lastly the P. P. A. crusade. All that remained of that movement were the two members who were elected to the house on the strength of these illiberal cries, and who, he observed, voted steadily with the opposition. Mr. Stratton spoke most effectively.

Mr. Meacham had the floor when the house reassembled, and went over, to a large extent, the ground that has been already trod. He said he would neither affirm that the Michigan lumbermen had been granted a secret meeting nor would he deny it. Mr. Hardy's offer of an investigating committee is proving a great stumbling-block to one branch of the opposition campaign. On a statement that in 25 years there had been seventeen years of deficits and eight years of surpluses, the premier asked if Mr. Meacham included the expenditures on capital account in his statement. On receiving an answer in the affirmative, Mr. Hardy again asked if it had been the custom to include the expenditure on capital account in the statements of ordinary expenditure at Ottawa, and the member for Lennox was somewhat disconcerted when he had to reply in the negative. Indeed, all the financial criticism of the opposition ignores the fact that the Ontario Government pays for all the buildings and other works it has erected, even for the parliament buildings, out of current revenue, leaving no debts or depleting interest accounts behind it.

Mr. Cleland, dealing with the condemnation of the new county councils by the opposition, said the change had saved Grey county $3,200 a year.

Mr. Miscampbell took the floor shortly after 10 o'clock, in the course of his speech moving the following resolution: "We join in the regret expressed by your honor in reference to the increaed duties imposed by the Government of the United States on pine and other lumber imported into that country, and also regret that the Government of the Province has not taken steps to compel the manufacture into lumber in Canada of all sawlogs cut under license issued by the department of crown lands."

Mr. Flatt dened that the supply of pine timber was decreasing either in quantity or quality.

Mr. St. John moved the adjournment of the debate.

Windy Weather

plays havoc with the lips and hands. It doesn't require much exposure to subject you to the annoyance of rough and red skin or chapped lips. The usual remedies, Glycerine, Cold Cream, Vaseline, etc., are either sticky or greasy. You can only use them conveniently upon retiring. Even then your feelings are not the most agreeable. HAZELINE may be used at any time, and is soothing and healing every time you use it. Apply it to the hands, rub gently, and it vanishes; it is absorbed. This new and dainty toilet lotion is a true skin food. It is the peer of all remedies for the complexion. HAZELINE purifies as well as beautifies. Price, 25c.
CAIRNCROSS & LAWRENCE,
Druggists, 216 Dundas street Branch, corner Richmond and Piccadilly.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE.

Dr. Kirkpatrick, a leading Montreal physician, and one time superintendent of the Montreal general hospital, died yesterday.

W. B. Palmer, Hamilton, sentenced to three years in Kingston Penitentiary for embezzlement from the Bank of Commerce two years ago, has been pardoned.

News has been received at Cannington, Ont., that Archie C. McKay, son of John McKay, of that place, was shot and killed by a cowboy at Davenport, Wash.

Letters from the Edmonton country show that many people are making for the Yukon who have not the faintest idea of hardship. One party going in via the Canadian route got frozen in on a large river.

The Slingsby woolen mills in Brantford have been working night and day for several months, their whole output going to Alaska. They opened up this trade two or three years ago, and since the gold discoveries it has expanded enormously.

John Ormiston, collector of customs at Gananoque, has disappeared. He was last seen on Friday night, Dec. 3, about 6 o'clock. He was secretary of the Gananoque Water Power Company, deputy collector of inland revenue, prominent in society and school matters.

Forty bricklayers, employed by Messrs. Heggie & Stewart on the construction of the new factory of the Dominion Cotton Company at Montreal, have gone on strike. They are earning 30 cents an hour, and demand a rate of 35 cents per hour, which is the union rate.

The government of Sir James Winter, the recently chosen premier of Newfoundland, have dismissed twelve magistrates, 23 customs officers and numerous minor officers at a saving of $15,000 a year. The government has already effected a reduction in the annual expense list of $40,000.

Mayor Shannon of Goderich and Mr. A. McD. Allan have returned from Montreal, where they settled terms with the G. T. R. respecting the erection of an elevator at Goderich. It is expected that the matter will be closed very soon, as the Grand Trunk has given most favorable conditions of traffic.

Thomas Costello, of Renfrew, is under arrest on a charge of bigamy. It is alleged that wife No. 1 is Eliza Ann Coburn, daughter of William Coburn, Alice township, whom he married on May 2, 1888. The following autumn he married in Aylmer, Que., a girl at Portage Du Fort, and on May 26, 1893, he married Flora McPherson, of Ottawa. No. 2 is the complainant.

At Toronto Mr. Justice Rose decided that the widow of Thos. Williams, of St. Thomas, was not entitled to an increased proportion of the residue of her husband's $115,000 estate, which proportion she claimed as a result of an alteration in his will by codicil. He left her, in addition to certain real estate, $8,000, and by codicil gave to her $10,000, which by the will he had left to the hospital at St. Thomas

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Susie Archer, a Canadian girl, 25 years old, who said her home was in Toronto, suffered intense agony last night at the Pearl street police station. For reasons known only to herself, she attempted to end her life by taking a dose of carbolic acid. She will recover.

Don't Tell Anybody.

If no one should tell you about it, you would hardly know there was cod-liver oil in Scott's Emulsion, the taste is so nicely covered. Children like it, and the parents don't object.

We Know We Are Treading On Somebody's Toes,

otherwise somebody would not squeal. The purchasing power of cash, wisely and liberally spent by us, has brought the prices in our store down to a level that some of the other stores are apparently unable to reach. This battle of business means the survival of the fittest and the benefit of the buyer.

J. P. COOK,
173 Dundas Street.

In Sporting Circles.

Sensation Caused by the Killing of Pugilist Croot.

Numerous Arrests in Connection With the Tragedy.

A Golf Caddie Fatally Hurt at Milburn, N. J.—Progress of the Six Days Spin in Madison Square Garden — Other Sporting Matters.

ATHLETICS.

THE KILLING OF CROOT.

London, Dec. 8.—Soon after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Barry, White and Watley, who were Croot's seconds, the manager of the National Sporting Club, Mr. B. F. Angle, and the referee and time-keeper of Monday night's fatal fight were placed in the prisoner's dock before Mr. James Vaughan, the presiding magistrate, at Bow street police court, and were formally charged with manslaughter. The court was crowded with interested spectators. Counsel appeared for Mr. Angle, whose case is the same as that of the other defendants. The police testified that Barry was very much distressed at the death of Croot, and said he had not made the slightest attempt to avoid the warrant. Continuing, the police said Mr. Angle conducted an officer to see Croot's body, which was only superficially bruised. There were slight signs of blood in the nose, but there was none on the gloves or in the ring. Barry, who was present when the police viewed the body, broke down and cried: "I never did that." All the prisoners were remanded for a week, bail in each case being accepted in the sum of $250.

Barry is greatly depressed at the death of Croot; but all the papers, which publish reports of the fight, pay tribute to the American's fairness in fighting. They say that a better exhibition of science than that displayed by Barry and Croot is scarcely possible. The refree had to caution Croot several times for low hitting and too much clinching. From the seventh round Barry appeared to be much stronger than Croot, who came up for the twentieth round looking tired. Thus far the contest had been an excellent one, and not a sound was heard at the opening of the twentieth round except the foot movements of the men in the ring. A miscalculation of distance upon the part of Croot brought him too near his opponent, and he received a sharp right-hander on the chin, which dazed him, and another blow drove him to the ropes. Following this, Barry landed his left and right without a return from Croot, who was virtually beaten and showed signs of physical distress. Croot, however, attempted to ward off Barry, but the latter, seeing the game was in his own hands, crept up closer, and landed his left

OVER CROOT'S HEART,

following it up with a strong right-hander on the point of the chin. Croot lay motionless in the ring, and at the expiration of the ten seconds the referee, amid loud applause, announced the victory of the Chicagoan. In the meantime Croot was taken to a bedroom in the club and doctors and trained nurses were summoned. They worked all night long upon him without any success, and the boxer expired at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

The Daily Chronicle, editorially, demands a thorough sifting of the Barry-Croot affair. It fails to see the difference between these fight and the old-time prize fight. The Daily News says: "We hope this great scandal will put an end to the National Sporting Club."

GOLF.

A CADDIE KILLED.

Millburn, N. J., Dec. 8.—Winfield S. McCoy died at his home on Church street as a result of a peculiar accident. On Thanksgiving Day he was at work on the links of the Baltusrol Golf Club as a caddie, when he struck on the head with a golf ball driven at a high rate of speed. He dropped to the ground unconscious, and on his recovery had a severe epileptic fit. Since then he had these fits at irregular intervals, and they increased in severity, the last one carrying him off. He was 47 years old, and leaves a widow, two daughters and a son.

FOOTBALL.

SERIOUSLY HURT.

Winnipeg, Dec. 8.—During the progress of a game of football on Saturday, between Wesley College and the Alumni, L. J. Carter, goal-keeper of the Wesley team, was so seriously injured that he will never be able to play the game again. He is at present confined to his bed.

WHEEL.

THE SIX DAYS' SPIN.

New York, Dec. 8.—The great six day bicycle contest at Madison Square Garden has afforded a succession of surprises. Waller broke the record for 24 hours by 55 miles and 3 laps. More than half a dozen of the other riders have eclipsed Hale's figures of last year by good margins.

Miller was far advanced into his 900th mile at midnight last night. Waller's star had faded before the dawn, and his record-breaking performance was forgotten in the astonishing achievements of Miller, Stephane and Rice. Waller is now far down in the list of the ten stayers out of the 26 that started. Seven thousand persons for hours watched the riders reeling around the rim of the great saucer. The score at 10:15 stood: Miller, 832.3; Stephane, 799.1; Rice, 799.3; Rivierre, 778.3; Schinner, 777.5; Moore, 758; Waller, 755.2; Pierce, 730.1; Golden, 705.5; Elkes, 690.4; Hale, 684; Enterman, 646.7; Kinz, 620.3; Gannon, 582.4; Julius, 552.5; Johnson, 648.6; Gray, 467.8; Beacon, 474.7. Miller was 77 miles 3 laps ahead of the record for the 46th hour.

WEDNESDAY MORNING'S SCORE.

New York, Dec. 8.—The score in the six days' bicycle race at 8:15 this morning was as follows: Miller 978, Rivierre 921, Schinner 918, Rice 917, Stephane 888, Moore 881, Pierce 865, Waller 844, Hale 836, Golden 801, Elkes 798, Enterman 770, Kinse 701, Gannon 691, Julius 676, Gray 563, Johnson 556, Beacon 536. The best previous record for 56 hours was 886 miles, made by Schock at Washington in 1896.

SPOKES.

Mr. Thos. Hammond, Aylmer, completed 4,700 miles on his Columbian wheel this year.

BASEBALL.

THE MONTREAL CLUB.

Montreal, Dec. 8.—The delegates of the Montreal baseball club who were at the annual meeting of the Eastern League have returned to town, and report that Montreal will be strong at all points. Several new men have been secured, and as one of the directors said, "We have our hooks out for half a dozen others." The directors state that they were more than satisfied at last season's business, and they are in for good. Rochester was after Montreal's franchise, and so was a prominent theatrical manager, but Montreal would not sell. Frank Shannon has been sold to Buffalo, Montreal getting Barry, a good shortstop, and a cash consideration in exchange. Hall, a shortstop and second baseman from the Texas League, will don a Montreal uniform. Hall has a record of 65 chances and 3 erors. From California two are coming to recruit for the local team. They are Gneslinger and Murray, of the California League. Gneslinger is a fielder, and Murray is a fielder and general utility man. The battery will be strengthened by another pitcher—a Brooklyn man. It is very likely that Geir, the Philadelphian, who was here for a short time at the end of the season, will be here again.

THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

D. J. Lowney, of Bay City, secretary pro tem. of the new International Baseball League, has called a meeting of all interested, to be held at Port Huron on Tuesday, Dec. 14, when the organization will be perfected and officers chosen. The salary limit will be $700, exclusive of the manager. President Young, of the National League, gives assurance of the latter's protection, and says the new league will be in class D.—[Port Huron Times.

FLYS.

The Cleveland club will train again at Hot Springs with the Chicagos next spring.

The Milwaukee club has declared a substantial dividend to his stockholders.

Billy Sunday, the old Chicago player, and as swift an outfielder as ever played in the big league, is conducting a revival meeting at Salem, Ind.

Sockalexis has returned to Oldtown, Me., after a two weeks' deer hunting trip. Socks now says it was not booze but hard luck that downed him last season.

THE TURF.

TIPS.

It is said that Joe Patchen won $20,000 last season.

Directum (2:05½), who has been in Detroit for a few years, will be returned to California. He will never race again.

AQUATIC.

SPLASHES.

Gaudaur will accept the challenge of Wray, the Australian, to row for the single scull championship.

Both Buffalo and Cleveland yachtsmen are considering the advisability of building yachts and challenging for the cup now held by Canada.

THE CANADIAN ROUTE.

United States Opinion Respecting the Fast Atlantic Service.

The following appeared in Scribner's Magazine: "One way to shorten the trip to Europe is to go faster; but, in the attempt to attain a practical perfection of mechanical construction and a practical minimum of fuel, weight, and bulk, ship owners are now forgetting that a second way of economizing time exists—by going a shorter way. We spoke, last year, of the late Mr. Austin Corbin's plan of running transatlantic liners from Mantauk Point, at the extreme end of Long Island. A more radical adjustment of the proportions of the railroad and steamship parts of the journey is contemplated in the Canadian route, with St. John or Halifax as a western terminus. An actual contract has been made between Messrs. Petersen, Tate & Co., of Newcastle, England, and the Dominion Government, under the terms of which this firm will send over the Atlantic route steamships of the highest standard, with a speed guarantee of 500 knots in 24 hours. Canada gives an annual subsidy of $500,000 for ten years, and the British Government contributes $250,000 per year. Four of the vessels are to be ready in 1898, and after May, 1900, there will be a weekly service with a penalty of $1,000 for failure to make a voyage. Under these stipulations there is a considerable difference of opinion as to whether the new line will be able to come out on the right side of the financial balance sheet. Such fast steamers are no great cargo carriers, and must depend on passenger earnings to make their profits. Even the Cunarders often run at a serious loss in the winter, and the question is whether the Canadian steamers will be able to earn enough in the summer to make up for their losses in the winter. As to their geographical advantages, laymen will be surprised to realize that North America takes such a bold trend to eastward, as one goes north on the Atlantic coast, that a port like Halifax will save nearly a thousand miles over the route from New York to Liverpool. With steamers of the Lucania class, then, the ocean voyage should be easily reduced to four days, and our New York-London ocean lines will have a serious competitor in bidding for the summer rush of tourists, especially for all those to whom the ocean voyage is not one of the pleasantest features of a European tour.

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

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KILLED IN THE BUSH.

Fatal Accident to Mr. Seth Everitt—Thrown Into the Air and Fell on His Head.

Ridgetown, Ont., Dec. 8.—A very sad accident occurred about two miles west of here yesterday. Mr. Seth Everett and his son were felling trees in the bush of Mr. Thos. Scane, on con. 8, Howard. They had cut a tree down, and it had lodged in some limbs of other trees, leaning over an old log that was there. One side of the trunk had not been entirely separated from the tree, and the elder Everitt attempted to complete his work, when the top of the tree fell to the ground with terrible force, and Mr. Everitt was knocked high into the air. He fell on his head and died almost instantly. Dr. D. Marr was called, and concluded that deceased had come to his death by concussion of the brain. He leaves a widow and six children.

IT IS DENIED

That James Allison Has Confessed to Killing Mrs. Orr.

A special from Berlin to the Toronto Globe says: Yesterday there was a report current that James Allison, condemned to the gallows for murdering Mrs. Orr, had made a confession of his crime to his spiritual adviser, Rev. Mr. Atkinson. This story was denied by the local papers, and the writer made several visits to the jail and to Rev. Mr. Atkinson to ask if there was anything in the confession story. The jail people said there was nothing in it, to their knowledge. Mr. Atkinson said: "If Allison confessed or if he does confess to me no one will hear of it unless he gives me explicit directions to tell the public." It is safe to say Allison has not confessed, and is not likely to confess with a recommendation for mercy in the hands of the government.

MIDDLESEX.

Miss Clara Haldane, of London, is making a visit with her cousin, Miss Maggie Shipley, of Komoka.

The Delaware Methodist Church Sunday school will have a grand time on Christmas eve. They are to have a Christmas tree, with all the usual accomplishments.

Miss Pearl, daughter of Mr. Melvin Smith, of Dorchester Station, aged 8 years, was badly bitten in her right arm on Saturday by a vicious dog, necessitating three stitches by Dr. Graham.

Delaware Valley Lodge, A., F. and A. M., G. R. C., the other evening elected officers as follows: P. M., Wor. Bro. John Ackland; W. M., Bro. John Stillson; S. W., Bro. Jas. Finch; J. W., Bro. James McGregor; treasurer, Bro. R. C. Hammond; secretary, Bro. R. R. Montgomery. A large attendance was present, and a number of visitors from Mount Brydges and Lobo. A pleasant hour was spent after the work of the evening was accomplished in sociability.

Following are the recently elected officers of Court Western Pride, A. O. F., Komoka: Chief ranger, Bro. C. Wernham; sub-chief ranger, A. McKellar; treasurer, J. Nash; secretary, P. A. McIntyre; senior woodward, L. Stilson; junior woodward, G. F. Craven; senior beadle, H. Smith; junior beadle, A. G. Wernham; trustee, D. A. McDougall; auditors, Bros. Swales, McKellar and Stilson; medical officer, F. H. Mitchell; sick committee, Bros. Nash, McKellar and Swales.

The officers-elect of the Delaware Royal Templars of Temperance are: Select councilor, J. T. Wilson; past councilor, E. Blashill; vice-councilor, Sister S. Davis; recording secretary, A. Waters; assistant secretary, Sister Lawson; financial secretary, B. A. Mitchell; treasurer, Chas. Price; chaplain, Ed. Ralph; herald, A. Thomas; assistant herald, Sister L. Hawes; guard, Jas. Hay; sentinel, Bro. Tilden; organist, Sister L. Hawes.

Mr. H. Brodie, of Burwell road, sold a valuable Llewellyn setter dog to Mr. H. M. Graydon, of London, for $50.

A very successful concert was given in the Muncey road school house on the evening of Dec. 3, in connection with St. Andrew's Church, Delaware. The Rev. R. Leatch, pastor, occupied the chair. Of the programme itself little need to said. The hearty applause which greeted each number testified that the audience fully appreciated the efforts of those who took part. At the close of the programme coffee and cake were served, and all dispersed well satisfied that it was one of the best ever given in this neighborhod.

The Christmas entertainment in connection with Lobo village school will be held this year in the Foresters' Hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 23, when a first-class programme will be provided. R. Boston, of London, will act as chairman. Miss Jean Gunn, graduate of the Toronto Conservatory of Elocution, will be present and take part in the programme. Detective McKinnon, of Hamilton, will also sing some of his grand old Scottish selections. Dr. Graham will make the presentations of the diplomas to the pupils. The double male quartet will also be present and add to the evening's enjoyment. The pupils of the school will present a fan drill burlesque, a Maypole dance, a jubilee tableau, several songs and a number of recitations. The proceeds will be in aid of the library fund. Admission, 25 cents; children, 15 cents. The programme will positively begin at the time announced, 8 o'clock.

LAKE SHORE—BOSANQUET.

Lake Shore, Bosanquet, Dec. 8.—Mr. Wm. Fraser is doing excellent work, chopping, cutting corn, grinding graham flour, etc., with his new windmill, on his barn, recently purchased from the McEwen Bros., of Lake Shore, Bosanquet.

Jas. Bell, who has worked for many years for farmers around here, died on Dec. 1 at the home of Mr. Jacob Hodgson, of Lake road east, aged about 70 years, and was buried on Dec. 2. He has been at Mr. Hodgson's for several years past.

People of Lake Shore and vicinity are looking forward to Dec. 10, when Miss Stella Hubbart will give a concert at school No. 4. She has an interesting class of music pupils in this neighborhood. Tickets, 15 cents.

People of all political creeds unite in saying good and excellent things about H. J. Pettypiece, since he is nominated for East Lambton. Having many friends and few enemies he will be sure to have a good majority over whomsoever his opponent shall be.

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Dec. 8.—The Epworth League, which was started here a few weeks ago in connection with the Methodist Church, is doing a noble work, and the meetings, which are held every Monday night, have been largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Matthews have returned home from Bookton, Norwich, where they were attending the funeral of Mrs. Matthews' grandmother, who died in New York States at the age of 90 years, and whose remains were taken back to her old home for burial.

At the last regular meeting of the I. O. F., the following officers were elected: C. R., A. Small; V. C. R., W. Stewart; F. S., S. W. Heath; R. S., Geo. Blanchard; chaplain, W. Scott; S. W., G. Doan; J. W., D. Doan; S. B., H. Luce; J. B., J. Doan; C. D., R. A. Small.

Hotel men are so anxious to get signatures to their petitions that they even went so far as to ask members of the temperance society to sign their documents, but the latter positively declined to do so.

Don't forget the concert in the new school house Friday evening. The admission is only 15 cents.

SIMCOE.

Simcoe, Dec. 7.—John Charlton, M.P., was in town yesterday.

D. M. Christie, of the high school staff, has sent in his resignation. He intends studying for B. A.

Robt. Tisdale is home from his ranch in Wyoming to spend the winter.

The rain of Saturday has made the roads in fine condition. If a good snow storm should come there would be fine sleighing.

The model school written examinations began yesterday.

STONEY POINT RESERVE.

Johnson—Bresette—Interesting Event at Chief John Johnson's Residence.

Lake Shore, Bosanquet, Dec. 8.—A very pretty wedding took place at the commodious residence of Chief John Johnson, of Stoney Point reserve, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 1, when, in the presence of about 60 invited guests, about 22 of whom were white people, principally neighboring farmers and others, who have always taken an interest in the welfare of the people living on the reserve, Levi Johnson, son of Chief John Johnson, was married to Miss Hannah Bresette, of Kettle Point reserve. The ceremony was very pleasantly performed by Rev. H. Tyler (who gets abundant practice in "tying knots"), at about 6 o'clock p.m. Lovely and beautiful indeed did the bride appear, in a perfectly made gown of cream colored silk, which also did much credit to the dressmaker, Miss McGuin, of Forest. Her hat and fur cape enhanced the beauty of the dress, and the bride of 18 looked so fair and lovely that no one could wonder that she, the great-grand-daughter of Chief Shannon, who died at Kettle Point some 35 years ago, should have captivated even the son of Chief John Johnson. Now, the said Chief Shannon was a near relative of Tecumseh, and fought with him in some hard batties. He was 103 years of age when he died, leaving several sons and one daughter, who have all died, but of the descendants of Chief Shannon there remain nine grandchildren, and their children and grandchildren are numerous. But perhaps of all the descendants of the said chief the most widely known is Adam Shannon, son of David Shannon, and grandson of the chief who has been warden of the Kettle Point Episcopal Church for many years, and is much respected by all who know him, and was one of the honored guests.

Mr. Telford Bressette, brother of the bride, supported the bridegroom through the ordeal, and Miss Lizzie Johnson, niece of the bridegroom, gracefully filled the position of bridesmaid, suitably attired in pink cashmere. After the ceremony and congratulations were over, an hour or two was spent in social chat. Dinner was soon announced. Turkey was carved, regardless of the sultan's wishes. Goose and salmon also figured prominently on the table. Then cakes and pies in great abundance and of really excellent quality disappeared with amazing velocity, but still never seemed to grow visibly less. The bride's cake—a veritable marvel of perfection—was made and presented by Mrs. Amos David, the bride's aunt.

A funny episode was when one of the waitresses, who, by a slight change in her toilet, appeared in the guise of a darky girl and gave black kisses to some of her girl friends.

After dinner was over, and another season of chat, the white friends and those of the others who are not so young as they used to be went home at 9:30, while the fun-loving dwellers on the reserves repaired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos David to dance and to feast again, and whether they "danced all night till the broad daylight, and went home with the girls in the morning," deponent sayeth not. At the wedding the white people were taking notes mentally, and among the things noted were some like the following: Chief John Johnson and his wife are the right people in the right place. Their daughters are excellent house-keepers and cooks. The whole family know how to entertain right royally and to make even the horses belonging to their guests feel quite at home eating hay, etc., in comfortable quarters, and last, but not least, that Miss Sarah Johnson is an uncommonly smart girl for one of 13. Let us all unite in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Levi Johnson.

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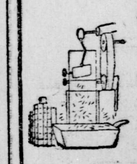
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Curry of Cold Meat, Rice Border—Put three tablespoonfuls of butter in frying pan, and when hot add one onion, chopped. When the onion is yellow stir in three teaspoonfuls of flour and one of curry powder; add soon one pint of stock or water, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-quarter teaspoonful of pepper, simmer five minutes and strain on the meat; simmer ten minutes longer and serve with a border of hot salted rice. Any kind of cold meat can be served in this way. There should be about one pound and a half, sliced as thinly as possible.

Salmon Steaks, Parsley Sauce—Sift cornmeal lightly over slices of fresh salmon, broil over quick fire, season with pepper and salt and butter, pour sauce around and serve.

Parsley Sauce—Work half a cupful of butter and two tablespoonfuls of flour to a cream, pour on one pint of boiling water and stir till it comes to a boil; then remove at once from fire, stir in a tablespoonful of lemon juice and a tablespoonful of chopped fresh parsley, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one-quarter teaspoonful of pepper and serve.

"Turkey the Second Day"—Cut up fine, put in baking dish with bits of butter, sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper, pour over one cup of water or stock; cover wth a thick layer of bread crumbs, over which pour two well-beaten eggs. Bake until brown on top.

Hard Sauce—Soften a small cup of butter with two tablespoonfuls of boiling water; stir to a cream; add, a little at a time, two cups of light brown (yellow) sugar; beat until light and creamy; flavor with a grating of nutmeg during the last beating. Pile upon a pretty glass dish and serve generously upon each slice of pudding.

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The Orr Tragedy.

James Allison Confesses His Awful Crime.

Tells the Terrible Story to His Spiritual Adviser.

Beat Her to Death With the Butt of the Gun After Shooting Her in the Body.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—The Toronto News last evening published the following:

James Allison, the 17-year-old lad who on Friday last, at Berlin, was found guilty and sentenced to death for the murder of his mistress, Mrs. Anthony Orr, has confessed his crime, and acknowledged the justness of his sentence. The confession was made by Allison to his spiritual adviser, Rev. Mr. Dickinson, Presbyterian minister, of Berlin, and the boy gave a detailed account of the crime.

It will be remembered that on Monday morning, Aug. 9, Anthony Orr left the farm early with the little boy, and Mrs. Orr was left alone with Allison. Her little girl was asleep upstairs, and her baby was playing on the front veranda. When Anthony Orr left the farm Allison had gone into the house to take his breakfast, and Mrs. Orr was finishing the milking in the yard.

Allison, in his confession, takes up the thread of events afterward. When Mrs. Orr came in with her pails of milk he was still in the house, and while she was engaged in pouring it into the pans he made a proposal to her, which she resented. He tried to seize her, and the woman rushed out into the door-yard. Allison's gun was lying close at hand, and he seized it up for the purpose of frightening her. Rushing to the door of the back kitchen, he fired at her. The gun was loaded with small shot, most of which lodged in the rail fence, which stood about twenty feet back of the kitchen. Some of it, however, struck the woman about the body, and she fell. He rushed at her and brained her with the butt of his gun.

In a few moments he bethought himself of concealing the traces of his crime. The corn patch which lay beyond the fence around the corner of the summer kitchen seemed to be the best temporary hiding place. And so he dragged the body through the bars and some thirty feet to the center of the little patch. Then he ran for a spade to dig the shallow grave where the body was found. The sandy soil was damp on top, but dry and easy to dig beneath, and so it did not take long to dig the woman's narrow resting place. It was too short and too shallow, he found, when he rolled the body into it, but the frenzied lad stamped her down into it. This accounts for the bruises found on the body. He then covered it up, scattering the refuse earth about so as to show no signs of a mound.

He then hid in the barn the spade and the gun which had been the chief instruments of his crime. Allison offers no explanation, but some strange murderous instinct probably prompted him to do so. The disappearance of the gun was one of the first events that drew suspicion on him.

Allison, in his confession, says he took the cows to Barrie's, reaching there about 9 o'clock. On his return he found that the little girl had not yet come down stairs, and so proceeded to clean up the yard about the kitchen door and remove any traces of his crime. While doing so she came down stairs, and then, thinking she might have heard the gunshot, he told the story of shooting at the woodchuck.

The incidents which followed are too well known for Allison to throw any light on. He admits, however, that on Wednesday morning, when he took so long to fetch the cows and came back with his socks wet, he had been digging the grave in the swamp which was shortly afterwards discovered. It had been his intention to drag the body down to the swamp at some convenient time, but the discovery of the resting place he had planned for his victim prevented his doing so. He admits that he lied about Stalker for the purpose of getting even with him for cross-questioning and throwing suspicion on him.

Allison professes to be penitent, but does not seem to have any hope that any miscarriage of justice can be arranged in his behalf.

An interesting fact is the exactness with which the crown was able to construct the truthful story of events solely by the aid of circumstantial evidence. Allison's confession partially bears out every detail of the crown's case.

WESTERN ONTARIO

John Smith has been appointed chief of the Sarnia fire brigade.

G. W. Sewell was elected chief ranger of the Windsor lodge of the Ancient Order of Foresters.

A bylaw to raise $20,000 for waterworks purposes will be voted upon by Sarnia citizens in January.

The Winthrop medicine man has bought the trotter Kingdom from Fred Horn, paying $550 for the horse.

Mr. John Murray McTaggert and Miss Ethel Miner, both of Orwell, were united in marriage by Rev. R. McIntyre at the St. Thomas manse on Tuesday.

Donald McIntyre, father of Mr. D. McIntyre, the Liberal candidate for East Elgin, who has been seriously ill for the past few days, is reported to be much improved.

Chas. J. Newman organist of one of the principal Episcopal churches in Ottawa, has been appointed organist and choir leader of New St. Paul's, Woodstock, vice Miss Higgins, resigned.

The death took place the other night of Mrs. Skeates, wife of Mr. Chas. Skeates, an upholsterer at the Ellis Furniture Company, Ingersoll. The cause of death was blood poisoning. She was 25 years old.

The poultry yard of Mrs. John Ramshaw, near the Beachville road tollgate, was raided the other night, and the next morning the good woman says she missed no less than fourteen turkeys, nine geese and a duck.

The champion heavyweight porker of McKillop, belonging to Mr. R. Hart, con. 9, was slaughtered last week. It was 10 1-2 feet in length and weighed when dressed 862 1-2 pounds. This is the largest pig ever seen on Winthrop market.

Mrs. John Rundle, of Sparta, died on Saturday evening after a short illness. Deceased, besides her husband, leaves six children: Charles and John, of Sparta; Mrs. S. Shepherd, St. Thomas; Mrs. F. E. Shepherd, Port Stanley; Mrs. P. Gilbert, Yarmouth, and Miss Bessie, at home.

The Mitchell foundry was sold on Saturday under power of mortgage. Mr. McLaughlin, of Cromerty, Huron county, holder of one mortgage, bought it at $1,600, which would not pay for the bricks in the walls, without the machinery. There were three mortgages against the property.

At Monday night's regular communication of Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown, the following officers were elected: J. C. Locke, W. M.; A. Kennedy, S. W.; E. Porter, J. W.; John Duck, chaplain; Jas. Thatcher, treasurer; W. H. Ellsworth, secretary; E. E. Ward, Geo. Middleditch, auditors.

Information has been laid at Chatham against Ald. Wm. Blight, chairman of the board of works, charging him with agreeing to receive a sum of money from the Thompson Electric Company. Manager Thompson denies the story, and Ald. Blight will likely sue Engineer McDonell, of Chatham, for criminal libel.

A happy event took place on Wednesday last at Donald McPhail's, Dunwich, when Miss Sarah McPhail, one of Elgin's fairest daughters, was wedded to Duncan McCallum, of Ekfrid. During Mr. and Mrs. McCallum's absence, the groom's three sisters, Mrs. Nancy Black, of Yale, Mich.; Mrs. Isabella McTavish, and Mary, at home, prepared a reception, which took place Friday evening on the arrival of the young couple.

A CLOSE CALL.

Employes in the Bell Piano and Organ Company Narrowly Escape Death.

[Guelph Advocate.]

Two employes of the Bell Piano and Organ Company had a miraculous escape from death this (Monday) morning while attending to their regular duties in the factory.

While W. Crawford was repairing one of the shaping machines, the knife flew off the spindle and shot like a bullet through the air. The first object in its way was Mr. Crawford's hat, which it struck, cutting the crown completely off, and leaving the rim on its owner's head. Next it struck one of the iron machines by which Mr. A. Warner a moment before had been standing, and cut out about two inches of solid iron, and then glanced against the wall.

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Punishment of Criminals.

Hon. David Mills, the new Minister of Justice, has a great deal of his time occupied with the consideration of applications, personal and by letter, for the release and pardon of convicts or the reduction of their sentences. Mr. Mills is a man of kind heart, but it has not hitherto been his habit to ignore his duty to the whole people in order that he might give ear to the plaint of those who are suffering their just deserts. Speaking of his duty in the premises, the Minister recently said:

"I hope I may always have sympathy and mercy for the murderer or convict, but I hope I shall also always have sympathy with the victim and mercy for the public. These letters, asking for pardons, refer largely to the worst criminals, and emanate, in many cases, from women and women's associations."

As a thorough believer in the British system of administering justice, it is most probable that the verdicts of juries and the sentence of judges will not be interfered with by the Minister except in very rare instances, where the best of reasons can be shown for reconsideration.

The object of punishment, let it not be forgotten, is the protection of the public, and we trust the day will never come when either the courts or the executive will permit the impression to go abroad that crime can be committed with impunity, and that punishment will not be swift and certain, and imposed without respect to social status or the persistence of friends.

Because of uncertainty in the punishment of criminals, and the law's delays, the crime of lynching has become so prevalent in the United States that it is a national scandal, and has brought that country's good name into grievous disrepute. We do not want that state of affairs duplicated in Canada. We know that it is the intention of the Minister to prevent its establishment by every means in his power. Criminals or those contemplating crime may as well understand it.

If those tempted to murder, or to steal, or to commit any other crime, do not desire to meet the fate of the felon, let them stay their hands in time. Punishment should not be vindictive, but it ought to be certain, and we feel assured that that is the view entertained by the present Minister of Justice.

There is a new party in the United States. It is called the billbynam party. What it wants no one has undertaken to fully elucidate.

London Collegiate Institute.

Principal Merchant, in requesting that an additional three teachers should be appointed to the Collegiate Institute, really made the only reply possible to the objectors to the proposal. The pupils are in the school; there are not enough of teachers for the number of scholars; the board has either to add to the staff or take means to discourage the attendance at the institute.

Some idea of the enormous increase in the number of scholars which has taken place in the last ten years may be gleaned from the report of Principal Samuel Woods for 1887, and Mr. Merchant's verbal report last night. The last-named gives the attendance for the year now closing as 679; Principal Woods gave that of 288 in 1887, or considerably less than one-half that which it now is.

The London Collegiate Institute is one of the best attended and best officered in the Dominion, but the yearly increase of pupils has recently been so great that its teaching staff is inadequate to the work to be done, if it is to be performed efficiently. That is the situation in a nutshell. We now have ten large public schools feeding into the institute yearly an average of 30 pupils each. On the 20th inst., London West school will be added to the number, and, as the population of the city increases, the numbers will not become less, because the London Collegiate Institute has a good name, and there is a growing tendency of outsiders to come and enjoy its facilities for providing a first-class education. Some send their children in and pay the non-resident fees. Others become residents of the city for the purpose of participating in all the benefits of civic life. In either case, they are heartily welcomed, for all help to promote the welfare of the community at large.

Independent Testimony.

Independent outsiders invariably praise the management of Ontario's public affairs by the Administration now in power. The other day we quoted from distinguished English authorities the strongest testimony to the efficiency with which our chief seat for the imparting of expert agricultural knowledge is managed. Now we have an independent Quebec educationist, Mr. E. W. Arthy, superintendent of the schools under the Protestant board of school commissioners, Province of Quebec, re-referring in these terms to Ontario's educational system and its head: "If we could have a minister of education like the Hon. Mr. Ross in Ontario, who has managed to have every detail of the whole system in that province at his fingers' ends; who has shown the greatest ability, and who has accomplished a great deal for the cause of education; then I would say that the appointment of a minister with full powers would be a great benefit."

Cattle Market for London.

Someone has suggested that the cattle market in Toronto be extended, at very considerable cost, and leading cattle men are asked to lend assistance. Western Ontario cattle-raisers and dealers will probably find it more to their profit to co-operate for the establishment of a cattle market and shipping depot in this city, which is the center of the rich cattle producing district of the West. With direct connection with three great trunk lines of railway—the Grand Trunk, the Canadian Pacific and the Michigan Central—there is no better point in Canada from which to ship cattle, general products of the farm, and manufactures, and a cattle market here would not only be a great convenience, but if properly managed would prove a paying speculation from the first.

There is nothing so tiresome at long range as the slang-whanging of a bye-election.—Goderich Signal.

Why fight a bye-election at long range?

It is lucky for President McKinley that a change of government has taken place in Spain, and that a somewhat enlightened premier is in power. The change lets Mr. McKinley out of a tight hole, made possible by his pre-election declarations. The new Spanish Government certainly make many promises of better treatment to Cuba. If they had offered the Cubans the fair play that they now tender, three years ago, there would have been no rebellion. But autocrats learn to respect the liberty of the subject very slowly.

Woeful Whitney.

In his speech on the address in the Legislature, Mr. Whitney does not seem to have expressed any satisfaction at the announcement that the public accounts of the province for the first ten months of the year are ready, and that the figures for the last two months will be presented within a few days after the first of January. It will be remembered that, during his recent stumping tour, one of his most terrible tales was to the effect that the accounts were to be withheld from the public by the "wicked Government now in power" as he termed it.—Ottawa Free Press.

Of course, Mr. Whitney should be a happy man to find that all his fearful forebodings are doomed to disappointment. But he is not. The reason is obvious. He was manufacturing campaign powder when he was indulging in his pessimistic onslaught. Proved a false prophet, he is the most unhappy man in the Legislature. The Opposition leader has been pretending that the early session was held in order that he might be stopped talking on the stump. This is not the case, but if it were so, Mr. Whitney's friends should pass a vote of thanks to the Ministers for saving them further humiliation. Mr. Whitney now finds that he has talked too much. It does not improve matters that, when cornered, he invariably blames the reporters of the Mail and Empire for not reporting his speeches correctly.

The editor of the Canadian Manufacturer exclaims, "Let us saw our own logs." Certainly; saw your own logs; and when you have done so, come and saw ours, too.

London claims to be the healthiest city in the Province.—[Toronto Star.

London not only claims to be the healthiest city in the Province, but it makes good its claim by the official vital statistics. Indeed, it is the healthiest city of its size on the continent of America.

Hon. Mr. Balantyne's Illness.

Very many admirers of the honorable gentleman in Western Ontario will regret to hear that Hon. Thomas Ballantyne has been compelled by ill-health to retire from the contest for the Legislature in North Perth. Mr. Ballantyne has not been well for some time. He tried the mineral springs, and a cessation from exciting employment for a time, and he is now somewhat better, but his medical advisers say that it would be as much as his life is worth to engage in a midwinter campaign, therefore he reluctantly gives up the struggle, which promised to result favorably to the cause which he espoused. Mr. Ballantyne's absence from the next Legislature will be generally lamented, for he was one of the best-informed, and among the ablest of representatives. On Friday, Dec. 17, the Liberals of North Perth will meet at Milverton to put a new candidate in the field. A good man is in sight.

The Ottawa Journal quotes the Montreal Star as exhibiting great anxiety to know what the bill-of-fare to be placed before the Dominion Parliament at its ensuing session will be. Here is the conclusion of the exciting article:

"By all means, let us have the programme, and the whole programme, and see what it looks like, the interior, buried in the frsestoett."

Our contemporary demands that which is impossible of accomplishment. The news from Ottawa is that the "frsestoett" was destroyed when the last fire in the West Block took place.

A LONG, LONG WAIT.

[Bystander, in Toronto Sun.]

"Revolt against free trade is dawning in England." Such is the gleeful heading of an article in our great protectionist journal. The dawn has been going on for a quarter of a century at least, but has not yet brightened into day. Since the adoption of the free trade policy by Great Britain, her wealth has been doubled, perhaps trebled, so that it excites the envy of all nations, and this in spite of enormous losses by foreign investment. In face of such a fact, is it possible to persuade any community of rational beings that free trade is a failure? Other countries may have rejected free trade, but can they be shown to have profited by the rejection? If they cannot, what is the value of their verdict? Spain would be rolling in wealth if a protective policy could enrich. These flurries of protectionism in Great Britain which fan the hopes of protectionists here are not national, but merely local. They occur in the seat of a single industry when that industry is depressed. Bradford was visited by one of them some years ago. Its single industry, which is the woolen, or rather the worsted trade, was suffering from temporary depression. But the movement did not extend to Leeds, whose industries are mixed. So conscious are the British protectionists of the unpopularity of thir policy that they dare not breathe its name. They call it, not protection, but fair trade. The patience of our protectionists will be tried if they mean to wait till the dawn of protectionism in England becomes broad day.

The December Atlantic is as usual of high literary flavor. The strictly literary articles are "The American Historical Novel," by Paul Leicester Ford, who is essayist as well as novelist; "Literary London Seventy Years Ago," by Col. T. W. Higginson; "Some Unpublished Letters of Dean Swift" (continued), by George Birbeck Hill, and a second paper on "The Coming Literary Revival," by J. S. Tunison. Serials by F. Hopkinson Smith and Kate Douglas Wiggin are continued in the number, and there are stories by I. Zangwill, and H. B. Fuller. Verse by P. H. Savage, who is a son of Rev. Minot J. Savage, and by Ellen Glasgow also appears in this number, with several unmentioned articles of interest to the readers of this admirable monthly.

The magazine number of the Outlook for December is its ninth annual book number. It contains a great variety of illustrated matter relating not only to the books of the season, but to topics of general interest to all who care for books and reading. A leading feature consists of three articles grouped under the general title, "The Making of Books." The pictures accompanying these articles include some unique specimens of title pages, antique types, and fine bindings, both ancient and modern, while as illustrations to Mr. Edwards' article there are printed ten full-page pictures showing by fine examples the work of many successful American illustrators. Many pages are devoted to a consideration of the important holiday books of the year. Other illustrated articles include the final installment of Mr. Justin McCarthy's "The Story of Gladstone's Life," which contains several recent photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone and their family; and an extremely readable paper on Miss Jane Barlow, the writer of Irish stories, illustrated from photographs taken near Miss Barlow's home by the author of this article, Mr. Clifton Johnson. ($3 a year. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.)

What would you do if war should be declared tomorrow between the United States and a European power? How would it change your home life, the lives of your brother and other relatives? How would it affect your business connections and business? What changes would it make in financial, city, state and national affairs? It is these interesting problems which a writer in the December Cosmopolitan has undertaken to sketch under the heading of "A Brief History of Our Late War with Spain," at the same time vividly describing the exciting scenes which would attend the opening of hostilities. This same number of the Cosmopolitan has an article on "The Well-Dressed Woman" and other timely contributions by noted writers.

A CRUSHER.

Verdict Against the Brantford Street Railway Company for $230,000.

Brantford, Dec. 8. — The Canadian General Electric Company have issued a writ against the street railway company of Brantford for $230,000 on an old construction account, and judgment has been secured for the amount and placed in the sheriff's hands for execution.

CHARGED WITH SHOP-LIFTING.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Rev. W. W. Bates, of Thornhill, who was arrested last week, charged with shop-lifting, at T. Eaton's store, appeared in the police court again yesterday morning, and was remanded for a week. He pleaded not guilty, but declined to elect.

ON ACCOUNT OF A COW.

St. Thomas, Dec. 8.—Mr. J. H. Smale, farmer, Yarmouth, has entered an action against Mr. Robert Zavitz, also a Yarmouth farmer, claiming damages for slander. Messrs. Smale and Zavitz attended the sale of Mr. Padden at Yarmouth Center last week, and left for their homes together, one having eight cows and the other six cows in charge. When they reached a point where their ways parted they separated their cows. Mr. Zavitz, however, reached his residence with seven, instead of eight, cows, and it is alleged that he accused Mr. Smale of making away with the animal.

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Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, selling at 35c, regular price anywhere 45c.

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Ladies' Extra Fine All-Wool Open Drawers, selling at $1.

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Eider Comforters, 5x6, selling at $3 75, regular price $5 25.

Eider Comforters, 6x6, selling at $5, regular price $7.

Fine All-Wool Blankets, selling at $2 50, regular price $3 25.

Large Double-Bed All-Wool Blankets, selling at $3, regular price $4.

Heavy English Shaker Flannel, bright and dark colors, selling at 5c, worth 8c.

72-inch Flannel Sheeting, white and gray, best make selling at 50c.

Fancy Goods.

Silk Table Drapes, choice, selling at $1.

Silk Net Ties, deep lace, frill ends, handsome goods, selling at $1 50.

Silk and Satin Ribbons for fancy work, all widths and colors, selling at half price.

Fancy Handkerchiefs, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c—not one of them but is worth double.

Clothing.

Men's Suits, in all-wool tweeds, light and dark colors, selling at $5, regular price $8 45 and $9.

Men's Suits, light and dark colors, odd sizes, selling at $2 65, regular price $4 and $5.

Men's Overcoats, in beavers, meltons, tweeds, etc., velvet collars, checked lining, selling at $3, regular $5, $6 50, $7 50 and $8.

Men's Heavy Storm Ulsters, dark colors, sizes 36 to 44, selling at $3 75.

Men's Heavy Undershirts, selling at 25c, regular price 40c and 50c.

Men's Cheviot Shirts and Drawers, ribbed and extra heavy, selling at 98c a suit, regular $1 25.

Men's Heavy Wool Socks, selling 3 pairs for 25c, regular price 12½c a pair.

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Wheat, spring, per bu .....81c to 81c
Oats, per bu.....23¾c to 24c
Peas, per bu.....39c to 45c
Corn, per bu.....34c to 36c
Barley, per bu.....29c to 31c
Rye, per bu.....33½c to 36½c
Buckwheat, per bu.....60c to 60c

WEEKLY REVIEW.

The week just closing has seen only a few changes, the principal ones being a slight decline in wheat and oats, and an advance in potatoes. General receipts were only moderate, consisting chiefly of oats, wheat, hay, dressed hogs, poultry and turkeys. The supply of vegetables was small. Quite a number of young pigs offered, the price for which was unchanged. General values at the close of the week was as follows:

GRAIN.			
Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs...	1 35	to	1 35
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs.....	1 35	to	1 35
Wheat spring, per 100 lbs.....	1 25	to	1 35
Wheat, new.....	1 35	to	1 40
Oats, per 100 lbs.....	70	to	72
Peas, per 100 lbs.....	73	to	75
Corn, per 100 lbs.....	60	to	65
Barley, per 100 lbs.....	60	to	65
Rye, per 100 lbs.....	60	to	65
Beans, per bu.....	40	to	60
Buckwheat, per 100 lbs.....	60	to	65
PROVISIONS.			
Honey, comb.....	9	to	11
Honey, extracted.....	7	to	10
Cheese, per lb., wholesale.....	7	to	10
Eggs, single dozen.....	18	to	20
Eggs, fresh, basket, per doz.....	17	to	18
Eggs, fresh, store lots, per doz..	13	to	14
Butter, per lb., retail.....	16	to	18
Butter, per 1 lb. rolls, baskets..	14	to	15
Butter, per lb., large rolls or crocks.....	13	to	14
Butter, per lb., tubs or firkins..	10	to	14
Lard, per lb.....	7	to	10
Chickens, per pair.....	40	to	50
Ducks, per pair.....	60	to	70
Turkeys, per lb.....	7	to	9
MEAT, HIDES, ETC.			
Beef, quarters, per lb.....	4	to	6
Mutton, quarters, per lb.....	5	to	6
Veal, quarters, per lb.....		to	6
Lamb, quarter.....	8	to	9
Dressed hogs, 100 lbs.....	5 00	to	5 75
Hides, No. 1 per lb.....	7	to	7
Hides, No. 2, per lb.....	6	to	7
Hides, No. 3, per lb.....	5	to	5
Calfskins, green.....	6	to	7
Calfskins, dry, each.....	4	to	6
Sheepskins, each.....	00	to	05
Lambskins, each.....	55	to	55
Pelts.....	55	to	55
Wool, per lb.....	20	to	20
Wool, unwashed, per lb.....	10	to	11
Tallow, rendered, per lb.....	2	tc	3
Tallow, rough, per lb.....	1½	to	
HAY AND SEED.			
Hay, per ton.....	6 00	to	7 00
Straw, per load.....	2 00	to	2 50
Timothy seed, per bushel.....	00 0	to	0 00
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.			
Pears, per bushel.....	25	to	60
Quinces, per basket.....	25	to	35
Apples, per bag.....	75	to	1 50
Apples, per bbl.....	2 25	to	2 75
Grapes, per lb.....	1½	to	3
Melons, musk, per dozen.....	20	to	75½
Citrons, per dozen.....	15	to	60
Celery, per doz. bunches.....	25	to	30
Cauliflowers, per doz.....	25	to	75
Carrots, per bushel.....	12½	to	20
Potatoes, per bag.....	80	to	85
Pumpkins, per dozen.....	40	to	75
Parsnips, bu.....	30	to	30
Tomatoes, per bushel.....	50	to	60
Turnips, per bag.....	25	to	25
Cabbage, per doz.....	25	to	40
Onions, per doz. bunches.....	20	to	20
Onions, per bushel.....	60	to	70
Radishes, per doz. bunches.....	12½	to	1 15
LIVE STOCK.			
Young pigs, per pair.....	4 00	to	5 00
Cows each.....	20 00	to	33 00
Beef, per pound.....	2½	to	3½
Hogs per 100 lbs.....	4 00	to	4 25
Sows, per 100 lbs.....	3 50	to	3 50
Chickens, per pair.....	30	to	40
Hens, per pair.....	30	to	35
Ducks, per pair.....	35	to	40

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The Oil Market.

Petrolia, Dec. 8.—Oil opened and closed at $1 40

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Petroleum—Pennsylvania crude, no market; nominally at 85c.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—No. 2 Dec., 98½c; Jan., 88½c; May, 89½c to 89?c. Corn—No. 2 Dec., 25¼c; May, 28?c to 28½c. Oats—No. 2 Dec., 20½c; May, 22½c. Mess pork—Dec., $7 30; Jan., $8 30; May, $8 55. Lard—Dec., $4 17½; Jan., $4 30; May, $4 55. Short ribs—Dec., $4 22½; Jan., $4 25; May, $4 35. Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steady; No. 2 spring wheat, 88c to 92c; No. 3 spring wheat, 80c to 91c; No. 2 red, 98c to 98½c; No. 2 corn, 25½c to 25¾c; No. 2 yellow corn, 26c to 26½c; No. 2 oats, 21½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 22c to 23½c; No. 2 rye, 46½c; No. 2 barley, f. o. b., 26c to 32c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 11 to $1 14½; prime timothy seed, $2 65; mess pork, $7 30 to $7 35; lard, $4 27½ to $4 30; short rib sides, $4 15 to $4 55; dry salted shoulders, 4½c to 5c; short clear sides, $4 50 to $4 65; sugar, cut loaf, unchanged; eggs, firm, fresh, 20c.

Receipts—			
Flour.....	13,000	Wheat.....	142,000
Corn.....	293,000	Oats.....	805,000
Rye.....	19,000	Barley.....	111,000
Shipments—			
Flour.....	12,000	Wheat.....	15,000
Corn.....	356,000	Oats.....	207,000
Rye.....		Barley.....	16,000

English Markets

BRITISH APPLE MARKETS.

Mr. Frank Hamilton, Portland, has received the following cablegram from Hamilton & Pritchard, Liverpool: The market has advanced and is strong. Canadian Spys, 13s 3d to 13s 6d; sundries, 15s to 22s 6d; Russets, 17s to 21s 6d; Greenings, 13s to 17s 9d; Baldwins, landing dull in color, 17s to 20s; Tolman Sweets, 12s 9d to 14s 9d; Boston Baldwins, 12s 6d to 19s 3d; average, 16s 6d; Boston Greenings, 12s 3d to 17s.

RULING PRICES FOR THE PAST FOUR DAYS.

The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest prices are given:

	Dec. 3	Dec. 4	Dec. 6	Dec. 7
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
WHEAT—				
No. 1 nor. spring....	7 11½	7 9	7 8½	7 8
Red winter.....	7 10½	7 10	7 10	7 10
Dec.....	7 5	7 4½	7 4½	7 4
March.....	7 5½	7 4¾	7 4	7 4
May.....	7 4¾	7 3¾	7 2¾	7 3
CORN—				
Spot.....	3 3	3 2½	3 2	3 2½
Dec.....	3 2½	3 2¼	3 2	3 2
Jan.....	3 2	3 1½	3 1	3 1½
Feb.....	3 1½	3 1¼	3 1	3 1
March.....	3 2	3 1½	3 1¼	3 1½
May.....	3 2½	3 2¼	3 1½	3 1½
Flour.....	25 3	25 3	25 3	25 3
Peas.....	4 8	4 8	4 8	4 8
Pork.....	48 9	48 9	48 9	48 9
Lard.....	22 6	22 6	22 9	22 9
Tallow.....	18 6	18 6	18 6	18 6
Bacon, light.....	33 0	33 0	32 0	32 0
Cheese, both.....	42 6	42 6	42 6	42 6

Liverpool, Dec. 2:30 p.m.

Wheat—Spot steady; demand poor; holders offer moderately; No. 1 California stocks exhausted; No. 1 red northern spring, 7s 7d to 7s 8d; No. 2 red western winter, no stock.

Corn—Spot quiet; demand poor; American mixed, 3s 2½d.

Peas—Canadian, 4s 8d.

Beef—Extra India mess, 66s 3d.

Pork—Prime mess, fine western, 48s 9d.

Bacon—Long clear heavy, 40 to 45 lbs, 32s; short clear backs, 16 to 18 lbs, 30s 6d; long clear light, 35 to 38 lbs, 32s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, 22s 9d.

Butter—Finest United States 92s; good, 60s.

Cheese—American finest white and colored 42s 6d.

Tallow—Fine, American, city, 18s 6d.

Turpentine—Spirits, 24s.

Rosin, common—4s 1½d.

Petroleum—Refined, 5½d.

Linseed oil—15s 6d.

London, Dec. 8.

Cargoes off coast—Wheat, nothing doing; corn, nothing doing.

Cargoes on passage—Wheat, white dull; red firm.

Country markets — English, partially 6d cheaper; French quiet.

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Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Beeves—Receipts, 673; none on sale and no trading. Cables quote American steers at 11c to 12c; refrigerator beef, 8c to 8¾c. Exports, 600 beeves, 170 sheep and 2,180 quarters of beef. Calves—Receipts, 112; quiet for veals and very dull; veals, $5 to $7 50; grassers, $2 75 to $3 25. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,009; firm; all sold; sheep, $3 to $3 60; lambs, $5 65 to $6 25. Hogs—Receipts, 2,511; firm, at $3 45 to $3 65.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Cattle—The range of prices for common to extra steers was from $3 50 to $5 30, sales being largely at $4 10 to $4 80; stockers and feeders, $3 to $4 40; best bulls, $3 50 to $4; common cows went at $1 75 to $2 50. Calves, $6 to $7 for the best grades; commoner lots, $3. Hogs—Heavy packing, $3 20 to $3 35, and prime bacon, $3 45 to $3 50, the bulk of the sales being at $3 35 to $3 45; pigs, largely $3 25 to $3 45. Sheep, $3 to $3 50 for poorest; $4 to $5 for fair to good flocks, and $4 55 to $4 75 for good to prime grades; western-fed sheep, $4 to $4 65; export lots around $4 40; lambs, $4 50 to $5 for common to fairly good flocks, with choice to prime lots, $5 50 to $5 80. Receipts—Cattle, 3,000; hogs, 33,000; sheep, 12,000.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 7. — Cattle — Receipts light; market about steady at yesterday's prices; the supply of stockers and feeders from Canada yesterday was about the same as last week, 30 to 32 cars, but there were less of native cattle of this class on offer, about 20 cars, which placed about 50 loads all told on sale, and a number of orders in, and good to choice lots of either stockers or feeders sold all of 10c to 15c higher, with the common lots only steady with former prices; choice to extra Canada feeders, 800 to 900 lbs, sold at $4 to $4 15; fair to good do, $3 60 to $3 90; Canada yearlings and stockers, $3 50 to $3 75; do, culls and rough lots, $3 to $3 40. Hogs—75 cars on sale; active demand, and prices 2½c to 5c higher; good to choice Yorkers, $3 40 to $3 42; mixed packers' grades, $3 40 to $3 45; medium weights, $3 40 to $3 45; heavy hogs, $3 40 to $3 45; roughs, $2 95 to $3 10; stags, $2 75 to $2 90; pigs, $3 to $3 47. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts only about five cars of fresh sale stock, including two loads of Canadas and six loads held over; the market opened with a good demand for desirable stock of all kinds, and prices ruled strong to a shade higher for both good lambs and sheep, and, in fact, all kinds of lambs sold at full strong former prices; some good wether sheep also brought strong former to higher values, but all the sales at top prices were of the handy desirable weights and quality; the receipts of Canada lambs on Monday were 13 cars when all were in; the demand was active, and prices were 10c to 15c stronger than the sales of Saturday; best lambs sold at $5 80 to $5 90; common to fair, $5 70 to $5 75; lambs, yearlings, choice to prime, $4 85 to $5; fair to good, $4 60 to $4 75; culls to common yearlings, $4 25 to $4 50; native lambs, choice to extra, $5 90 to $6 05; fair to good, $5 60 to $5 85; culls to common, $4 75 to $5 50; native clipped sheep, $4 35 to $5; good to choice mixed sheep, $4 35 to $4 65; common to fair, $3 90 to $4 25; culls to common sheep, $3 to $3 75.

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—There was a quiet business done at Toronto cattle yards; receipts light, 26 cars, including 630 sheep and lambs and 600 hogs. Export cattle—There is only a small amount of trade being done in this line, mostly in fat bulls, for which the prices paid range from 3½c to 3¼c. Butchers' cattle—Offerings were light, and the demand is equal to the supply; prices did not advance at all, running from 2¾c to 3¼c per lb, not many touching the latter figure; Mr. Reighart, of Buffalo, passed through with a 2-year-old heifer steer weighing 1,800 lbs, which he is taking to the fat stock show at Brantford tomorrow; this animal took the sweepstakes at Chicago and New York, and is a veritable beauty. Sales here: One carload cattle, 900 lbs average, at 3c per lb; 28 heifers, 850 lbs average, at $27 each; one carload heifers, 860 lbs average, at $2 80 per cwt; one carload cattle, 1,000 lbs average, at 3¼c per lb; one carload cattle, 1,100 lbs average, at 3¼c per lb; one carload cattle, 1,100 lbs average, at 2¾c per lb. Stockers and feeders—There was a steady but quiet demand for Buffalo; some farmers were buying feders; light stockers sell for 2¾c to 3¼c per lb, and feeders from $1 to $3 45 per cwt; one bunch of choice stockers sold for $3 40 per cwt, which averaged 1,040 lbs. Sheep and lambs—There is a good demand on this line; shipping sheep are steady, at 3c to 3½c per lb; lambs at 4c to 4½c, or $2 50 to $4 25 each, and butchers' sheep are quiet, at $3 to $3 50 per head. Calves—This line remained firm, at $2 to $8 per head; choice veals are wanted. Milch cows and springers firm; all sold early; prices rule from $25 to $45 each; one fancy cow sold for $60, which is a very rare occurrence. Hogs—Offerings being light, there was a slight advance in prices; choice selections of bacon hogs sold for 4⅝c per lb, weighed off the cars, and light and thick fat hogs brought from 4¼c to 4⅝c; stags are dull, at 2c to 2¼c, and sows fetch 3c.

NORTHWEST CATTLE EXPORTS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—Total exports of cattle from Manitoba and the territories for the season foot up about 45,000 head in round numbers. This is smaller than was expected. The result is due to the fact that grass cattle did not do well this year. There was too much rain, making the grass soft and less suitable for fattening cattle. About 40 per cent of the shipments were range cattle, the balance being domestic cattle. The trade developed a new feature this year in its exportation of stocker cattle to the United States. It is estimated that approximately 20,000 head of stocker cattle were shipped from Manitoba to the United States. This is the first year in which this trade has assumed any importance. About the same number of Manitoba stocker cattle were shipped west to territorial ranges, and these will later be removed eastward again as fat cattle.

The Dairy Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Butter steady; western creamery, 14c to 24c; do, factory, 11½c to 12¼c; Elgins, 24c; imitation creamery, 15c to 17c; state dairy, 13c to 20c; do, creamery, 14c to 23c. Cheese steady; large white, Sept., 8¼c to 8½c; small do, 9c to 9¼c; large colored, Sept., 8¼c to 8½c; small colored, Sept., 9c to 9¼c; large late made, 7½c to 7¾c; small do, 8¼c to 8½c; light skims, 6c to 6½c; part skims, 4½c to 5½c; full skims, 3c to 4c.

CHICAGO, DEC. 7.—Butter steady; creamery, 15c to 23c; dairy, 12c to 19c. Cheese quiet, at 8c to 8½c.

AT THE AUDITORIUM.

A Splendid Concert, Despite Mr. Jarvis' Absence—Jessie Alexander, Mr. Clark, Mrs. Harvey and Miss McDonald.

A fine audience attended the Auditorium concert last night. The committee in charge must be commended for their strong sense of duty. In the afternoon they received word that Harold Jarvis, the Detroit tenor, was confined to his house through illness. They at once wired to George J. Clark, of Hamilton, choir leader of the First Baptist Church there, who obligingly caught the next train for London, arriving at 9:50 o'clock. In the meantime very agreeable substitutes—Mrs. Harvey and Miss Winifred C. McDonald—had been secured, and aided Miss Jessie Alexander in providing a delightful programme.

Miss Alexander, as usual, won new triumphs, and confirmed her reputation as the "brainiest" elocutionist in the Dominion. Most of her selections were from her own clever pen. She has a keen appreciation of humorous types and incidents of life, with the literary faculty of recording her impressions, and with rare powers of mimicry and vocal expression. Add to these her personal grace and self-confidence, and she has all the qualities of a great artist in her chosen line. Her snap-sots from the Queen's jubilee, Hyde Park and other scenes of her travels, were charmingly realistic and broadly comical. "The White Ship," from Rossetti, was in sharp contrast to the other numbers, and revealed her skill in the opposite sphere of tragedy and pathos. Every selection was encored.

Mrs. Harvey was on the programme for two numbers, which encores increased to four. Tosti's "Good-Bye," Chaminade's "Madrigal," Cowan's "Serenade," and Schubert's "Snowflake" were beautifully rendered, and displayed the compass and quality of her rich contralto voice. Miss McDonald, soprano, won a deserved recall in "The Last Milestone." By this time Mr. Clark had passed the last milestone between Hamilton and London, and was heartily greeted on his entrance. He has a tenor of the finest texture, sustaining the upper notes with both sweetness and force. His first selection, "Nita Gitina," was rapturously applauded, and he gave in response Bliss' "Far Away," with exquisite effect. Godfrey's popular patriotic song, "The Land of the Maple," was also loudly encored. The concert, despite Mr. Jarvis's absence, was a thorough success.

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Tuscan Lodge's "At Home."

Social Gathering at the Masonic Temple.

An Enjoyable Programme—About Two Hundred Guests Present—The Names.

The first social function under Masonic auspices this season was held at the temple last night, and proved a decided success in every respect. It was the annual "At Home" of Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, A., F. and A. M., and the members and their friends, numbering in all about 200, literally took possession of the temple and held the fort until an early hour this morning. They invaded the luxurious club rooms and the secret lodge rooms, finding everything to suit their convenience in the former and much to excite curiosity among the uninitiated in the latter. The Knights Templar and Scottish Rite halls and other lodge rooms contained much of interest, and the opportunity of inspecting them was taken advantage of by many ladies and gentlemen accompanied by Masonic friends, who were delighted to explain away the mysteries—in their own way. Many of the leading Masons of the city were present, and the brethren of the Mystic Tie appeared in the brilliant jewels and regalia of their rank in the craft. The entertainment was opened in the banqueting hall, beautifully decorated for the occasion, where an exceptionally fine programme of instrumental and vocal music and recitations was presented as follows:

Selection ..... The Harpers
Song—"Mignon" .....Mr. D. H. Arnott
Song—"Douglass Gordon"..... .....Miss McLaren
Recitation—"Story of a Mustard Plaster" ..... Mr. Thos. Alexander
Songs—"Good-Bye," "Madrigal"..... ..... Mrs. Harvey
Recitation—"Finnegan and Flannigan" .....Mr. M. D. Baldwin
Song—"Let Me Like a Soldier Fall" ..... Mr. John Tod
Recitation—"The Last Shot"..... ..... Miss Hyman
Song—"Jack's the Boy for Work" .....Mr. W. H. Skinner
Recitation—Selection from "Marmion" ....Lieut.-Col. Smith

The selections were warmly appreciated, many being encored. At the close of the concert the floor of the large hall was cleared, and dancing was commenced to the charming music of the harpers, and continued until an early hour. For a couple of hours a very enjoyable part of the programme took place in a room adjoining the banqueting hall, where refreshments were served. The evening was spent throughout in a perfectly informal way, and the affair was in every particular a veritable "At Home."

THE GUESTS.

Among the invited guests were the following:

A—Mrs. and Thos. Alexander, H. R. Abbott, D. H. Arnott, Norman Alexander, Mrs. T. H. Aikenhead, Toronto.

B—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barron, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Brodrick, Dr. and Mrs. Balfour, Mr. M. D. and Miss Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Beddome, Mr. and Misses Bucke, Mr. and Miss Bucke, M. G. and Mrs. Bremner, Miss Burwell, Mr. J. G. Boucher, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bleuthner, Geo. T. Brown, Thomas Beattie, M.P., P. E. Bucke, A. H. M. Brown, Campbell Becher, T. Blakeny.

C—Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cooper, Mr and Mrs. J. D. Carling, H. J. Carling, Mr. and Miss Complin.

D—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dillon, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Davidson, Miss Dillon, Col. Mrs. and Miss Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dewar and Miss Dewar, Miss Durand.

E—Mr. and Miss Edge, Miss Elliott.

F—Col. and Mrs. Fisher, Miss Fisher, Miss Fraser, Miss Fuller (Stratford).

G—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Greer, Col. Gartshore, Miss Gartshore (Hamilton), G. C. Gunn, Mr. Gordon.

H—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hunt, Mrs. Harvey, Miss Hyman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Higginbottom, R. B. and Miss Hungerford, J. J. I. Hunt, F. J. Hammond, Leigh Hammond, Ald. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Miss Houseman, F. Henry, Dr. Henderson, Mr. Helm, Walter Hungerford.

J—Miss Jeffery.

K—A. R. and Mrs. Kingsmill, Miss King, Mr. Kerrigan, C. J. Kingston, Dr. H. A. Kingsmill.

L—Mr. and Mrs. C. Leonard, Mr. Little.

M—Mr. and Mrs. J. Mattinson, Mr. Manigault, Miss Manigault, Mrs. Matheson, Dr. McLaren, Miss MacLaren, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McBride, A. G. and Misses McWhinney, J. M. and Mrs. McWhinney, Philip Mackenzie, Miss Mackenzie, H. W. Marshall, A. Morphy.

P—Mr. and Mrs. E. Paull, P. Peto, H. C. Pope, W. Pope.

R—Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Radcliffe, Frank Reid.

S—Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Somerville and Miss Somerville, Col. and Mrs. Smith, and Miss Smith, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Smallman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Swaisland, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sutherland, E. B. Smith, G. N. Sayers, W. Spittal, W. H. Skinner, Mr. Steven, Mr. Stevenson.

T—Mr. and Mrs. Tod.

W—Dr. J. D. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Weld, Dr. and Mrs. Wishart, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Weld, Dr. George Wilson and Mr. C. Weld.

Y—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Young.

Z—Mrs. and Miss Zimmerman.

THE COMMITTEES.

The reception committee, to the members of which is due great credit for the success of the evening, was composed of the following brethren of Tuscan Lodge: W. Bro. J. Higginbottom, worshipful master; V. W. Bro. Thomas Beattie, M. P.; R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Brodrick, R. W. Bro. A. E. Cooper, V. W. Bro. J. D. Clarke, W. Bro. Col. C. E. Fisher, R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, W. Bro. C. S. Hyman, W. Bro. A. McLaren, M. D.; W. Bro. A. G. McWhinney, W. Bro. Edwin Paull, W. Bro. W. J. Reid, W. Bro. E. B. Smith, W. Bro. G. A. Somerville, and the committee of management of the "At Home" was made up of R. W. Bro. P. W. D. Brodrick (chairman), Bro. John Weld, Bro. W. A. Bleuthner, Bro. Dr. H. A. Kingsmill, and Bro. J. M. McWhinney (secretary).

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

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Milford, Penn., Dec. 8.—Herman Paulschultz, who murdered his wife on Sept. 21, 1896, was hanged in the county jail here yesterday. This is the first execution in the history of Pike county.

TRAIN BROKE IN TWO—CARS SMASHED.

Scotland, Ont., Dec. 8. — A freight train on the T., H. and B. R., from the east, became uncoupled about one mile east of here. Not being noticed, the first part of the train, while standing at the station, was run into by the other part of the train. Fifteen cars were badly damaged, some of them being piled up on the sidewalk. A brakeman was badly jarred, but no one else was injured.

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Late Afternoon Markets.

Toronto Stock Market.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.

	Ask.	Off.
Montreal	242	238
Ontario	100½	99½
Toronto	232½	2.8½
Merchants	184	180½
Commerce	134½	1.3½
Imperial	188½	187½
Dominion	253	251
Standard	174	170
Hamilton	165½	165½
British America	128½	127
Western Assurance	169½	169
Confederation Life	..	210
Consumers' Gas	..	187
Montreal Gas	187½	130½
Dominion Telegraph	131½	..
Montreal Telegraph	..	53½
Northwest Land Company, pref	55	89½
Canada Pacific Railway Stock	81	181½
Commercial Cable Company	181½	104
Com. Coupon Bonds	105	104
Commercial Registered Bonds	105	..
Postal Telegraph Company	..	173
Bell Telephone Company	175	165½
Richelieu & Ontario	169	232
Montreal Street Railway	235	..
Montreal Street Railway, new	..	85½
Toronto Street Railway	86	77½
Dominion Savings and Invest	..	..
Farmers' Loan and Savings	..	..
Farmers' L. and S. 20 per cent.	..	..
Huron and Erie L. and S.	..	162
Huron and Erie, 20 per cent	..	154
London and Canada, L. & A	100	..
London Loan	..	104½
London and Ontario	90	..
Ontario Loan and Debenture	..	123½

SALES—1 p.m.—British America, 40 at 127½; C. P. R., 25, 25, 50, 100, 25 at 81; Com. Cable, 50 at 181½. 11:20 a.m.—Dom. Tel., 10 at 131; Can. Northwest Land, 25, 25 at 53½; Com. Cable, 25, 25, 25 at 181½, 100 at 181½.

Montreal Stock Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 8.

	Ask.	Off.
Canadian Pacific	81½	81½
Duluth, common	4	3½
Duluth, preferred	7	6
Commercial Cable	182	181½
Commercial Cable Coupon Bonds	105	104
Commercial Registered Bonds	..	..
Montreal Telegraph	185	180½
Richelieu and Ontario	108	105
Montreal Street Railway	233½	223
Montreal Street Railway, new	232	231
Toronto Railway	86½	85½
Montreal Gas Company	187½	187½
Bell Telephone	175	173
Royal Electric, xd	139	137
Bank of Montreal	241	237½
Ontario Bank	101	99
Molsons Bank	207½	200
Bank of Toronto	237½	229
Merchants Bank	184	180
Merchants Bank of Halifax	..	180
Quebec Bank	..	..
Union Bank	..	101
Bank of Commerce	137½	133
Northwest Land, pref	54½	54
Montreal Cotton Company, xd	142	137
Canada Colored Cotton	75	72
Dominion Cotton	96	94½

SALES—Can. Pacific, 125 at 81, 100 at 81½, 150 at 87½, 50 at 81½; Duluth Com., 25 at 3½; Com. Cable, 275 at 182; Mont. Tel., 44 at 180½; Rich. & Ont., 25 at 106; Mont. St. Railway, 92 at 223; Toronto Railway, 150 at 86, 15 at 86¼, 50 at 86; Bank Mont., 1 at 239; Merchants, 25 at 183; Bank Com., 40 at 134; Dom. Cotton, 25 at 95, 10 at 95½.

COMMERCIAL.

Toronto Grain Market.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Wheat is dull and easy at 82c for red winter west. Manitoba wheat steady at $1 03 for No. 1 hard grinding in transit, and 98c, Sarnia and Midland. Flour quiet at $3 90 for cars of straight roller west. Millfeed quiet at $10 and $11 for shorts, and $7 50 to $8 for bran west. Barley dull at 32c for No. 2, 27c to 28c for No. 3 extra, and 25c to 26c for feed outside. Buckwheat is quiet at 30c to 31c west and 32c east. Rye easy at 44c west and 45c east. Corn steady at 24½c bid here for new Canadian yellow. Oats steady at 22½c for mixed west and 23½c for white west. Peas steady at 44c west. Baled hay quiet; cars on track here, $8 to $8 50. Baled straw steady at $5 here. Seeds—The deliveries in the country are small, the farmers not being satisfied with the low prices; there is some export demand for choice, but what is offering is mostly medium and low grade. We quote alsike, $2,50 to $4 50; red clover, $2 75 to $3 75, and timothy, $1 to $1 25 for machine-threshed, per bu, at country points. Eggs are in fair supply; the demand is good and the market is firm at 16c to 17c for fresh-gathered; held fresh, 14c, and limed, 13½c. Butter—The receipts of large rolls continue liberal; they are quoted at 14½c to 15c; choice dairy tub, 15c to 16c, and western, 11c to 12.

Montreal Grain Market.

MONTREAL, Dec. 8.—Grain in store—No. 2 white oats, 26c to 26½; rye, 51c; peas, 50½c; barley, 35c to 38c; buckwheat, 36c; red winter wheat, 90c; white, do, 89c. Flour—Strong bakers, $4 50 to $5; spring, $5 40; winter do, $4 75 to $5; straight roller, $4 30. Feed—Ontario bags, $10; shorts, $11, bulk; Manitoba bags, $10 50; shorts, $11 50, bagged. Produce—Canadian pork, per bbl, $15 to $16; ham, 11c to 13c; bacon, 10c to 11c; lard, pure, 7c to 8c; compound, 5c to 5½c. Eggs—Advanced to 22c for strictly new-laid; choice candled, 18c to 19c; western limed, 12½c to 15c; Montreal do, 14c to 15; easy. Poultry—Turkeys, 7½c to 8½c; chickens, 6½c to 7½c; ducks, 8c to 8½c; geese, 5c to 6c. Beans—Quiet, at 80c to 85c; choice hand-picked pea beans, 90c to 95c. Honey—Clover, white, 12½c; dark comb, 10c to 12½c; bright, extracted, 8c to 9c; dark, 7c to 8c.

American Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8—Opening.—Wheat May, 69c; July, 82½c; Dec., 9-c. Corn, May, 28¾c. Oats, May, 22½c; Dec., 20c. Pork, Jan., $8 25. Lard, May, $4 40. Ribs, May, $4 32½.

DETROIT, Dec. 8.—Wheat, No. 1 white, cash, 90c; No. 2 red cash and Dec., 91c; May, 95c.

TOLEDO, Dec. 8.—Wheat—Cash, 91c; Dec., 91c; May, 93c. Corn—Cash, 26½c; Dec., 26½c; May 28½c. Oats—Cash, 22c.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 8.—Wheat, cash, 86c; May, 90c.

BUFFALO, Dec. 8.—Flour, steady. Spring wheat, No. 1 hard, $1 00; No. 1 northern, 98c. Winter wheat, No. 2 red, 95c in store and on track; No. 1 white, 95c in store. Corn, No. 2 yellow, 31½c; No. 3 yellow, 31½c; No. 4 yellow, 30c to 30½c on track; No. 2 yellow, 30c in store. Oats, No. 2 white, 28c; No. 3 white, 27c; No. 4 white 26c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Flour—Receipts, 17,941 bbls; sales, 3,000 packages; state and western, quiet, but firmer, and held higher. Rye flour—Dull. Wheat—Receipts 96,200 bu; sales, 940,000 bu; options No. 2 red opened firm and advanced on small northwest receipts and active covering; Jan., 66½c to 97c; May, 92 13-16c to 93¾c. Rye—Steady. Corn—Receipts, 112,125 bu; sales, 35,000 bu; options No. 2 opened steady with wheat, but ruled quiet; May, 33½c to 33⅝c. Oats—Receipts, 22,900 bu; options, No. 2 dull but steady; track white, 23c to 35c. Butter—Receipts, 5,636 packages; steady; state dairy, 13c to 20c; state creamery, 14c to 24c; western creamery, 11c to 23c; imitation do, 13c to 17c; Elgins, 24c; factory, 11½c to 14½c. Cheese—Receipts, 3,336 packages; quiet; large white, Sept., 8½c to 8¾c; small white, Sept., 9c to 9½c; part skims, 4½c to 5½c, large colored, Sept., 9c to 9½c; la ge late made, 7½c to 7¾c; small late made, 8½c to 8¾c. Eggs—Receipts, 4,799 packages; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 21c to 23c; western, 21c to 24c. Sugar—Raw, strong; fair refining, 3⅜c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 15-16c; refined, firm; crushed, 5¼c; powdered, 5 3-16c; granulated, 5c. Petroleum dull. Coffee—Firm. Hops—Steady, unchanged. Lead—quiet; bullion price, $3 50; exchange price, $3 75 to $3 80.

English Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 8—3:45 p.m.—Bacon—Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs, steady, 31s. Cotton seed oil—Liverpool refined steady, 14s 9d. Turpentine spirits—Steady, 24s. Wheat—Spot No. 1 red northern, spring, steady, 7s 7d. Corn—December steady, 3s 1⅞d; January steady, 3s 1¼d.

Live Stock Markets.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Hogs—Estimated receipts today, 52,000; left over, 1,343; slow, 5c to 7½c lower. Light, $3 25 to $3 42½; mixed, $3 25 to $3 45; heavy, $3 15 to $3 40; rough, $3 15 to $3 20. Cattle—Receipts, 17,000; dull and 10c to 25c lower than Monday; beeves, $3 50 to $5 15; cows and heifers, $1 75 to $4 20; Texas steers, $2 90 to $4. Sheep—Receipts, 19,000; weak to 15c lower.

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—The offerings of live stock at the east end abattoir market this morning were 500 cattle, 200 sheep, 200 lambs and 10 calves; owing to the lighter run of cattle and the seasonable weather, the tone of the market was firm and prices show no material change; the attendance of local buyers was large and the demand was good, consequently a fairly active trade was done and supplies were well cleaned up; choice beeves sold at 4¼c; good at 3½c to 4c; fair at 3c to 3¼c; common at 2¼c to 2¾c, and inferior at 1½c to 2c per lb, live weight. The supply of sheep was small, and as the demand was fair, prices were maintained at 3c to 3¼c per lb, live weight; lambs met with an active demand and ruled firm, at 4c to 4½c per lb, live weight. Calves were scarce, and the few on the market were of poor quality, selling at from $2 to $5 each.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

London, Dec. 6.—Owing to the increased supplies, an easier feeling prevailed in the market, and prices for both cattle and sheep declined ¼c per lb. Choice states cattle sold at 11¾c; choice Canadians at 10¾c, and sheep at 11½c.

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IN CONGRESS.

A Proposal to Recognize Cuba's Independence.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Mr. Allen (Nebraska) introduced in the Senate today a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that Congress should, with all due convenient speed, acknowledge, by appropriate act, the political independence of Cuba. He followed it with a speech declaring that the commercial spirit of the United States was preventing action.

SUICIDE IN DETROIT.

Detroit, Dec. 8.—Albert Knapp, German cigarmaker, 210 Elizabeth street west, aged 39 years, tried to kill his mother yesterday morning, and subsequently was found dead in his shop, his throat cut from ear to ear. Mrs. Knapp lived with her son Albert alone. For the past few months he had been drinking heavily, and every morning was roundly scolded by his mother, their quarreling being often heard by the neighbors.

NEW COAL DISCOVERY.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 8.—A seam of coal found near Sydney, N. S., by E. T. Moseley, a well-known prospector, will, it is believed, double the present extensive coal area of Cape Breton county. The seam is known as the Mullins seam, and is 6½ feet wide. Its existence has been established by the investigation of a provincial engineer. It is fourteen miles from Sydney, on the Cow Bay road.

FATALLY BURNED.

Emsdale, Ont., Dec. 8.—Monday evening Laura, the 2-year-old daughter of Moses Warner, of Fern Glen, was fatally burned. The children were playing with fire during the absence of their mother, who was out milking.

None So Excellent.

"I have been troubled with sick headache for over a year. Lately I have used Laxa-Liver Pills, and find that they help me more than any other medicine I have ever taken. They are an excellent pill, causing no pain or griping, and leaving no after ill effects." Miss Mary Ellen Hicks, South Bay, Ont.

THE YANTIC.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8.—The long-anticipated United States steamer Yantic arrived at 1 o'clock this morning, after a long and vexatious voyage from Boston. She will be docked and overhauled.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membranes of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain, or soreness of the chest, bronchitis, etc. It has cured many when supposed to be far advanced in consumption

The "Bicyclist's Best Friend" is a familiar name for Trask's Magnetic Ointment, always ready for emergencies. While a specific for Piles, it also instantly relieves and cures cuts, bruises, salt rheum, eczema and all affections of the skin. It never fails. 25 cents. 27

Topics of Today.

East Durham Conservatives have nominated the present member, Mr. W. A. Fallis, M.P.P.

The public accounts brought down in the Ontario Legislature last (Tuesday) night show a surplus of $590,000 on the ten months of 1897 to Oct. 31. This is a most creditable record.

It is reported that extensive deposits of coal have been discovered at Dominion City, 30 miles from Winnipeg, at a depth of 100 feet. A company is being formed to develop the claim. The coal is of good bituminous quality.

Last (Tuesday) night, Hon. Sidney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, and Hon. John Dryden, Provincial Minister, addressed a mass meeting in connection with the Fat Cattle Show at Brantford. Both Ministers expressed the belief that there was a great future for cattle-raising in Canada, intelligently conducted.

Major Walsh, administrator of the Yukon, has imposed a special tax of $2 on all whisky going into the Klondike. It is felt that the people now in the gold mining territory are better without whisky, yet crafty dealers have been sending it in in large quantities because of the profit to be made out of its vending.

The new rifle which is being served out to the military force of Canada is a delicate piece of mechanism, and to insure the maintenance of the arm in proper repair an order has been issued by which commanding officers may send injured weapons to the nearest Government armories to have repairs made. On no account will any other person than a Government armorer be permitted to make the repairs.

The Experimental Union, in connection with the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm at Guelph, holds its annual meetings tomorrow, Thursday and Friday. The reception to the ex-students and other speakers will be held in the college reading room from 5:30 to 6, and the annual supper for the students, ex-students and officers of the college will take place in the college dining room between 6 and 7:30 tomorrow night.

LATEST WEATHER FORECAST.

Toronto, Dec. 8—11 a.m.—Probabilities for the lower lakes region for the next 24 hours: Moderate winds from southeast and southwest; fair, with a little higher temperature today. Fine and comparatively mild Thursday.

Around the City

—There will be no sitting of the weekly high court tomorrow.

—Mrs. A. E. Miller and daughter, South London, are visiting friends in Toronto and Hamilton.

—C. W. Smith is adding a large additional room to the Jubilee Rink, especially for gentlemen.

—Mr. R. Larmour, of Stratford, formerly assistant superintendent of the G. T. R. here, is in the city.

—Mrs. (Rev.) A. L. Russell has gone to Palmerston for a few days, on account of the illness of her mother.

Medical Superintendent Bucke, of the London Asylum for the Insane, went to Toronto on business today.

—The Salvation Army Band serenaded Hon. David Mills, Mayor Little and other prominent citizens last night.

—Mrs. Boomer and Mrs. Tilley, city, were in Toronto yesterday attending a meeting of the executive of the National Council of Women.

—"Ireland and the Irish" will be the subject of an interesting lecture by Rev. Canon Dann in Christ Church tomorrow (Thursday) night.

—John Ferry and John McCauley, two drunks, were the only offenders before Magistrate Parke at the police court this morning. Both were discharged.

—The many friends of Dr. W. J. Hunter, of Montreal, formerly of this city, will be glad to hear that he has returned to Montreal much improved in health.

—Don't take chances on finding what you want by running in and out of all the stores. Read The Advertiser advertising columns and go direct to the store and get it.

—Miss Winnifred C. McDonald, who sang last night at the Auditorium, is a pupil of Mr. James I. Hill, of this city. She has a rich mezzo-soprano voice, which promises a successful future.

—On Tuesday, Dec. 14, Court Excelsior, No. 5,895, A. O. F., London West, will hold an entertainment in St. George's school room, which promises to be a decided success. Some of the best talent of the city will take part.

—The funeral of the late Robert Jarvis, whose death occurred yesterday at the city hospital, was held today to Woodland Cemetery, from John Ferguson & Sons' undertaking rooms. Rev. W. J. Clark conducted the services. Deceased was 52 years of age, and had been for many years porter at Fulton Market store.

—The following will be the officers of Court Forest Queen, A. O. F., for the next year: W. Harrison, C. W.; A. W. Palmer, S. C. R.; F. W. J. Ball, Treas.; R. H. Brock, Fin. Sec.; A. E. Brock, S. W.; Charles Tinsley, J. W.; Fred Gaze, S. B.; H. Cromarty, J. B.; trustees, A. O. Jeffery, H. Boyd, George Mortimore; auditors, H. J. Boyd, T. R. Howard, and F. Blood; surgeon, Dr. C. Neu; past chief ranger, Bro. Terry.

—R. Fanning, a Richmond street carpenter, left the city a day or two ago. A few creditors mourn his departure. His landlord, Ald. John Turner, is a loser to the extent of about $25. Mrs. A. Jeffery, of Dundas street west, says Fanning removed his possessions in a clandestine manner, and said nothing to her about going away. His board bill amounting to over $25, he left unpaid. Mrs. Jeffery stated that from her latest information he had gone to Tilsonburg.

GOING TO JAPAN.

It is officially announced that Rev. A. Carman, D.D., will make a visit as general superintendent to the conference of Japan at its next meeting next summer, so that he may be in a position to make a personal report to the general conference at the meeting in Toronto in September next. Dr. Carman will leave for Japan in March.

COURT BRIGHTON.

The first election of officers according to the new laws took place in Court Brighton, No. 6,507, last evening, they being chosen for a year instead of the half-year as formerly. After a lively competition the following were elected: P. C. R., Bro. A. McCormick; C. R., Bro. W. Sutherland; S. C. R., Bro. W. H. Dingle; treasurer, Bro. Jas. Jupp; secretary, Bro. H. Sutherland (re-elected); S. W., Bro. V. A. Waterman; J. W., Bro. Albert Waterman; S. B., Bro. George Mansbridge; J. B., Bro. H. Gardener; minute secretary, Bro. Thomas May; surgeon, Dr. Piper (retained); trustees, Bros. J. G. Orchard, F. McMillan and J. T. Read; auditors, Bros. Thomas May, R. Jupp and E. H. Wingett.

COURT PRIDE'S OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of Court Pride of the Dominion, A. O. F., was held Monday night. It was large and enthusiastic. The officers elected were as follows: P. C. R., W. H. Branton; C. R., A. C. Partridge; S. C. R., G. Haylock; Treas., M. D. Dawson (retained); Sec., J. W. Woonton; S. W., R. Hills; J. W., F. Brown; S. B., W. Lockhart; J. B., L. Carter; A. S., R. Taylor; M. S., E. Price; M. O., Jas. D. Wilson, M.D.; trustees, A. Bending, F. Rossiter and R. Taylor; auditors, Thos. W. Riley, J. Loney and E. Price; organist, F. Rossiter.

A GOOD "SEND-OFF."

There were 500 guests at the banquet tendered to Rev. Capt. C. H. Kimball in the Aylmer town hall on Monday evening. Mayor Nairn took the chair, and speeches were made by prominent citizens, irrespective of church or creed. When the toast "The guest of the evening," was proposed, Rev. Mr. Kimball was greeted with cheers, lasting for several minutes. When order was restored Mr. W. E. Stevens read an address, and Mr. W. Warnock presented Mr. Kimball with a purse of $200 in gold. The reverend gentleman spoke for about an hour in reply, although it was some little time before he could control his emotion. Mr. Kimball recently resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Church, and will in all probability leave Aylmer in a short time.

CONSERVATORY RECITAL.

The following recital was given by the students of the London Conservatory of Music Monday evening:

Reading ..... "Molly"
Miss Ethel Mills (Cheyenne, Wyo.).
Mattei ..... "For the Sake of the Past"
Miss Margaret Cowan.
Moszkowski ..... Deutschland
Miss Tillman.
Hawley ..... "When Love Is Gone"
Miss Anna Mills (Cheyenne, Wyo.).
Bohm ..... "My All"
Miss M. Pickard.
Montgomery ..... "The Little Quaker Sinner"
Miss Ethel Mills.
Tamburello ..... "Ho perduto mio tesoro"
Miss Hotson.
Gounod ..... "The King of Love"
Miss Cowan.

Got All the Water.

The Water Commissioners Secure all the Spring Land Available.

Excepting One Parcel Which They Will Acquire in a Few Days—They Now Own 286 Acres—City Hall Notes.

The deal was completed today for the purchase of the Finch and Griffith properties by the water commissioners. The Finch property is on the north bank, and comprises 3½ acres. The price is $800. The Griffith property, though only including 3½ acres, is very valuable, as its springs yields 210,000 gallons of water per day. The commissioners pay for it $1,000 per year, for ten years, and will then own the land, as well as the springs. The Cummings property on the north bank, nearly opposite the pump house, is the only parcel that the commissioners now want, and they expect to acquire it in a few days. When that is secured they will have purchased all the water-bearing land in the vicinity of Springbank. Their possessions on both sides of the river, including wonderland, will then comprise 286 acres, of which 197 are in Springbank Park.

City Clerk Kingston today sent out instructions to the deputy returning officers for the municipal elections.

Mrs. Harvey, government inspector of the Children's Aid Society, writes to Inspector Sanders that she has visited all the London children placed by the local society with Wellington county families. She finds them all in good homes and says they are all happy, obedient and well-treated.

The county council today were supplied with 20 copies of "Illustrated London" by the city council.

EAST END MASONS.

Corinthian Lodge Choose Officers for the New Year—The Names.

The election of officers of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, A., F. and A. M., for the ensuing year, took place at the lodge rooms, East London, last night, and for the most part the choice was unanimous. The result was as follows: W. M., Sergt. Frank Davis; S. W., Chas. Blanchard; J. W., Corp. Geo. Watson; Chap., James Whittaker (re-elected); Sec., Charles Simpson (re-elected); Treas., O. J. Bridle (re-elected); tyler, Joseph Simmons (re-elected); trustees, the master, present, elect and the secretary.

Wor. Bro. H. C. Simpson was appointed representative to the board of relief of the city. The scrutineers were Past Masters T. R. Parker and Ald. Dreaney, who prides himself on having for the past sixteen years annually examined the ballots cast for the election of the officers of the lodge, and announced the names of the successful candidates. There was a large attendance of members and visitors present, among the latter being Past Masters H. Stratfold, of Union Lodge; Wm. Hayman, and W. Thornton, of No. 42; Mr. Rhycard, of 209a, and C. C. Reid, of Kilwinning, No. 64. After the election the first degree was conferred by Wor. Master Sergt. A. T. Cooper, and a pleasant hour was spent. Installation night will be Dec. 27. The lodge is growing rapidly; three applications were received for membership last night. It has been decided to greatly improve the rooms in the near future.

The Most Prominent Are Fashionable

Dyspepsia or Indigestion has become a fashionable disease. There are very few individuals who have not at various times experienced the miserable feeling caused by defective digestion. No pen can describe the keen suffering of the body, and the agony and anguish of mind endured by the Dyspeptic. Dr. La Londe, of 236 Pine avenue, Montreal, says: "When I run across chronic cases of Dyspepsia I always prescribe Dr. Chase's Kidney-Pills, and my patients generally have quick relief."

Where Does the "Sport" Come In?

Startling Pen-Picture of the Bicycle Tournament

Now in Progress in Madison Square Garden, New York.

New York, Dec. 8.—The Press thus describes the bicycle race: In a great circle of pain, like tortured beasts driven on and on till they die or go mad, the wretched creatures in the debasing thing that is called "a six days' bicycle contest" labored before curious crowds yesterday. No bull that was ever burned and slashed in an arena was treated so cruelly; no crowd that ever watched his rage at his tormentors till they slaughtered him cheered at a spectacle more savage. It was

A NIGHTMARE MADE REAL

to see the beings, thin, crouching, cadaver-like, flit by. Had corpses risen suddenly from the morgue to begin a ghastly race, the sight could have been little worse. The goggles worn by most of the riders added only little to the shocking nature of the thing. It needed no artificial aids to make the spectacle a dreadful one. The men who were riding thus looked no longer like men last night. Gypsum death masks were the faces, and the poor racked bodies seemed to move as independently of any volition that possibly could come from the skulls as do the limbs of a corpse that moves fantastically when the electric shock make it simulate life. Driven till they were

SICK AND REELING

with killing nausea; goaded on and on until they cried like women; forced on their wheels when they could not remain awake long enough to catch the pedal, the creatures still made show for thousands. Most of them are characters who can be driven to any effort by moral tyranny as surely as a quadruped can be driven by the whip or brand; perhaps more surely, for the beast sometimes turns on his torturer. Theirs is no courage. Courage and pluck are something far above the pitiable thing that forces them through their hours of anguish. Dr. Donlin said yesterday that the wrecking of the mental faculties was a result to be expected naturally after the strain of such

A BRUTAL EXPERIENCE.

That many of the riders were not suffering that way already was hard to believe, after a look at the faces from which, apparently, everything like human emotion had fled.

Waller looked like a dumb thing that has been hunted till all it begs is a quiet cerner where it can crawl and die. His mouth is perceptible only as a thin black line across a piece of discolored clay. He is a young man—or was. He looked as if he were old to dotage.

Johnson—If there are any who hold him dear, it will be a merciful deed to keep them from entering the place and looking at him. His mouth was wide open, unflexed all day. Not a muscle in his face seemed to be under the control of anything like intelligence.

The corners of Schinner's mouth were drawn down in a hard, abrupt angle, like a face that is stiffening. The creases from his nose to his mouth cut deep into his features, and made shadows that added to the pallor of his cheeks and forehead.

Gray, the colored man, looks as one of his race may appear when fleeing for life from a southern lynching party. It is not a pretty or an inspiring sight.

Miller is yellow, and his skin looks unhealthy. His face is like that of a seasick person.

Stephane and Rivierre, the two Frenchmen, gaunt as they are, have a little more life in their eyes than the rest, but it is not the kind of life or light that a sane person would care for.

PHYSICAL WRECKS.

The stomachs of almost all had given out last night. Many of the riders became sick at frequent intervals. The next organs to go will be the kidneys. Then the heart will be affected. Then comes the brain. So, for those kind and sensitive people who have found it tame so far, this opens a new and thrilling series of sensations for the next few days.

A LONDON EPISODE.

A Prominent Contractor Cured of Bright's Disease by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

London, Dec. 6.—Not since the great election trial, some years ago, has any London episode created such widespread excitement as has the case of G. E. Brady, of 229 Talbot street.

Mr. Brady, a prominent contractor, suffered for years with Bright's Disease. Doctors and special remedies failed utterly to help him. In despair he tried Dodd's Kidney Pills, and was cured by a few boxes.

Dodd's Kidney Pills have proved themselves, in this city, to be the only remedy that will positively cure every case of Bright's Disease, Diabetes and every other kidney complaint. They have never failed here. People will buy no other medicine.

Humpidge & Laidlaw's sale of cows, heifers, bulls and pigs takes place tomorrow at Mr. Laidlaw's farm near Westminster. The L. E. and D. R. train leaving at 10:05 will convey passengers direct, as rigs will be on hand at the station.

A DINNER PILL.—Many persons suffer excruciating agony after partaking of a hearty dinner. The food partaken of is like a ball of lead upon the stomach, and instead of being a healthy nutriment, it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are wonderful correctives of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions, and convey the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with indegestion or dyspepsia.

$2,000 FOR A WIFE'S AFFECTIONS.

St. Catharines, Dec. 8.—At the assizes here, the action of Stevenson vs. Wood, in which plaintiff claimed $5,000 damages from Andrew Wood, of Virgil, for alienating the affections of his wife, was tried Monday, and the jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for $3,000.

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

Afternoon Cables.

Reported Sending of British Troops to Massowa Denied.

The French Have Five Engagements at Nikki.

Steamer Clyde Missing—British Government Anticipates No Trouble With France Regarding the Upper Nile Region.

LIVELY FUSILLADE.

Port-au-Prince, Dec. 8.—There was a rather lively fusillade here at 11 o'clock last night. No damage was done.

A DENIAL.

London, Dec. 8.—A report from Cairo that strong forces of British troops had been ordered to proceed to Massowah, the Italian headquarters in Erytherea, was denied at the foreign office today.

PROVINCIAL RIGHTS UPHELD.

London, Dec. 8.—The privy council has affirmed the decision of the appeal court of Ontario relative to the power of the lieutenant-governor to appoint queen's counsel.

FRENCH WARSHIPS FOR CHINA.

London, Dec. 8.—According to a special dispatch just received from Paris, the French cruisers Jean Bart, Isly, Alger and Pascal have been ordered to be prepared for immediate dispatch to China.

A LIVELY TIME AT NIKKI.

Lagos, West Coast of Africa, Dec. 8.—Additional advices just received from the interior say the French troops had five engagements with the natives before effectively occupying Nikki, the capital of Borgu. The king of that country fled to the bush.

STEAMER CLYDE MISSING.

Valetta, Dec. 8.—The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's steamer Clyde (Capt. Gordon), which left Marseilles on Dec. 4, and which was due to arrive at Malta on Monday last, is missing, and a government tug is searching for her. It is thought in shipping circles that the Clyde's detention is due to the storms which have recently passed over the coast of France.

NO TROUBLE WITH FRANCE.

London, Dec. 8.—The St. James' Gazette this afternoon announces authoritatively that the British government does not expect any further trouble with France regarding the Upper Nile regions, France having agreed to accept the situation. The danger was that the occupiers of that part of the country could divert the course of the Nile and render Egypt a waste.

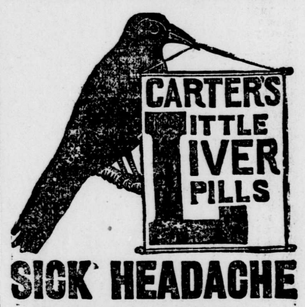
The massacre of the French expedition under Major Marchand, reported by the Mouvement Geographique, of Brussels, yesterday, to have occurred near Bahre l Ghazel, apparently took place in the territory referred to by the St. James' Gazette.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Waterloo, Ont., Dec. 8.—Paul Fink, a well-known citizen, died very suddenly at his home after eating dinner yesterday afternoon. Deceased was about 65 years old and a widower. He was walking around town in the morning, and apparently in good health. Between 1 and 2 o'clock he ate his dinner, and shortly after was seized with a sharp pain in the stomach, and sent for a doctor, but expired soon after the physician's arrival.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 7.	At	From
Rhosina	Dublin	New York
Bostonian	London	Boston
Rhydalholme	London	Montreal
Caucase	Calais	Halifax
Catalonia	Queenstown	Boston
Dec. 8.	**At**	**From**
Spree	Southampton	New York
Spaarndam	New York	Rotterdam
Teutonic	New York	Liverpool



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Silk Mufflers, plain and fancy,
Cashmere and Silk Mufflers,
Braces, Shirts and Umbrellas,
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HONORE'S FATE.

"The cases are different, Sir Philip. They were strangers to you, and most probably not the poor."

"I suppose you mean to insinuate," laughed the baronet, "that these poor fellows, with their overworked wives, and children, and sweethearts, would scorn to take advantage of a patron they were fond of. Wait and see."

He strolled away then, with the rest of the company, enjoying a little desultory chat here, and music there; now a game, at which he would laugh as heartily as a boy, and now a grave discussion on a work of art or scientific specimen.

"Mr. Keith," called Lady Somerson, from one of the mullioned windows, "that sandy bay would be a favorite resort of mine if I lived here."

"I fancy not," said Royden, joining her, "for you would soon learn its treachery. There are times when the tide comes sweeping into the bay with an almost sudden rush. It is two miles in width; and, unless you can be quite sure of the tide, and have a fleet horse, it is dangerous to venture there. I once rode home that way from the junction, when the train did not come on to Westleigh, but my horse was fresh and the tide on the ebb."

"You will surely never do that again, Mr. Keith," put in Mrs. Payte. "Just fancy anyone standing at this window, and watching you start across those sands. You know that a couple of miles is not accomplished in a breath however fleet your horse may be; and a year's agony might be condensed into five minutes, for anyone watching you from here—anyone who cared for you."

"There is no fear," said Royden, laughing.

"No fear of your riding home along the coast again," smiled Theodora, "or no fear of anyone being frightened to see it?"

"That's it," laughed Sir Philip. "Keith knows that only a wife would be frightened; so, to save her, he will not bring a wife here at all. He says, like Benedick, 'One woman is fair, yet I am well; another is wise, yet I am well; another virtuous; yet I am well; but, till all graces be in one woman, one woman shall not come in my grace.' Is not that it, Keith?"

"Yes."

"But shall you ever find such a one?" inquired Mrs. Trent, with an effort at motherly interest, and a struggling effort, too, to discriminate between the jesting and the earnest.

"Such a one as whom?"

"I mean——" began Mrs. Trent in reply, but then halted.

"We all mean," interspersed Mrs. Payte, without any hesitation at all, "that we are dying with curiosity to know what sort of a wife you intend to bring to this matchless home."

"'Rich she shall be,'" quoted Royden, his eyes full of laughter as he looked down into the little lady's eager face; "what comes next? Oh, I know—'wise, or I'll none; virtuous, fair, mild, noble, of good discourse, an excellent musician, and her hair shall be of what color it please God."

"She is to be rich to begin with, is she, Mr. Keith;" smiled Theodora, feeling herself in that respect, at least, the only eligible person present.

"Yes, rich first of all. It's a word with a wide meaning, Miss Trent. That gong is summoning us to tea. Will you come?"

They saw again that he wished to put a stop to the conversation, and so they sauntered on, talking of other things.

At the far, dim end of the picture-gallery, Honore stood alone, gazing in rapt admiration on a marble statue of Leda, bending over the water's brink, and looking down with wondering earnestness upon the graceful swan which bore to her the spirit of the monorch of the gods. A light and faultless figure, with hands clasped and head bent forward, pausing among the flowers on the water's brim, listening, yet starting back a little, hesitating, yet smiling coyly; pleased almost as if the Olympian deity had wooed her in his own form. Honore stood with her back to the window, and through the stained glass above her fell a richly-tinted light upon the chiseled picture; so beautiful! But someone, advancing along the carpeted gallery, saw the rich, warm light lie on the living figure, too, away from us while we stood talking and gave no thought to the beauty of the lifeless one.

"Miss Honore, why did you creep a few minutes ago?"

"I wanted to look once more at that," she said daintily, leading Royden's eyes from her face, where she felt the color rising, hard as she strove to prevent it.

"And you were weary of our talk?" he said, with gentleness. "It shall never weary you again. Of my own will I would not have mentioned that subject today. Since you and I walked in Kinbury that afternoon even a thought of marriage has never entered my heart. It never can again. You know the answer to all their jesting questions. You know whom I love, and whom alone I could ever ask to be my wife, and live with me in this solitary home. You have told me, Honore, that this longing of mine is never likely to be fulfilled, and, knowing this, you understand what a lonely life mine will be. Is it not so?"

Oh, why had he come to her? Why had he come just then, when her thoughts were full of him as they used to be before Theodora repeated those words of his? Why had he spoken of this again, here in his own home, where with all his power, he was so gentle and so kind? Why, above all, would her heart beat even now at the slightest tone of his voice?

Slowly and emphatically did Honore insist on repeating to herself his speech to Theodora, but even then the old spirit of anger was scarcely invoked with strength enough for armor.

"Where is everybody gone?" she asked, looking down the long gallery with apparent unconcern as she moved away from before the statue.

"Honore, I will never speak to you of this after tonight. Only let me ask you the question once more, now in full earnestness. If you think you might care for me at some future time, tell me to wait, and I will ask you again. Seven years' waiting would be nothing to me, if, at the end of seven years, you could lay your hand in mind, and say you loved me and would be my wife. Waiting! How could I think waiting hard?" said Royden, drawing his hand wearily across his brow, "when, if you say 'No' to me tonight, all the years I have to live will be but waiting years?"

"She does very well for an hour's amusement, but no man could bestow on her a strong affection."

The unforgotten words started out clearly and distinctly before Honore's mental eyes. He to speak so of her; and then to mock her with this question!

"I wonder where Mrs. Payte can be?" she said with the greatest nonchalance. "Don't let us talk on this subject any more, please, Mr. Keith. Where are we going now?"

"Downstairs, where they are having tea—if you like."

"Yes; I like anywhere where other people are. I'm tired of being alone."

"And with me?"

Honore's heart beat with a strange, sudden pain born of the consciousness that all weariness would lie on the paths he did not tread with her. But it was better so; besides, it was late, now; and he had said those terrible things of her to Theodora!

Despite these thoughts—perhaps, indeed, owing to these thoughts—Honore was one of the merriest of Mr. Keith's guests during that sociable and luxurious tea; and Theodora's eyebrows were so constantly raised in supercilious astonishment that Mrs. Payte whispered to Honore a serious doubt as to whether they could ever again assume their original position.

"She has a hundred extra airs and graces on tonight. She would have no objection to reign as mistress in such a place as this, Honore; but I hope he will not choose her. Come, are you ready? We have stayed late enough."

"I am quite ready—quite ready," the girl said, almost eagerly.

"I have enjoyed this day very much," observed the old lady while she put on her bonnet, and Honore stood waiting for her in the warm and beautiful chamber. "Mr. Keith has made it very pleasant, but then, of course, any wealthy man could. L'argent fait tout."

"Hardly," said Honore, staunchly enough now. "Everyone could not have done it, even with the 'argent.'"

"Don't argue, child. I'm generalizing. Il y a fagots et fagots. I know that, but I am accustomed to say what I mean. Even if Captain Trent had been our wealthy host today, wouldn't he have made us all happy?"

Honore laughed merrily.

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Cattlemen Demand Increased Accommodation at Montreal.

Brantford, Dec. 7. — The annual meeting of the Cattle Breeders' Association was held in the Grand Trunk reading room last evening. There was a fairly large attendance of representative cattle breeders. Mr. John I. Hobson, of Guelph, president, occupied the chair. His opening address was as follows:

Gentlemen,—The members of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association have much reason to congratulate themselves on the favorable conditions under which we now meet. For a number of years past the business of farming has been anything but prosperous, and it required men of a very sanguine temperament to see any bright lining in the dark clouds which pressed heavily on the farmer. At last those clouds have lifted and the business of the country shows a more healthy state. The higher price of wheat is apparently having a noticeable influence on many of the other products of the farm. Already the improved condition of farming is being felt in every city and town in the country. Business men are more hopeful, manufacturers are busy everywhere and in many cases are crowded with orders and working overtime. Speaking, however, more directly of those interests which it is hoped will be benefited by the work done by this association, we find that the total shipment from Montreal up to the present time is very much greater than for the corresponding period of last year and at exceedingly satisfactory prices. What that means to the dairy farmer and the country generally can be realized when it is stated that it is estimated by those competent to speak on the matter that from twelve to fourteen million dollars will be received this year for cheese exported. In butter also an unusually large and profitable business has been done, the increase in the exports being greatly in excess of the corresponding periods of last year, while the prices obtained in the latter part of the season at least leave a good margin for profit. Looking at the business done directly in cattle, and glancing for a moment at what has been going on in Manitoba and the western territories of Canada we see that business has been very profitable to the farmer and the ranchman, and causes them with good reason to be very hopeful for the future. The possibilities of the future of that country appear to be very great. There is now an absolute certainty that there are great mineral deposits in British Columbia, Northwestern Ontario, and the Klondike, the development of which will certainly go on at an ever-increasing rate for some years to come. Besides the vast number of men engaged in mining, there will be the great work of railroad construction. Considering that these men will not only be non-producers of food products, but, on the contrary, will be large consumers, it will be readily seen that it is not too much to expect that there will be a large western demand for live stock and its products. When out west this summer I was told by some of the large ranchmen that prices had at that time gone up $5 a head for cattle, and I was further informed that Pat Burns, of Nelson, had contracted to have delivered to him 1,000 cattle a month for twelve months.

PROSPECTS IN THE WEST.

That the mines of this western country will add largely to our national wealth goes without saying, but it will not be the value of the minerals taken from these mines which will alone constitute the increased wealth, but the impetus which it will give to farming and stock raising in that great western land will be of still greater value, and will be an important factor towards the more rapid settlement of the rich lands of Manitoba, and particularly of that splendid section of country so peculiarly adapted to stock raising, and mixed farming, familiarly known as the Red Deer and Edmonton country. While speaking of this western country we may for a moment refer to what has been done through the instrumentality of this association in the matter of obtaining greatly reduced rates for shipping all sorts of pedigreed stock to Manitoba and the Territories. It is not too much to say that the good work done by the Cattle Breeders' Association in this direction alone is of more real money value to the country than the whole cost of carrying on the work from the days of its inauguration until the present time. It has given an impetus to the business of breeding good stock in the east; it has given us a market for all our surplus, and, what is of greater importance, the distribution of so much good stock will raise the average quality of the stock throughout all that vast section of country from Winnipeg to the Rocky Mountains. There are yet some minor matters of detail to be attended to in this transport business, which came under my notice last summer when in that part of the country, and which I purpose bringing before the executive of the association.

SEND THE BEST TO BRITAIN.

While in Britain during part of the summer and fall of this year, I made it my special business to inquire into the working of the live stock and dressed meat trade between Canada and that country. I inquired into it in a general way in Liverpool and Glasgow, but more particularly in London. In the latter city, where I spent nearly three weeks, I had letters of introduction to Mr. Philcox, superintendent of the Deptford live cattle market; to Mr. Cooper, chairman of the meat trade section of the London Chamber of Commerce, also chairman of the Meat Markets Association of the great Central Meat Market, as well as to Mr. Pridlen, the proprietor and manager of several large retail establishments, and others. From the information received in this way, and a pretty thorough looking into the business generally, the following deductions may be safely drawn: That there is no feeling whatever against Canadian meat simply because it is Canadian. It is a question of quality and the keeping up of a regular supply. It was the same story everywhere, that no better meat goes into the British market than the best Canadian. I was told that by the great dealers of London, and by the prominent men in the business in the larger cities of England and Scotland. We may depend upon it, if we hope to build up and maintain a large and profitable meat trade with Great Britain, that it can only be done by sending the very best. We do not want to do such a business as has been done during the season just now closed, when, in summarizing the transactions, it is estimated that between half and three-quarters of a million dollars have been lost by the dealers who have operated from this side. The same complaint is heard in all the great markets—a superabundance of poor and middling stuff. Englishmen must have the best. Even on the comparatively small quantity really high quality meat which goes from this country, we do not realize what we would do if the supply was more uniform. As we are told on every hand by the dealers, there is no use in going into the selling of Canadian beef unless the supply of meat is kept up uniformly good, for no sooner is the taste of their customers educated up to using it than all at once the supply may run short and a lot of rough stuff be put on the market. It would appear that no other outside country has a better opportunity of taking a large share of the British trade than Canada, and if we do not secure it and hold it we have ourselves to blame.

Before we can make the most of the British markets for our beef, I am inclined to think that we will have to go more into the business of slaughtering on this side and sending home in cold storage. If a supply sufficient could be had to warrant the starting of such an industry on a large scale, then we would be enabled to do as the Americans are doing; that is, utilize the inferior meats at home. It may here be said that the dealers prefer cold storage meat to the fresh-killed meat from Liverpool and Deptford.

As an illustration of the difference in values, on Oct. 16 this year forequarters were selling in the Farringdon street market at 3d per lb, or 2s per stone, and the hindquarters at 5½d, or 3s 8d per stone. In the summer months suet is often not worth more than 1½d or 2d per lb, while in winter it not infrequently runs to twice that figure.

IMPORT DUTIES ON LIVE STOCK.

As it strikes me, the matter is largely in the hands of the breeders and feeders of this country. The minister of agriculture for the Dominion has shown himself fully alive to the importance of having a suitable system of cold storage in our railway and steamship service. In carrying out this work he has been ably supported and assisted by Prof. Robertson, a man of great ability, and one who has given his best efforts towards advancing trade between the Dominion and the mother country. Our own minister of agriculture for Ontario, one of the foremost agriculturists and breeders, not only in the Dominion, but on the continent, a man thoroughly conversant with our wants, has thrown himself with energy into the work of advancing our stock interests, and in doing so has kept prominently before the government of this province the importance of working along those lines which would develop our trade with foreign countries. In this connection we may well ask ourselves the question, are we not too much given to depend upon governments and legislation for removing difficulties and advancing interests which often can only be done by persistent individual effort? Mr. Hobson then argued in favor of the removal of import duties on the best breeds of British live stock, so that Canadian herds could be improved.

CENTRAL CATTLE MARKET NEEDED.

Mr. D. McCrae, of Guelph, in commenting on this address, called attention to the need for a central cattle market in Montreal. In the improvements that are being made in the harbor the cattlemen of Ontario should be considered. The handling of the cattle at Montreal was expensive and tedious, and every dollar added to the cost of a bullock there was taken out of the pockets of the farmers of Ontario.

Mr. Brown, of St. Thomas, indorsed this, and also said that better railway rates should be secured, as the companies were squeezing the cattlemen on very chance.

The executive were instructed to look into the matter.

It was moved by Mr. J. C. Snell, seconded by Mr. Fred Wade, that the association memorialize the minister of agriculture to so amend the regulations with regard to quarantine of cattle imported from Great Britain as to admit such cattle on the certificate of veterinary inspectors in that country that they had passed the tuberculine test there. This was carried unanimously.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mr. John I. Hobson was re-elected president by acclamation. The other officers were: Vice-president, J. C. Snell; vice-president for Ontario, Mr. Wade; vice-president for Manitoba, Hon. Thomas Greenway; vice-president for Northwest Territories and British Columbia, Mr. N. J. Cochrane; vice-president for Quebec, Mr. H. D. Smith; vice-president for Nova Scotia, Mr. C. A. Archibald; vice-president for New Brunswick, Mr. T. O. Peters. Directors—A. Johnson, A. Rawlings, James Bowman, D. McCrae, H. Wade, G. W. Clemons, R. Gibson, W. E. Rutter, Alf. Stone and G. E. Day.



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The Middlesex County Council.

Report of the Bridge Commissioners Received — Repairs Recommended —The House of Refuge—Application for the High Constableship.

TUESDAY

The report of the bridge commissioner was received and referred to the board. The following bridges had been renewed during the past year: Bridge on the town line between Blanchard and Biddulph, $298; bridge between West and East Nissouri, opposite lot 9, con. 7, of West Nissouri, $465; one between Usborne and Biddulph, $144; bridge on the boundary line between Adelaide and West Williams, lot 10, con. 4, $497; bridge over Mud Creek, on the town line between West Williams and McGillivray. The contract price of these bridges does not include cost of building approaches.

During 1898 several bridges will have to be renewed, as follows: On the Coyne road, over the River Thames, between Elgin and Middlesex; Thedford bridge, over the River Aux Sauble, between Middlesex and Lambton; small bridge on the town line between Delaware and Westminster; one on the boundary line between Delaware and Southwold, and one on the boundary line between Westminster and Southwold. All the other bridges are in a fair state of repair.

The commissioners' report concerning the erection of the Kilworth bridge, which cost $4,475, was adopted.

The report of the House of Refuge was adopted. It showed that accounts amounting to $1,078 43 had been paid. It also recommended that a refrigerator be purchased for the institution for the keeping of meat; that the water appliances and baths be repaired, and that the children now at the refuge be bound out as soon as suitable homes can be procured.

The report of the special committee re the lease of county property to the city was adopted.

Ben F. Watterworth, deputy sheriff and court crier, presented an application for the position of high constable, offering to accept the same for $200 per year.

It was moved to empower and instruct the county engineer to act in conjunction with the council of the township of London to make all and any necessary repairs to the bridge on fifth concession line of London township, each municipality to pay half cost of such repairs. Referred to the board of road directors.

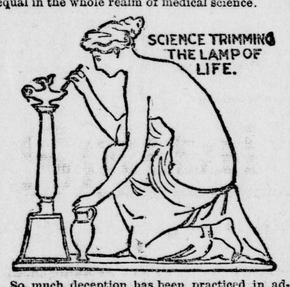
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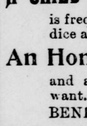
FAIR FOR THE MOST PART.

Toronto, Dec. 7—11 p.m.—The low area which was central near Port Arthur yesterday has entirely dispersed, while the low then over Alberta has extended, and now spreads from the Pacific to Lake Superior. High pressure continues over Eastern Canada. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Battleford, 16-26; Qu'Appelle, 14-36; Winnipeg, 10 below-28; Port Arthur, 6-20; Parry Sound, 22-30; Toronto, 28-39; Ottawa, 10-24; Montreal, 10-30; Quebec, 8-20; Halifax, 24-34.

Probabilities: Toronto, Dec. 8—1 a.m.—Lower Lakes: Fair for the most part; stationary or higher temperature, with moderate winds.

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News About Town

—Mrs. (Dr.) Eccles, of London, is visiting her father, Mr. Amasa Wood, St. Thomas.

—Miss May Wilson and Master Neil McDonald, son of H. R. McDonald, of London, are the guests of Mrs. H. Messett, Lancaster avenue, Berlin.

—Among the guests at Winnipeg hotels on Friday last were Mrs. A. McCarthy and child and Miss M. Lisgard, London; Mr. R. B. McElheran, London, and Mr. J. Kennedy, London.

—Mr. Donald Hand, of Toronto, paid a short visit to his uncle, Mr. James Hand, Maitland street, city. He has been attending the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Hood, a sister of Mr. Jas. Hand, who died in Goderich last week.

—Robert Jarvis, 53 years of age, better known as "John," died at the city hospital on Monday, after an illness of about seven months. He was well known, and was employed at Horner's grocery store for some time.

—Mr. Walter J. Smith, druggist, one of Leamington's most popular and progressive citizens, was in the city yesterday, looking up old acquaintances. He says he finds London the most advantageous point for the bulk of his purchases.

—The Organized Charities' Society met in the city hall yesterday afternoon and discussed the tramp question. A committee was appointed to ask the Salvation Army to re-establish their labor bureau, so that "labor" tickets may be given to tramps in place of "meal" tickets as hitherto.

—An Ingersoll telegram says: "Dr. Hutchinson and Augustus Frezell, accused of performing a criminal operation, appeared at the police court, before P. M. Morrison, again today, and Chief of Police Skirving asked for a further remand of one week, as the girl in question is still unable to leave her room. The remand was granted. Frezell was removed to Woodstock, and Dr. Hutchinson's bail of $9,000 was renewed.

—There was much rejoicing at the Salvation Army barracks last night to mark the close of self-denial week, and the collection of $400 by the local corps—the largest sum they have ever raised by self-denial. The army band was expected to raise $75, and secured $90. Color-Sergt. Armstrong collected $90, Capt. Hancock $30, and Sergt.-Major Andrews $26 25. Other amounts ranged from $1 to $5. The juniors have raised $50. The money will be applied to home missions.

—Star Lodge, A. O. U. W., elected officers for the year last evening. The meeting was largely attended, and after the election a social time was spent. The officers chosen were: P. M., J. M. McWhinney; M. W., J. Costello; foreman, D. Tripp; overseer, F. Marshall; guide, W. J. Lashbrook; financier, J. J. Clarke; recorder, Thomas Woolley, jun.; receiver, Stephen Grant; medical examiners, Drs. C. S. Moore and James D. Wilson; representative to grand lodge, J. M. McWhinney; alternate, Stephen Grant.

—A joint meeting of the Charities Organization, the Humane and Children's Aid Societies was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon, to consider the holding of a kirmess in aid of the funds of the societies. About 25 ladies and gentlemen were present. It was decided to hold the kirmess in May, when the Princess Rink will be available, as the Opera House is altogether too small. About 500 school children will take part. Prof. Speedie, who has had long experience at conducting kirmesses, was present, and explained the nature of the production.

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—A pleasant time was spent last night in Court Brighton's lodge room, where a jolly crowd of young people gathered to enjoy a social time on the invitation of a committee from No. 6,507. Music was furnished by Messrs. McIntyre and Clark. The party separated about midnight. The committee that managed the affair successfully was composed of Bros. E. Baker, A. Orme, W. Bruce and H. Gardener. These social functions are always thoroughly enjoyed by Court Brighton's large membership, as well as other courts' members, who always turn out largely.

—A large number assembled last night at the Askin Street Methodist parsonage to bid farewell to an esteemed member of the church, Mrs. Cosford, who is removing to Goderich to reside with her daughter, Mrs. Acheson. Mrs. John Laing and Mrs. A. Westman read addresses to Mrs. Cosford on behalf of the Ladies' Aid, and the recipient's church class, respectively. The former address was accompanied by a handsome traveling case, and the latter by a copy of Ian Maclaren's book, "The Mind and the Master." Mrs. Cosford replied gratefully. Refreshments were served, and a happy social hour spent.

—Rev. J. G. Stuart, of Knox Church, South London, moderator of the London presbytery, will conduct anniversary services in the Presbyterian Church at Dorchester Station next Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. A tea meeting will be held on Monday evening following, Rev. Messrs. Thomas Wilson, of King Street Church, and George Gilmore, of Pottersburg, being announced to speak, together with the resident ministers. Miss Sheldon, teacher of elocution at the Conservatory of Music, London, will recite, and Capt. T. E. Robson, of Ilderton, and Miss A. Templeton, of this city, will sing solos. Rev. W. M. Kay, pastor, will preside.

—The annual meeting of the Girls' Havergal Mission Band, in connection with the Memorial Church, was held last evening, with a large attendance of members. Rev. Canon Richardson, the rector, presided, and gave a short exposition of scripture. The annual reports of the secretary and treasurer were very satisfactory. The treasurer's report showed receipts for the year amounting to $80. Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: President, Mrs. W. D. Brock; first vice-president, Mrs. (Col.) Smith; second vice-president, Miss Annie Evans; third vice-president, Miss Lottie Griffith; secretary, Miss Adah Henderson; treasurer, Miss Edith Treleaven.

—Mr. James Mason, of the firm of Marshall & Mason, hardware merchants, Strathroy and Sarnia, died yesterday at the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. Perkin, No. 340 Central avenue, in the 33rd year of his age. Mr. Mason, who was a native of this county, was at one time traveler for the wholesale firm of Bowman, Kennedy & Co., London. He moved to Strathroy in 1892, and thence three years later went to Sarnia to manage his firm's business there. Deceased, who was much esteemed by a wide circle of acquaintances, was a member of the Masonic brotherhood, being connected while in this city with lodge No. 209a, subsequently joining Beaver Lodge, Strathroy, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He leaves a widow and one child. Mr. Mason was ill with typhoid-pneumonia for four months and was treated in the general hospital here. After his recovery he went on a visit to his wife's people. Lung trouble resulted from his illness, and he passed his closing days at the home of his mother-in-law. His mother is a resident of Paisley, his father being dead. The funeral takes place on Thursday at 3 p.m. from No. 340 Central avenue to Woodland cemetery.

AT PORT STANLEY.

A dance was held in the Port Stanley town hall Monday night. About 45 couples were in attendance, of whom ten were from St. Thomas. Ketchum's orchestra furnished the music. Lunch was served at midnight. The L. E. and D. R. R. have received upwards of 20,000 tons of coal here during the past season. It is many years since such a large tonnage has arrived at the port.

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The Trustees.

Busy Session of the Board of Education.

Motion to Establish Religious Instruction in the Schools Laid Over.

Changes in the Teaching Staff—Night Schools a Failure—Vacancy in No. 2 Ward Created by Dr. Wilson's Resignation—Collegiate Institute Holidays Begin Dec. 17.

The Board of Education met last night and disposed of much business. The motion to establish religious instruction in the schools was laid over for another month at the request of the mover, Trustee Bayly, who believed it would then receive fairer consideration. In making the request, he did not wish to be understood as abandoning the motion nor that he was not thoroughly in earnest in moving it. But so many considered it so important that there should be nothing to hinder it getting a fair discussion, and he intimated that this, being near the end of the year, was not a favorable time for a fair consideration of the subject.

The resignation of Trustee Dr. John D. Wilson as trustee in No. 2 ward, was read and accepted. Dr. Wilson has held the position for three years.

Miss Annie Sale requested leave of absence to attend the normal school next term. Granted.

Mr. S. S. Jones, of the Collegiate Institute staff, was permitted to conduct the model school exams.

Mr. James Little asked for a refund of fees paid by his son William when he intended to write for a third class certificate last June, but was prevented from writing through illness. The money will be refunded.

Miss S. C. Thacker, teacher at Victoria school, tendered her resignation, which was accepted.

A number of applications for positions as teachers were sent to No. 1 committee.

Applications for positions of janitor, received from Thos. W. Scott, W. L. Taylor and W. Galpin were referred to No. 2.

By action of the board the Collegiate Institute will be closed on Friday, Dec. 17, for the Christmas holidays, instead of Wednesday, Dec. 22, on which date the term ends. This step was taken in accordance with a petition from the students. The names attached filled about twenty folios of foolscap, so there could be no doubt that the prayer of the petition was generally joined in. The pupils may now look forward to two whole weeks of holidays.

Principal Merchant reported the number of students on roll at the Collegiate Institute 743; average, 679; increase over November, 1896, 22.

Inspector Carson, in his report, recommended the purchase of the British Empire map of the world for a number of the schools; that Miss Colquhoun be transferred from part 2, Aberdeen school, to part 2, Victoria school; that the following positions in the staff be filled: Part 1, St. George's, permanent part 2, Aberdeen; permanent part 1, Rectory; substitute from January until June, while Miss Sale attends the normal school; Park street, transition. He also recommended that the appointments be made from the following list: Misses Phillips, Phoenix, Tolhurst, Lea, Robertson, Hardy and Gahan. The report was sent to No. 2 committee.

No. 2 committee reported progress re carpets and rugs for the Collegiate Institute. "That's sarcasm, I guess," said the chairman, laughing.

Trustee Teasdall held that if these carpets and rugs should be obtained it would be well to progress and get them. This was the second year that Inspector Seath had called attention to the need.

Trustee Macpherson spoke of the need of lights in the corridors at the school. They were unquestionably a necessity, he said, and he moved that the clause be referred back, with instructions that the lights be obtained at once, and that the committee also be empowered to obtain the carpets and rugs.

A clause in the report submitted by No. 1 committee recommending that the application of Miss McArthur for increased salary as principal of the Wortley road school be filed, was objected to by Trustee Macpherson, who held that Miss McArthur should have some remuneration for extra services at that school. He was one of the last to move for increase of salaries ordinarily, but Miss McArthur was virtually principal of the Wortley road school, and hers was the only case among the city teachers where a principal did not receive something extra for discharging the duties of the position. He moved that she be granted $100 for this year, not as an increase of salary, but because of the extra work she had been asked to do when transferred to her present position from Victoria school.

Trustee Logan held that Miss McArthur's salary of $450 should not be increased, because if it were the salaries of several other principals or larger schools who are getting $900 might also have to be increased.

Trustee Teasdall said he favored appointing a male principal at a salary of $600 and allowing Miss McArthur to return to Victoria school. He recognized that the duties of the position were arduous, and moved a grant of $50.

Further discussion followed, and Trustee Macpherson, in closing the debate, said that Trustee Logan, though in opposition to the motion, had offered one of the strongest arguments for it. In reply to Dr. Teasdall, he said it was absurd to say the salary of a male principal would be placed at $600. His salary would at least be $700.

Both amendments were lost, and Trustee Stephenson moved that Miss McArthur get an increase of $50 to her regular salary for 1898. Carried.

The clause of the report recommending that three teachers be added to the Collegiate Institute staff was read. Principal Merchant described the crowded condition of the school, and stated where teachers were needed, as when before the committee. The clause was then adopted.

At the next meeting No. 2 committee will report as to accommodation for the extra classes.

Trustee Bayly reported that the roof of Talbot street school leaked badly. Referred to No. 2.

On motion of Trustee Burdick, No. 2 committee was empowered to get seats for the new school on Colborne street.

A communication from Mr. F. W. Kerney called attention to the advisability of night schools in the city, and applying for the position of teacher of same. The letter was filed on motion of Trustee Logan, who claimed that night schools had been tried here not long ago and proved a failure.

Mr. Steinberg, selling the British Empire map of the world, was given a hearing. The board appeared favorably impressed with the map, but it remains to be seen what the committee will do.

The members present were Trustees Greenlees (chairman), Dr. Campbell, Logan, Bayly, Burdick, Dr. English, Martyn, Wilkins, McCormick, Stephenson, Gillean, Macpherson, Dr. Teasdall, Evans and Strong, Principal Merchant, Inspector Carson and Secretary McElheran.

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Nearing the End.

London West Council Holds It Last Regular Session.

Polling Booths and the D. R. O.s—Expenditure to Date—Taxes Paid and Unpaid.

The last regular meeting of the London West council was held last evening. All the members were present except Councilor Duff, who was prevented by illness. Nearly all the business was cleaned up, and what remains will be dealt with at the last meeting of the council on Dec. 15, when it will cease to exist, as the amalgamation takes effect on Dec. 20.

Bylaw 340, appointing polling places and deputy returning officers for the municipal election on Jan. 3, was passed as follows:

Subdivision No. 1—Hammond Lodge, Wharncliffe road; John Simpson, deputy returning officer.

Subdivision No. 2—Collins' Hall, Blackfriars street; Wm. Spence, deputy returning ozcer.

Subdivision No. 3—Albert Hall, Wharncliffe road; R. A. Jones, deputy returning officer.

The treasurer submitted a statement of expenditures from the year 1897, up to Nov. 30, as follows: Board of works, $1,229 59; breakwater, $21 75; street lighting, $656 41; board of health, $35; relief, $31 90; salaries, $513 06; solicitors, $612; schools, $2,365; separate school, $165; printing and stationery, $183 15; interest on notes, $84 15; county treasurer, $722 74; miscellaneous items, $248; rebate on taxes, $62 85; debentures, $174 25; coupon interest, $1,623 80; sinking fund, $452 78; total, $9,191 43.

Collector Campbell reported the amount of taxes collected to date as $5,540 60; arrears, $66 68; total, $5,607 28. Of this amount $5,600 had been paid the treasurer, leaving $7 28 on hand. The total amount of taxes on the roll was $8,958 38.

John Ackland's taxes, amounting to $10 62, were remitted. A favorable view was taken of this case on account of the illness of the petitioner.

The application of Michael O'Meara for remission was laid over until next meeting.

The solicitors' acounts were referred to the finance committee and the others ordered paid.

W. T. Duff, on behalf of Hammond Lodge, O. O. G. T., petitioned for a rebate on the lodge room. The grounds and building were assessed for double their value, and were only used for religious purposes. He asked that the taxes, $8 12, be reduced to $3 25, as that would be about a reasonable assessment. Granted.

J. H. Moran applied for remission of taxes, and was given a rebate of $5 on $13.

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