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A. E. Ham & Co. having SECURED the sole control of the Canadian market for The Milwaukee Engineering Co.'s Bicycles. These wheels will be sold in Chatham at the ridiculous price of

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Former Price $65.00)

..$49 for Columbians..
(Former Price $55.00

Examination and closest inspection invited. Take elevator to third floor.

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APPOINTED

John R. Gemmill is Sheriff.

Notified of His Good Fortune by Premier Hardy.

Brief Sketch of his Career—Over Thirty Years a Respected Resident of Chatham.

Hon. Arthur Sturgis Hardy has complied with the wishes of this entire community, and acceded to the request of the Planet. He has appointed John R. Gemmill, editor-in-chief of the Banner, sheriff of the county of Kent. Mr. Gemmill ought to feel proud. It is not once in twenty years a position of this description is pressed at the unanimous wish of the people and of the press, on a man who does not push himself for it. The appointment is a personal tribute to Mr. Gemmill's popularity, as well as a recognition by his own party of past political services. The telegram notifying him of his good fortune was received this morning and was as follows:

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 23, 1897.
J. R. Gemmill,
Chatham,

I have pleasure in informing you that you have been appointed sheriff of the fine county of Kent.

A. S. HARDY.

HIS PAST CAREER.

Journalism in the West will Suffer from Mr. Gemmill's Loss

While the appointment is a subject for general congratulation, journalism in the west will suffer a distinct and irreparable loss in the withdrawal of Mr. Gemmill from its ranks. From his boyhood the new sheriff has been an ardent apostle of newspaperdom, and for the last thirty-two years has occupied the editorial chair of our contemporary. During this time Mr. Gemmill has earned the admiration and esteem of every member of the community. For many years, though the ardent supporter of Liberalism in the west, he has enjoyed the regard of all his political opponents for his integrity, manliness, courtesy and enthusiasm. Our contemporary's loss is the loss of journalism throughout the whole of Western Ontario.

J. R. Gemmill was born at Lanark, Ont., on Aug. 1, 1841. When but nine years of age he entered the office of his father, at that time the publisher of the Lanark Observer at Perth, and has been steadily engaged in newspaper work ever since.

In 1853, the family moved to Sarnia, where Mr. Gemmill, sr., took control of the Observer. His son, who, despite his youth, was already making his mark in the journalistic ranks, soon had control of the editorial work of the paper, which steadily increased in popular favor and largely extended a growing circulation.

In 1861 Mr. Gemmill came to Chatham and purchased the Western Reformer from Hon. Walter McCrae and in January, 1865 the first issue of the Banner was published. Always an energetic and skilful journalist, Mr. Gemmill continued proprietor and editor of the newspaper until 1883, when the Banner Company was formed. Since that time he has occupied the managing editor's chair with credit alike to himself and his journal.

It is understood Mr. Gemmill will be succeeded in his editorial duties by Mr. Peart, the present city editor of the Banner.

TILBURYITE IN TROUBLE

Has to Answer a Charge of Fraud at the Spring Assizes in London.

London, Feb. 24.—Collins A Powell, of Tilbury, was yesterday committed for trial on a charge of fraud, in which Wm. J. Thompson, carriage manufacturer, of this city, is the complainant. Thompson alleges that Powell secured three buggies, valued at $180, on representing that he owned a warehouse and dwelling in Tilbury, valued at $3,000, and encumbered for only $500. The sale was made on March 31 of last year, and Thompson later made the discovery that Powell had placed a mortgage for $950 on the property just two weeks prior to the buggy deal. Four days before Powell's note to Thompson fell due the warehouse and dwelling were sold. The defence admits the existence of the $950 mortgage and Powell will have to stand his trial at the spring assizes, which open March 15.

Powell was admitted to bail in $600—himself in $300 and two sureties of $150 each.

A GREAT BOOK FREE!

When Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., published the first edition of his great work, The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, he announced that after 680,000 copies had been sold at the regular price, $1.50 per copy, the profit on which would repay him for great amount of labor and money expended in producing it, he would distribute the next half million free. As this number of copies has already been sold, he is now giving away, absolutely free, 500,000 copies of this most complete, interesting and valuable common sense medical work ever published—the recipient only being required to mail to him, at above address, 21 one-cent stamps, to cover cost of mailing only, and the book will be sent postpaid. It is a veritable medical library, complete in one volume. Contains 1008 pages, profusely illustrated. The Free Edition is precisely the same as that sold at $1.50 except only that the books are in strong manilla paper covers instead of cloth. Send now before all are given away.

The thermometer fell to 15 above zero last night, showing 17 degrees of frost.

WEDDING AT BLENHEIM.

Elias Young and Miss Jane Meredith the Contracting Parties.

(Special to The Planet.)

Blenheim, Feb. 24.—Miss Jane Meredith and Elias Young were yesterday afternoon joined in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. R. J. Freeborn performed the marriage ceremony in Trinity church. The church was nearly filled with spectators, most of them being women, with a fair sprinkling of young men. At exactly three o'clock the groom followed the rector to the altar, and was accompanied by Messrs. Samuel Biccum and Geo. Henry Lane. A few minutes later the bride entered the church leaning upon the arm of her uncle. The bridesmaids were Misses Annie Meredith and Eva Biccum. The bride was attired in a brown travelling dress, and looked charming.

After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding dinner was served at the residence of Mrs. Harry Wallender, sister of the bride, which was enjoyed by many relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The many handsome presents received testified to the popularity of the happy young couple. They will spend a short time in eastern points before settling down.

THROUGH HIS HAT

The County Clerk says Ald. Smith is Talking.

Ald. Lewis is Just About as Bad—The County is Seeking no Advantage Over the City.

"Judging from the proceedings and the speeches at the last meeting of the city council," said County Clerk Fleming this morning, "I have arrived at the conclusion that Ald. T. A. Smith doesn't at all times quite know what he is talking about. He talked right straight through his hat and no mistake. That may sound like slang; but it is good, expressive newspaper English.

"And I was very greatly surprised to see that a man of Ald. Lewis' ability should jump at the conclusions he does. The sayings of these two aldermen as reported in the Planet were a revelation to me.

"If the aldermen who compose the city council had taken the right view of the county's request for legislation the $150 that their trip to Toronto will cost might have done more good if applied on the India famine fund."

"Will the expedition cost that amount?" the reporter asked.

"Five of them are appointed to go," replied Mr. Fleming," and you can form your own estimate of the expenses. The railroad fare alone, will be nearly $45."

"The county is not seeking to get any advantage of the city, and if the aldermen who had so much to say had enquired a little more fully they would have so learned."

ONE CENT ON THE DOLLAR

A Blenheim Business Man Offers That Sum and his Creditors Accept it.

(Special to The Planet.)

Blenheim, Feb. 24.—At a meeting of the creditors of Robert Cumming held yesterday afternoon it was decided to accept an offer of one cent on the dollar. Mr. Cumming will thus wipe out his liabilities and start afresh.

CHATHAM'S CHANCES GOOD

For the C. W. A. Meet—So a Prominent Kingston Wheelman Says.

R. J. Wilson, a prominent member of the Kingston cycle club, chairman of the racing board for district No 5 and a member of the C. W. A. transportation committee was in the city this week. He will represent his club at the annual meeting and is very favorable to the meet coming to Chatham.

"I have seen your track," he said, "and as far as I can see it is all right. You seem to have good hotel accommodation and plenty of it. I know no reason why Chatham should not secure the meet."

When the meet was held in Kingston Mr. Wilson says that no less than 15,000 wheelmen rode into that city on their wheels besides all the visitors that came by train.

A MATINEE MUSICALE.

Pupils of Mrs. Thompson will Participate in one—The Program.

A matinee musicale will be given by the pupils of Mrs. J. J. Thompson at 144 King street west, on Saturday at 3.30 o'clock. The following program will be presented:

Swedish Wedding march—Soderman—2 pianos, 8 hands; Misses Hattie Northwood, Marion McColl, Leila Douglas and Grace Pierce.

Robin's Morning song—Hennings—Miss Margaret Bell.

Peat Horn tones—Behr—Miss Ethel Burriss.

Duett—Misses Edith Hall and Ethel Burriss.

Fanantelle—Opus 101, Moelling—Miss Nellie Fraser, Wallaceburg.

Polonaise — Beaumont —Miss Jessie Patterson.

Fourth Finger Etude—Lynne—Miss Grace Pierce.

Young Bugler's Galop—Carl Merz—Misses H. Northwood, Mamie Northwood, H. Morris and Lela Cruckshanks.

Ballet music—Bohm—Miss Annie Miller.

Valse Brilliante—Durand—Miss Helen Atkinson.

Selection—Miss Carrie Thompson.

Gypsy Dance—Lichner—Miss Mamie Northwood.

Arabesque—T. Lack—Miss Marion McColl.

High School March—Julian Pulzer—Miss Eva Degge.

Valse in a flat—Moskowski—2 pianos, 8 hands; Misses Hattie Northwood, Hester Morris, Ada Ross and Mrs. J. J. Tompson.

BIG BLUFF!

The Single Men are Making It.

Want to Curl Three Rinks of the Benedicts.

THE CHATHAM RINKS SETTLE A QUESTION OF SUPERIORITY WHICH ORIGINATED IN TORONTO.

There are eighty members in the Chatham curling club. Of these only fourteen are said to be single, but they believe they are all stars. Hence they have issued a challenge to the married men to play for an oyster supper, three rinks aside on Thursday night.

"Any of the married men specially preferred?" Dr. Cornell was asked.

"No; let them pick out anyone they want to. They have sixty-six to choose from; we have only fourteen. They'll want their best men, though."

The single men have selected the following rinks:

Rink No. 1—A. McCoig, J. McCoig, J. Dunlop, Dr. Cornell, skip.

Rink No. 2—Dr. Musson, J. Taylor, W. T. Bray, W. P. Scolfield, skip.

Rink No. 3—Wm. Holman, Geo. G. Fielder, H. M. Richardson, J. C. Lamont, skip.

A DISPUTE SETTLED.

Everyone has heard how G. P. Scholfield's rink had to pull Dr. Bray's rink out of an awful hole in a recent curling contest in Toronto. Then the rescuers fell down in the tankard competition and were distinctly out of it. Since these two events, everyone has been telling everyone else how little they knew about the game. There has been a lot of talk about the respective merits of the two rinks, and last evening they got together to settle their disputes in a game for gore.

The rinks were: J. McCoig, W. D. Sheldon, W. T. Bray, Dr. Bray, skip; and R. Gray, J. E. Johnson, J. D. Lamont, G. P. Scholfield, skip.

The game was a good one and well contested. Thirteen ends were played. At the close of the twelfth end only thirteen points had been secured. But the unlucky thirteen, the hoodoo number, was too much for Dr. Bray and the opposition scored four. This was the wind-up, the scores standing, Bray 5, Scholfield 12.

And now Dr. Cornell's silent (?) partner in the oil magnate business has a chance to crow over the doctor.

CURLING NOTES.

Local curlers are playing off the inter-rink matches this afternoon and evening.

The city curlers did not go to Thamesville this afternoon as planned, having received a telegram that the local players were not prepared for the match.

Ald. E. A. Mounteer was in Wallaceburg yesterday on business. He made time for an hour at the curling rink and had a pleasant time with a number of Wallaceburg bonspielers, whom he characterizes as grand, good fellows. It is understood that he practiced on them some of the fancy shots that are always so effective in his games with D. J. McDonald.

FIRE NEAR TECUMSEH.

The Leffer Hotel Burned—A Suspected Case of Incendiarism.

(Special to The Planet.)

Tecumseh, Ont., Feb. 24.—The Leffer hotel, situated about a mile west of Tecumseh, on the Windsor Road, and owned and operated by Fred. Leffer, was destroyed by fire this morning, together with the barns and other buildings. The horses and other stock were saved, but all the household goods were destroyed. Incendiarism is suspected.

TURKEY YEILDS TO GREECE.

Will Consent to the Annexation of Crete—Announcement Causes a Sensation.

Canea, Feb. 24.—The foreign vice consuls at Retino announced to-day that the Turkish government have declared they would accept the annexation of the island of Crete to Greece. The announcement has caused a great sensation.

VOTING A MONTH HENCE.

The freeholders of the city will vote on a by-law to raise $10,000 for a new market house on March 25. There will be one polling booth in each ward as follows: Ward 1, Waterhouse's; 2, Hanstoro's; 3, Town hall; 4, Dale's; 5, Police station.

DEATH OF MRS. THOMAS.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Polly Thomas, at her home on Adelaide street. The deceased lady, who was in her seventy-seventh year, was born in Wentworth county, and moved to Chatham about twelve years ago. Mrs. Thomas was formerly a resident upon Talbot street in the township of Orford. She has been lying ill for the past 22 months, her long period of confinement to the invalid's bed beginning with the breaking of her hip. Two sons and five daughters survive her: John, on Wilson avenue, North Chatham; Walter, on Adelaide street; Mrs. Gosnell, of Northwood, Mrs. Hall, of Redford, Mich.; Misses Isabel and Caroline, Jackson, Mich.; and Miss Annie, living with her brother on Adelaide street. Funeral services will be conducted at the house on Friday at 2 p. m. by Rev. Rural Dean McBain, rector of Christ church. The remains will be interred in Maple Leaf cemetery.

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You need not be restricted to Domestic Silver alone. Although we carry at all times one of the largest assortments on this continent. Our stock also embraces

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We will give you a splendid Glove Grain Button or Lace, nailed bottoms, and all solid leather. Strictly waterproof. Sizes, 11, 12, 13, 1 and 2.

Boys' shoes, sizes 11, 12, 13, 1 and 2, for 75c.

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Are always wanting new shoes. Parents know in what an incredibly short time they wear 'em out — the ordinary kind. We have an EXTRA-ordinary kind—genuine wear resisters. They can only be secured at The Sign of the Big Clock.

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Mustard : THAT'S : Mustard
Dunn's Mustard
MADE ABSOLUTELY PURE
FROM RICH FLAVOURED ENGLISH SEED
SOLD IN 5c. and 10c. TINS.
Ask for Dunn's Pure Mustard

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Table Glassware

Just passed the customs direct from one of the best factories in the U. S., a fresh lot of Tableware, cut glass patterns. We get these goods direct from the manufacturers. The prices are so low they will actually surprise you—

9 in. Cake Stand only	20c
9 in. Footed Fruit Dishes	25c
9 in. not footed Fruit Dishes	15c and 20c
6 pieced Table Sets	25c to 75c
Covered Butter Dishes	12c and 15c

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CHATHAM, ONT.

WHAT LOWER DUTIES MEAN.

To those Employed in the Factories of this Country.

The city council will not accept tenders for sewer pipe until Mr. Laurier's revised tariff comes in. The impression of course is that a reduction of duty will lower prices by permitting American competition. That means that if we use the foreign article native workmen will be thrown out of employment at home and the Corliss bill if it becomes law will prevent them getting employment abroad. That brings the thing down to this:

If the duty on manufactured articles is reduced so as to admit American goods what is the Canadian employee going to do who has hitherto under the N. P. made those goods? Will he starve in Canada or go to jail in the United States by attempting to evade the new immigration law and get employment there.

WE MUST HAVE THAT ABATTOIR.

It would have strengthened the market house by-law to have allowed the freeholders to decide at the same time whether or not they wanted a public abattoir. If we cannot afford both the abattoir is the more desirable of the two. A new market house is a necessity: All admit that. But a citizen who is liable to be poisoned off any day by diseased meat can hardly be expected to view its erection in the same light as if he were tolerably sure of dying from natural causes. No one ought to understand the necessity for a public slaughter house better than the chairman of the market committee, and it is somewhat surprising he does not impress the fact on his colleagues.

Congratulations, Sheriff Gemmill.

In appointing Mr. Gemmill Sheriff, the government has met the wishes of the whole community, irrespective of politics.

Some of the aldermen tried to strike Constable Dennis' name off the list of city officers. When they got through they found his name wasn't "dennis" after all.

If American citizens were treated by Great Britain the way some of them are treated by Spain in Cuba, the whole republic would rise up and howl. The United States apparently dreads to send even a war ship to Havana for fear of arousing a fourth class bankrupt European nation.

Recent legislation providing for the payment of jurors has made inquests so costly that coroners hesitate to hold them even where they are necessary. Jurors are not necessary to a searching inquest. They are rather in the way. Why not do away with them and let the coroner alone conduct the inquiry?

Ald. Arnold's special committee have reported in favor of municipal insurance. Some other cities have decided against it. The public would no doubt like to know the advantages and disadvantages of the scheme as brought out in discussion. But as Ald. Arnold's meeting was a secret one the press were quite unaware it was being held. Any scheme hatched in private is dangerous and this city is not going in for municipal insurance until it knows the ins and outs of it. Harrison Hall is the place to transact civic business, and the ratepayers have a right to know all that goes on in Harrison Hall.

Sleep

Induced by the use of coca, opiate or narcotic compounds is bad, decidedly bad. They undermine health and shatter the constitution and the patient is steadily growing into a worse condition—often resulting in the terrible slavery and misery of the cocaine and opium habit. Sleep induced by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla does not perhaps come as quickly, but it comes more surely and more permanently through nature's great restoring and rejuvenating channel—purified, vitalized and enriched blood. This feeds the nerves with life-giving energy and builds up the system and constitution from the very foundation of all health and life—the blood—pure, rich, red blood.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. $1.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, easy to take, easy to operate. 25 cents.

Le suel devant noir et blanc du monde.

Clearing Overcoat Sale

RATHER LATE

To Talk Overcoats

But we will make it an object. We never carry over a single overcoat—it's cheaper to sell them at a great sacrifice than to take an expense of packing them and storing them. We take that cost—and about 20 per cent more off each coat as an inducement for you to buy now. Every garment is of a style that will prevail next winter—you run no risk—

For Instance, we offer

Men's finest heavy patent Beaver Overcoats—blue or black, raw edges, lined with triple warp leather cloth, formerly $18 and $22. $10 50

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Cash Only

The Only Black and white Front in the World.

That the blood should perform its vital functions, it is absolutely necessary it should not only be pure but rich in life-giving elements. These results are best effected by the use of that well-known standard blood-purifier, Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

RIDING ON A WHEEL.

Vaulting in the saddle,
Gliding o'er the ground,
Sans a horse or trolley,
Sans a jar or sound;
Pushing down the pedals,
Holding on the bars,
Rushing past the horses,
Racing with the cars;
Flying through the country
On a web of steel—
Bless me, aint it pleasant,
Riding on a wheel?

Climbing o'er the hill-tops,
Letting go the brakes,
Coasting at your peril,
(O, what nerve it takes;)
Tucking up the trowsers,
Reefing in the skirt,
Whirling o'er the highway
Every sense alert;
Glad intoxication,
How the senses reel!
Bless me, aint it pleasant,
Riding on a wheel?

Mounted on a tandem,
With your wife or girl,
Talking love or nonsense
As you onward whirl;
Racing for the record
At the cycle meet,
Boys and girls together
Flitting through the street;
Laughing at the trolley,
With its tracks of steel—
Bless me, aint it pleasant,
Riding on a wheel?

Down with all the doctors!
Physic to the dogs!
Corpuscles in motion,
Naught the system clogs;
Lungs and chest expanding,
Drinking in the air,
Mind and body solaced,
Throwing off all care;
Health and pleasure wedded—
O, how fine you feel!
Bless me, aint it pleasant,
Riding on a wheel?

—F. H. Webb in Every Where.

THEY WORKED WONDERS

Two Years of Bladder Torment—Had Attacks of Inflammation—Cured by a Few Boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills

Owen Sound, Feb. 22, (Special) — The people of this town are talking again of another cure credited to Dodd's Kidney Pills. This is the case of Mr. W. Cruse, caretaker of town buildings, who, when seen, had this to say of the matter:—

"For over two years I have been an intense sufferer from kidney disease with occasional acute attacks of inflammation of the bladder.

"Was under doctors' treatment and have been compelled to resort to instrumental relief many times.

"I have taken eighteen boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and am satisfied with results being perfectly relieved of all suffering."

PARDOVILLE.

Feb. 17.—Rev. Mr. Lake will start revival meetings at the Union church this week. With the good sleighing we are having, the meetings should be well attended.

Considerable stealing was done from this neighborhood last week. Four bags of clover seed were stolen from Mr. Colby's, one bag of which we understand was sold in Chatham last Saturday. The remaining three were found in an unoccupied house near the L. E. & D. R. R., between Cedar Springs and Charing Cross. Ten sheep were also stolen from Mr. Frank Houston. No trace of which have as yet been obtained.

DESOLATION.

A rude log hut on a lonely hill,
Snow on the north wind flying;
Darkness within where a man lies still,
And a woman sighing.

Night, but no stars. On the blizzard's blast
Ride souls that have felt God's spurning,
Hideous wraiths from the world's dead past
For an hour returning.

They grapple the cabin on either side,
Laughing and shrieking and twisting;
The roof beams suddenly grumble, tried
By the toil of resisting.

The watch dog starts from the floor to growl,
The terrors of night defying.
Away in the valley a lone wolf's howl
And a nameless crying.

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A rude log hut on a lonely hill,
Deep sunk in the land-sea's foam;
But death steals in where the man lies still,
And he gathers him home.

—Frank Putnam.

THE TRADE RETURNS.

Exports Last Year the Largest Since Confederation.

In the Aggregate the Country's Trade in 1896 Was the Best in the History of the Dominion—Some Remarkable Changes—Division in the Liberal Ranks Over Tariff Matters—Dr. Borden May Resign—Hugh John Macdonald May Leave Federal for Provincial Politics—The Famine Fund Growing—General News From Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The trade and navigation returns, issued to-day, show total exports valued at $121,013,852, the largest total export since Confederation. The increase over the previous year was $7,500,000. The imports were valued at $18,011,580, an increase of seven and a quarter millions over the previous year, but lower than any year of the five preceding. The gross aggregate trade for the year amounted to $239,025,360, an increase of $14,000,000 over the preceding year, and certainly the best year for trade in the history of the Dominion.

The blue book shows a remarkable change in Canada's trade with Great Britain and the United States respectively. Away back in the eighties our exports to the neighboring republic often exceeded those to the Old Country. During the last three or four years, however, our exports to Great Britain have, speaking generally, been 50 per cent. greater than to the United States.

Last year, for instance, the value of exports to Great Britain was $66,690,288, and to the United States $44,448,410, chiefly in raw material. In imports for home consumption the United States, however, is still ahead of the Mother Country. From Great Britain the value was $32,979,742, and from the States $58,574,084. Trade with France shows a slight increase, due perhaps to the operations of the French treaty, but still the total trade with France is a mere bagatelle as compared with other countries. The exports to France are valued at only $581,540, an increase of a quarter of a million. With Germany, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Holland, trade continues about the same. To Belgium our exports have fallen to the sum of $98,031; with Newfoundland our exports have decreased to the tune of half a million, and are now back to the figures of 1892. The exports to the West Indies have decreased by $900,000, but have increased with South America by $193,000, the total value being $1,496,115. The exports to China and Japan are valued at $668 011, and to Australia, $517,258, a slight increase in each case.

As regards imports, more has come from Germany by $1,250,000 than the previous year, while our imports from Belgium have increased by half a million. There is a tremendous drop in values of imports from the West Indies, they being $4,794,020 in 1895, and $1,896,426 last year.

The total amount of customs duties paid per head of the population is given at $2.84, which is lower than any year since 1881, with the exception of 1894 and 1895.

The national Indian famine fund has now reached a total of $72,365. Another lac of rupees was cabled direct to Calcutta to-day. The Governor-General received the following acknowledgment from Sir Francis McLean, Chief Justice of Bengal, to-day: "Second instalment received to-day; warmly thank Canadian people."

The Governor-General and party leave Washington for Ottawa on Thursday.

If all that one hears in political circles be true, there is trouble in the Ministerial camp over the revision of the tariff. The recent enquiry has not shown a strong desire in the country for free trade, and this has had an influence on some of the Ministers. This wing of the Cabinet feels, moreover, that the present state of the revenue does not warrant a sweeping reduction, and that if there are to be negotiations with the States looking to reciprocity it would be folly to grant concessions now. A few Ministers, however, believe in sticking to the party platform, tariff for revenue.

Dr. Borden leaves for Lakewood, N. J., to-morrow. It is said that his resignation as a member of the Cabinet may come any day, his injuries being such as to necessitate his retirement. D. C. Fraser, M. P., who is here, is spoken of as Dr. Borden's successor.

It seems altogether likely that Hugh John Macdonald will for the present retire from federal politics. He is being strongly urged to accept the leadership of the Conservative Opposition in the Manitoba Legislature, and, it is said, Sir Charles Tupper is not unwilling to assent to this. Sir Charles Tupper's policy is to attack the provincial citadels, as he realizes the assistance which Mr. Laurier received from these quarters at the general election.

Last week Mayor Bingham gave a lunch to 350 leading citizens. Now he has startled the town by issuing about 600 invitations to the ladies of the city for a luncheon to be given at the Russell House on Thursday. His Worship says that not a gentleman will be admitted. Not even a masculine form shall present itself in the orchestra gallery to mar the fair scene of feminine beauty. Yet there will be music and abundance of it, for fifty or more of the sweet-faced and sweeter-voices pupils of the Gloucester-street Convent will be there to add pleasure to the scene with their glees and choruses. The other day Mayor Bingham wrote to the Sister Superior of that institution, asking if she would consent to the pupils singing at the luncheon. This morning he received a reply, stating that his request had been acceded to. When the news got around this morning the aldermen looked at each other with curious smiles.

The Minister of Railways and Canals has caused an advertisement to be issued calling for tenders for constructing sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 12 of the Soulanges Canal, the sections originally awarded to George Goodwin, but on which he has done very little work. Tenders must be in by March 16. Tenders will also be received up to the 20th March for completing one mile and three-quarters of the Grenville Canal enlargement.

The Fisheries Department is advised that 80,000 salmon fry presented to the Hawaiian Government four weeks ago reached Honolulu in safety, but immediately the officer in charge of them, an employe of the Hawaiian authorities, landed, his vigilance ceased. He had been warned that it was imperatively necessary to get the young fish into fresh water on landing, but instead of doing so he allowed them to remain on the wharf for a day or more and they were killed by the heat.

The Ministers think that while the new third storey is being erected on the Western block it would be well to replace the top flat of the Eastern block and the Parliament buildings with permanent material such as would leave no chance for a recurrence of the disastrous fire of a short time ago. One million dollars will do the work.

Concerning the proposed new Franchise Act, it consists solely in the adoption of the lists in use in the various provinces.

Dr. Mark, for many years coroner in this city, and a superannuated minister of the Methodist Church, died this afternoon after a short illness from pneumonia.

Major Sherwood, Commissioner of Dominion Police, returned to-day from the Pacific coast, where he has been looking up information in connection with the Behring Sea investigation.

Mr. William Smith, ex-Deputy Minister of Marine, has failed considerably during the past few weeks, and is now in very poor health.

The Supreme Court did not sit to-day, owing to Judge King's indisposition. He is suffering from grippe.

General Montgomery Moore and his aide-de-camp, Col. North, left for Halifax this afternoon.

There was a meeting of the Cabinet to-day.

Theresa Kissick, the Harmon school domestic, charged with incendiarism, was to-day acquitted, the evidence not being sufficient to convict.

Lady Aberdeen has issued cards for a skating "at home" for the evening of Monday, March 1.

RAILROADERS AND THE PREMIER.

Intercolonial Employes Ask for Fair Investigation, Which Mr Laurier Promises.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The Executive of the Dominion Board of Railway Employes had a lengthy conference with Mr. Laurier and Mr. Blair this afternoon when the question of investigating the charges of political partisanship preferred against certain Intercolonial Railway employes was discussed. The delegation included A. B. Hudson, chairman; A. B. Lowe, secretary; W. King, W. H. Hood and J. Litle. It is not generally known that the Government had appointed Mr. Isedard, barrister of Quebec, to investigate a few cases of alleged partisanship. Since the last meeting of the Executive with Mr. Laurier, secretary Lowe has visited Moncton and explained to the railway unions the Government's intention to appoint Mr. Bedard to investigate all charges and railway men are favorable to him. The railway employes desired the Government to appoint two commissioners, but will be satisfied with one. The deputation pointed out that the matter had been allowed to drift long enough and expected a speedy reply to their request. If the Government decided not to cause an investigation into different charges the grand officers of the several railway orders will be called together and trouble might result.

After these representations the Minister of Railways and the Premier consented to allow Mr. Bedard to investigate the charges against Firemen Huard, Couture, Ringuet and Bernier; operators Gastonquay, A. P. Lebel, L. P. Jean, all of St. Charles' Junction; L. V. Dion, Pislet, and I. E. Daugon, agent at Metapedia; trackmen D. Therreau, St. Charles; I. Lebel, St. Philippe; Daneri C. Cote, Notre Dame De Portage; H. Dube, St. Alexander; G. Souci St. Jean, Port Joli, and D. Laberge, Cap St. Ignace. It was admitted that George Chaurier of Levis had canvassed for the Conservative candidate, but it was claimed that his dismissal was unjust because he acted under leave from his taskmaster, and at the request of Conservative Candidate Dion. The following employes who have been dismissed claim they are innocent and want their cases investigated: Robert Douglas, Scotsburn, Pictou county; Findlay Chisholm, James River, Antigonish county; Alex Stewart, Linwood, Guysboro county. It was pointed out that Jas. Yeo had been appointed section foreman at Hadlow without having previously worked on the track. The deputation contended that in fair play to the men and for the safety of the traveling public such an appointment should be immediately cancelled. The deputation also submitted the following definition of political partisanship:

A political partisan, as applied to an Intercolonial Railway man, is one who at the last general election, in addition to casting his vote, canvassed for one or other of the two parties, or took the platform at a public meeting and spoke in favor of either of the candidates, or being at a public meeting disturbed the good order of the meeting by disorderly conduct, or interrupting with intent to annoy or insult a candidate or his friend who might be speaking. Ordinary conversation into which men might be drawn, not at a public meeting, or interchange of opinion as to the merits of a party, a policy or a candidate, shall not be strained to be partisanship, and all charges made under this head shall be investigated by an officer of the road the same as any other charges would. Investigation into an employe's conduct politically shall not go further back than the last general election. That is from the time of the issuing of the writs for said election.

The Ministers accepted the definition and other conditions, giving assurances that the men would get fair play. The deputation thereupon thanked the Premier and his colleagues and retired.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Flour—Trade to-day was very quiet and prices are not quotably changed. Straight rollers are quoted at $3.75.

Bran—Trade quiet, with bran quoted outside west at $7, and shorts at $8.50 to $9.

Wheat—The market is quiet, with holders a little more confident, and offerings in consequence not so liberal. White wheat is nominal at 75c, and red at 74c at outside points. No. 1 hard sold at 72c, Fort William, and it is quoted at 87c Midland.

Buckwheat—Business inactive, with car lots quoted at 25c to 26c outside.

Barley—The market is steady. No. 1 is quoted at 31c and No. 2 at 27c. No. 3 extra 25c, and No. 3 at 21c to 22c.

Oats—Market is unchanged, with sales of white at 18c west, and at 18½c east.

Peas—The market is steady, with sales at 35c north and west, and at 40c on Midland.

Corn—The market is unchanged, with new quoted at 19½c to 20c west.

Rye—The market is dull, with fair offerings. There were sales to-day at 34c, east.

Oatmeal—The market is quiet and prices unchanged. Car lots $2.80 to $2.90.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Liverpool, Feb. 22.—Spring wheat, 6s 5d to 6s 6½d; red, no stock; No. 1 Cal., 6s 7½d to 6s 8d; corn, 2s 7½d; peas, 4s 5d; pork, 45s 0d; lard, 20s 9d; bacon, l.c., heavy, 25s 6d; do., light, 24s 6d; do., short cut, 24s 0d; tallow, 18s 0d; cheese, white and colored, 58s 6d.

London—Opening—Wheat off coast firm. English country markets steady. Maize on passage firm.

Liverpool—Spot wheat steady; futures steady at 6s 4d for March, 6s 5½d for May, and 6s 4¾d for July. Maize quiet at 2s 7½d for March, 2s 8½d for May and 2s 9½d for July. Flour, 22s.

Paris—Wheat, 22f 35c for March; flour, 46f 60c for March.

London—Close—Wheat on passage 3d higher. Maize quiet.

Paris—Close—Wheat easy at 22f 30c for March; flour, 46f 75c for March.

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"I have been subject to severe colds every fall and spring," says Miss Hattie Delaney, of 174 Crawford street, Toronto. "I used many cough medicines, but none cured me until at a cost of 25 cents I tried Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine."

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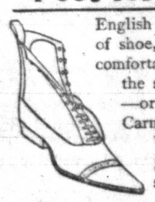
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AN ESSAY ON SCREENS

HOW TO MAKE THESE USEFUL AND PLEASING ARTICLES.

Some Styles May Be Made at Small Cost, and Others May Be Elaborate Affairs. Screens For the Library, For the Hall or For the Dining Room.

I am quite sure that we make too little both of the comfort and the beauty derivable from screens and often wonder to see them treated rather as a necessary evil than as a delightful opportunity of enriching, enlivening or making dignified a room which is lacking in either of these three qualities.

For a time we depended almost entirely on Japan and China to supply us with those comforts, but nowadays one must be able to purchase very choice specimens to find anything which has the least distinction, and even bamboo frames are only available on rare occasions. As seldom as one wearies of even inferior forms of oriental art, of the whole catalogue of designs and materials imported in screen form, we are surely very tired unless we exempt the dainty little bedroom specimens in shades of gray upon white, relieved with a little gold, and the always fresh blue and white for country use.

The frail, showy empire affairs, with their gilded frames and monotonous decorations, have a reminiscence of powder and high heels which is attractive, but they are such toys and so in harmony with the extremely artificial and uncomfortable methods used in furnishing at the time to which they belong that they lack charm to me and never savor of home.

We have used both too little and too much wood in preparing screens. In a room rich with mahogany beautiful effects can be produced by having four finely veneered panels, chosen from dark veined wood, set in lightly carved solid frames. These should be polished as pianos are finished and joined together by highly ornamental brass hinges and stood upon heavy brass claw shaped feet. In the center of each panel a cipher monogram in brass can be inserted, but they are far more beautiful in their own rich color and mounting, and, though the primal use of the screen may be to conceal a pantry door or keep away a draft, no richer background can be found for a lady's figure and head. I have said veneered, because solid panels of old mahogany of the rare quality I mean cost too much to make the suggestion of their use of any real value.

Oak also can be used with excellent effect in panels, with the same brass hinges and feet or with those made in imitation of Nuremberg ironwork. If stained in either so called "old English" or "forest green" tints and left unvarnished and unpolished, they make capital backgrounds for paintings, the subjects for which may be suggested by the surroundings.

Painted screens of strong gray canvas stretched on perfectly seasoned frames as portrait canvases are stretched and without any wood showing may, where real art is applied to their adorning, be made truly beautiful. In a dining room where much brown is used, especially that of walnut, panels of ripening grain, with the rich gold of ripe Indian corn for the dominant color, could be made most effective. One panel which I recall as very fine represented the rough boards of a barn door, on which hung a huge bunch of yellow ears, with their dry husks braided between. It was studied from nature on a western farm and made veritable "sunshine in a shady place." Used with grace and not too conventionally, these broadmaking grains have a pleasant appropriateness also.

So far I have spoken only of dining room screens, and there are two other materials easily obtainable which are equally appropriate in this important room and in the library. I have personally had great success in covering plain heavy frames with builder's cloth, such as is used in window openings, and over this having the paper hanger put what is known as "leather paper," that which comes uncolored in a sort of unbleached tint. The designs are usually fine, and large conventional flower patterns answer the purpose best. Having decided on the paper you think most appropriate, choose also a border of the same sort, and then, when the frame is covered, let the painter put on a coat of some neutral tint, true leather color or nut brown or a silvery drab, and from this basis work up a series of lighter and darker tints which simulate old Spanish leather. Give to the centers of the flowers a faint dash of silver or bronze gold and drop in at the shop as the work progresses, giving hints here and there, an ordinary house painter not being likely to have seen any genuine bit of Cordova work or ever the extremely expensive French papers which copy it.

This will not make a cheap screen, but it will be as beautiful as one made of a material wholly out of ordinary reach and appropriate to any refined and quiet room, giving a peculiar elegance and old world character to its surroundings. The frame must be strong, cross barred from side to side, and the wood must be beyond a chance of warping, and great care must be used in keeping it in one position while wet. The inside should be of coarse linen or light canvas, painted in one tone, choosing the basis color of the "leather" side. The feet and hinges should be iron or very dull plain brass.

Corduroy of velveteen put on absolutely plain with heavy, appropriate nails, both sides of the screen alike, produces beautiful effects. It shelters from dangerous drafts from open windows and doors; it cuts off awkward corners and ugly exits; it enriches by giving a considerable amount of color without its having been put in place simply for color's sake, which always has a meretricious and inelegant effect, and it makes most pictorial backgrounds.—New York Post.

Heat and Furniture.

How many housekeepers are aware that furnace and steam heat are to a large degree responsible for the cracking and warping of the lighter kinds of furniture, especially bamboo, and that to counteract the ill effects of the same they should be rubbed regularly with equal parts of linseed oil and turpentine, applied with a flannel and then rubbed in with a soft cloth? Bamboo is also improved by an occasional wash in cold water, if thoroughly dried afterward. Mahogany, rosewood or black walnut should be rubbed with linseed oil or crude petroleum, a very little being put on at a time and rubbed in thoroughly until the surface looks like a mirror. If the rubbing is done once every two weeks, it is not at all difficult to get a good shine in a short time, but the first application may require longer. Any of the natural woods that are not varnished can be polished in the same way, but varnished surfaces should be washed with water in which tea leaves have been steeped for half an hour. This will make them much brighter than if washed with soap and water, and, unlike the latter, will not remove the gloss.

HIDDEN FOES.

Among the many foes to human health and happiness Dyspepsia and Constipation are twin enemies greatly to be feared. With B. B. B. to drive them out of the system, however, no danger need be anticipated, as every dose brings the sufferer a long step further on the road to perfect health and strength, and a permanent cure always results.

THE BIRD SCARER.

I saw her, like a woodland nymph of old,
That rested 'gainst a gray syringa tree.
One arm of molded bronze stretched carelessly
Along a bough; the little head, close rolled
With black lamb's fleece, leaned on't; the kirtle's fold,
From rounded shoulder unto slender knee,
Fell, turquoise beaded; so she turned on me
Wide, calm eyes, neither shy nor overbold.
The hot air quivered o'er the ripening grain,
Ruddy as burnished copper; blue and bright
The cloudless sphere of drought above us hung.
Her lips curved dreamily; the brooding light
Within her eyes did neither wax nor wane.
So smiled the maiden sphinx when she was young.
—A. Werner in Speaker.

OUR NATIONAL WEALTH.

The Narrow Margin Which Separates the World From Starvation.

"What we now call society in this country consists of about 73,000,000 human beings. Each one must be supplied every day with 2½ and 5 pounds of food material, with fuel wherewith to cook it, and with a certain amount of textile fabrics or furs and with some boards to put over his head.

The world, as a whole, is always within about one year of starvation, within two or three years of becoming naked and within a very few years of becoming houseless. In this country nearly 2,000,000 human beings are added every year to our population. That number would soon crowd existing dwellings to death unless in each year about 500,000 men were occupied in adding to the number of dwellings already existing.

We call ourselves very rich. We gloat over the billions of dollars' worth of property disclosed by the figures of the census. In 1890 the computation reached the huge sum of over $65,000,000,000. Only think of it! How rich we are! But what does it all come to? About one-third of this valuation is the estimated value of the land on which capital has been placed. Land is our endowment, not our creation. If we deduct a reasonable sum for land valuation, what is left is the capital of the community—about $45,000,000,000. This is an estimate in dollars of what we have saved and put to purposes of enjoyment or future use in more than a century of existence as a nation. Again, this is a stupendous sum. What does it amount to? If the value in money of all that we consumed—food, fuel, shelter and clothing—in the census year, figured at retail prices, was equal to 50 cents a day per person; then the product of the census year reached a valuation in terms of money, in round figures, of $11,500,000,000.

In other words, in a little over a century of existence as a nation, and in less than a century of union under a constitution, we have succeeded in saving products of human labor in the form of public buildings, warehouses, workshops, factories, railways, vessels, dwellings, tools, machinery and goods and wares on the way from the producer to the actual consumer to the amount of a little over $700 worth per head. We consume every year nearly a third as much as this measure of all our savings."—Edward Atkinson in Engineering Magazine.

Exalting Her Idea of Him.

A State street jeweler was conversing with a friend the other day when a large, stylishly dressed woman and her daughter, of about 19 years, dropped in and wanted to look at some diamonds.

The jeweler displayed a tray full of glittering gems, and the elderly caller said: "I want to get a stone to match this one. It is for a present for my other daughter, and I want to surprise the dear girl."

Whereupon she slipped off a solitaire ring which the younger caller wore and handed it to the jeweler.

"Well," he said, "I can match the stone, of course, if you will give me a little time. It is a finer grade than we usually carry in stock."

"What will one like that cost?" inquired the woman.

"About $400—approximately," he replied, and the customers, with effusive thanks, departed.

"I sold that stone a week ago," remarked the jeweler as he rejoined his friend. "It cost $175. The old lady is simply dying with curiosity to find out what her daughter's engagement ring cost. Ah, there are tricks in all trades but ours."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Washington Old Time Card Customs.

"There is hardly any observance now of what was a time honored custom once in the matter of congressional calls," said an old employee of the senate. "On the first day of every session every senator sent his personal card to every other senator as well as to the representatives of his own state, to the members of the cabinet, the supreme court and the heads of the army and navy; so also representatives sent their cards to every other representative and to the senators from their own state. In this way they indicated that they were ready to receive callers. The custom, as far as general observance is concerned, died out about 10 or 15 years ago, and probably would have died out sooner had it not been for the persistent efforts of the late Major Ben: Perley Poore, long connected with the senate, who did all he could to have it kept up. After he passed away the custom died out, though probably a half dozen of the older senators and representatives remembered and observed it on Monday last."—Washington Star.

Sunlight and Pure Air.

Sunlight and pure air ought to be freely admitted to our churches, our business offices, our libraries, our schoolrooms, our dwellings, to wherever we live and breathe. And yet how often are we compelled to sit in halls, dark, damp and dreary, from which the light of the sun is shut out and the air is neither pure nor pleasant! It ought to be understood by all that every apartment in which any one is expected to remain for even a short time ought to be heated to a proper temperature, and not above it, and should receive a constant supply of fresh air.—United Presbyterian.

Algebra.

The science of algebra is said to have been the invention of Mohammed of Buziana about 850 A. D. The science was introduced into Spain by the Moors. The first treatise on the subject in any European language is believed to have been that by Luca Paccoli in 1494. The first English algebra was written by Robert Recorde, teacher of mathematics, at Cambridge, about 1557. He was the first to use the sign of equality.

A High Flier.

"Papa, did you ever fly or sit up in a tree and sing?"

"Certainly not. You must have been dreaming, my boy."

"No, I haven't, but I heard Mr. Shipley tell Mrs. Shipley that you were a bird when you got out."—London Figaro.

The Scriptural fathom was 4 cubits, or about 7 feet 3 inches.

Do not think of others' faults; in every person who comes near you look for what is good and strong; honor that, rejoice in it, and, as you can, try to imitate it.—John Ruskin.

A. B.—Do you suppose that kings and queens are like ordinary mortals?

B.—Certainly; I have no doubt that a queen asks her king if her hat is on straight.


A pickpocket is despised, dreaded and avoided. He is a sneaking, despicable foe who robs a man unawares. Men hate him worse than the more bold highwayman whose attack is made in the open. There are some diseases that are like pickpockets. They are sneaks. If men only knew it, these sneaking diseases are more to be dreaded than small-pox or yellow fever. The sneaking disease begins with some slight disorder of the digestion and sluggish action of the bowels. The blood becomes disordered and the body receives insufficient or improper nutriment. Emaciation follows and the sufferer is troubled with nervous prostration, brain fag, and debility, and very likely falls a victim to that dread destroyer, consumption. All this happens before the sufferer fairly realizes that he is in danger.
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Mrs. Mackley, Raleigh street, is ill.

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Mrs. J. W. Sharpe, of Dresden, is the guest of Mrs. Elliott.

H. Ruthven, who has been ill with the grippe, is recovering.

J. P. Hughes, corner of Seventh and Water streets, is down with la grippe.

Mrs. Rankin, Forest street, who has been ill with the grippe, is recovering.

Miss Neillie Reilly, Colborne street, entertained a number of friends last night.

The Windsor junior hockey club will play a return match here on Friday evening.

The agency of the Williams Organ and Piano Co. has been removed from Chatham.

Miss Bertha Nevel, of Detroit, is visiting at her grandfather's, Mr. S. Burnett, Edgar street.

Artistic funeral designs made up on short notice at Victoria avenue Greenhouses. Phone 181. tf

Miss Oliver, William street, last night entertained a few friends to a quiet social evening.

Geo. Granger, travelling freight agent for the Wisconsin Central Lines, is in the city on business.

Mrs. Winstanley and son, Master Bertrand, of Detroit, are visiting Mrs. McCoig, Lansdowne avenue.

Found—A fur collar. Owner can have it by calling at this office and paying for this advertisement. 3t

Roses, Carnations, Violets, Smilax, and Asparagus Plumosus, in great quantity at Tissiman's Greenhouses.

A daughter of John Sterling, down the river, Dover, will be buried to-morrow in the cemetery at St. Peter's church.

Herbert D. Smith, barrister, Ridgetown, is in the city on professional business.

Miss Marcott, of Leamington, who has been for some time the guest of Miss Bennett, Selkirk street, returned home this morning.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. will give an "at home" at the residence of Mrs. S. Gardiner, William street, to-morrow afternoon from 3 to 6.

New creations at The 2 T's—the Revelstock and the West Point—two new collars; Boys' Sweaters with deep collars, in Red, White and Blue; all styles in the new Red Neckties; the 1897 Barrington Hat. At the 2 T's only!

James N. Massey, of Crystal, Dak., who was a Planet caller to-day, leaves this afternoon for a visit to Montreal before returning to his home. Mr. Massey says he is much impressed with the improvement in Chatham since his last visit here some six years ago.

The Erie & Huron special train that will carry the degree staff of Chatham Encampment, No. 10, to Sarnia to-morrow will leave here at 3 o'clock sharp. Special rates are given and tickets are good for any who care to go.

Mayor Smyth is in receipt of a communication from Mayor J. E. Johnson, of Leamington, asking whether the city intends trying to secure legislation allowing cities and towns to do their own insuring. Mayor Johnson states that Mr. Auld, M. P. P. for South Essex, will aid in the work.

The Globe: Messrs. Stephenson and Harper, of Chatham, dropped into The Globe office last night, and they are confident that the Maple City will get the C. W. A. meet. The Chatham people are not taking it for granted though, and The Planet will run out an edition of 15,000 about the first of next month with twelve pages that will tell by word and picture of Chatham's attractions in this regard.

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Young boy wanted, about 15 or 16 years old, good appearance, strictly temperate, must be smart and educated, speak French, and Roman Catholic. Apply with references, state salary, Box 70, Pt. Lambton. 1dw

GOING TO SARNIA.

The Chatham encampment degree team leave for Sarnia to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock to be the guests of Alpha encampment. They will give the three degrees to a numbrr of candidates. It is expected that a large number of Oddfellows will go from this city and all along the line of the E. & H. to witness the work of this celebrated team. This will make the second visit to the Tunnel City.

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It is reported that the Warden and County Clerk Fleming may have to take another trip to Toronto.

Windsor Record: The Chatham barber who published the following advertisement is probably Irish: If you want a cool, refreshing bath, hot or cold, remember the Pugsly shaving parlors is the place to get it.

Evangelistic services are to be conducted in the Baptist church every night this week, and prayer services every afternoon at 3.00 o'clock. There will be a children's service to-morrow afternoon at 4.15.

The Windsor junior hockey team will play here next Friday evening. Honors are now even between the clubs, and the contest should be a good one. Sarnia also wants a game with the local players.

The Y. M. C. A. will hold an enjoyable social re-union next Friday evening from 7.30 to 10.30. Among other attractions will be an orchestra, program in reading room, athletic feats in gymnasium, exhibition of wheels, etc.

M. Wilson, Q. C., returned last night from Toronto. "In Toronto," says Mr. Wilson, "there is no snow; but between here and there the landscape has a much more wintry appearance than with us. Sleighing is very good at some points."

There was a dance on the Bowery on Monday night and all the residents in the valley were kept awake. There was a life-sized row at the dance and Brooklyn was sulphurous with the language. Black eyes are now carried by a number of the dancers.

"Chug" Crosby was arraigned yesterday before Judge Bell upon the clover stealing charge. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded until Tuesday. The defendant in Houston vs. Purdy, was found guilty and remanded until Tuesday for sentence.

William Washington, colored, whose sureties some time ago wished to be relieved of their responsibility, came in and delivered himself up yesterday afternoon. Willie was not a little surprised and disappointed when he realized that he was to be locked up; but so it was.

The fire department was called out last evening to the corner of Murray and Church streets. A burning chimney was extinguished before they arrived on the scene. The alarm was turned in by a wild-eyed individual who rushed into the hall breathless and told that the whole rear end of the house was in flames. In reply to the Chief's question he declared it was not a chimney fire but that the house was burning down. He is still at large.

IT IS IN DOUBT.

Prof. Philp is in Ridgetown to-day. Whether or not Princess Bonnie will be put on again will not be definitely known until after a meeting of the company, to be held on Monday evening. Invitations have been received to put it on in Sarnia, Guelph and other points. Being unable to keep the secret any longer, Dr. G. W. Cornell to-day imparted the information that that New York engagement was a fake—just one of his little jokes—and not intended to be taken seriously. It is hoped, however, that the charming opera will be staged once more in Chatham.

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THE BUDGET DEBATE.

Opposition Members Are After the Government.

The Army of Office-Holders Who Drive Voters to the Polls to Vote Right—How the Provincial Government Has Loaded Its Debt on the Municipalities, Which Are Now Struggling Under a Weight of $10,000,000—Dr. Meacham of Lennox Also Takes a Hand in the Criticism—Many Bills Introduced.

Toronto, Feb. 24

Dr. Ryerson resumed the debate on the budget at the Legislature yesterday. Answering the charge against the Opposition that they had been out in the cold for so many years, he said they would not stoop to go into power on promises they could not keep, as the late Opposition at Ottawa had done. Proceeding, he cited a preposterously large number of different offices created by the Government for patronage purposes. In all, about 3000 people were occupied in driving the people to the polls to vote aright. He quoted to show that the Province of Quebec was managed more economically under the Conservative regime than under the Liberals. The Ontario Government had no debt, because they had unloaded on municipalities obligations they should have met themselves. The municipalities were almost entirely free from debt in Quebec, while in Ontario they owed about $10,000,000. The succession duties were higher than those charged in any of the States. He thought that a man leaving the legacy should have some say as to how the tax should be spent, and if he left large sums to charity that should be enough. The appointment of Sir Oliver Mowat's son to the shrievalty of Toronto was one of the most corruptible jobs ever perpetrated. Sir Oliver was not all that was pure and righteous. Continuing, a eulogy was paid Sir William Mercrith, late Opposition leader, amid applause from Conservative benches. Turning to the matter of finance, the speaker combatted the Government contention that increase in population had caused increase in expenditures. It should cause an equal increase in income.

Mr. McLean of East Huron replied for the Government. The previous speaker's arguments were not substantiated. It was a slander on the people of the Province to say they could be driven to the polls to vote at the dictation of any official. The hon. member had named over a lot of officials, but had not stated how they could be done without. The increased expenditures had not at least been caused by mismanagement or corruption. The obligations of the Province had decreased by nearly $100,000 during the year. The Opposition had wobbled on the Separate school policy. No one knew how they stood now. Regarding the Government aid to higher education, he thought that were it not granted, only the rich could acquire a university education. The only examinations required for a pupil to pass from the Public schools to the university were two, the entrance to the High school and the matriculation. The charge of too many examinations was therefore groundless. Mr. McLean sat down at the end of his three-quarter-hour speech amid Government applause.

Mr. Meacham of Lennox followed. The hon. Treasurer had a reason for asking for suggestions, but not wishing for criticism. The sainted leader had gone, and none but the wicked partners were left. Mr. Stratton he considered to be, in horse-ball phraseology, "on deck," and therefore deserved attention. He had said the Government had not misspent a cent. When Mr. Stratton was at home he was said to be somewhat of an Independent. It had been contended that if the Ministry failed in their duty they would be turned out. Besides Mr. Stratton the previous speaker obtained his seat by representing himself as an independent, and it was such members who prevented the Government's overthrow. Regarding the hackneyed subject of the surplus, Mr. Meacham wanted to know why the Government did not include the $126,000,000 worth of timber as an asset and then claim a $100,000,000 surplus, instead of a $4,000,000 surplus? The marked ballots introduced by the Administration prevented many from giving an honest expression of their opinion. Public institutions, while as necessary, could be more economically managed. Money was needlessly spent on the asylums. The cost of the New Brunswick institution was much less, while its work was all but as efficient. The same management could characterize the six similar Ontario institutions. Continuing, the speaker showed that during the past 15 years there had been a steady deficit each year, while the estimates had been as steadily increasing.

The House rose at 6 p.m.

At the evening session Dr. Meacham continued an arraignment of the Education Department. He condemned the continual demand for expensive school books. At least young scholars should have cheap primers. In order that the people of the Province might save thousands annually. The speaker condemned the present system of granting licenses. It was partisan. He instanced in his own riding a case where the licenses of two hotelkeepers had been withheld until they had consented to vote the Government ticket.

Mr. Harcourt: Would the hon. member give the names?

Mr. Meacham thought the Government should themselves investigate the matter.

Mr. J. T. Middleton continued the hearing of the Government standard. He devoted the greater part of his time to a refutation of the arguments of the previous speaker.

Mr. T. Magwood, North Perth, reminded the hon. gentlemen opposite that it was only a few years ago they were boasting of a surplus of $6,000,000 in hard cash; under their management this surplus was rapidly dwindling down. They had boasted of all they had done for agriculture. As a practical agriculturist, he did not hesitate to declare that their chief work had been to fill up the agricultural farm with so many party heelers that if any more were appointed they would have to buy another 100 acres of land, as the farm would not hold them. When a superintendent was wanted the Government had ignored the graduates of the College and had come to Toronto for a man. The whole agricultural policy of the Government was one of boasting and no work. Their educational policy also was one of discrimination against the rural in favor of the city schools, the chief aim and object being to manipulate the offices in order to retain the Minister of Education and his colleagues in power.

Mr. John Craig moved the adjournment of the debate, and the House adjourned.

Mr. Ryerson—The City of Toronto Bill, which gives municipalities power to pass bylaws for authorizing the Park Commissioner to plant and remove trees, and to trim trees overhanging the streets; for holding municipal and school elections on New Year's Day. All persons in cities of 100,000 inhabitants and over, who are of the full age of 21 years, subjects of Her Majesty, and whose names are on the last revised assessment roll of the municipality, shall have the right to vote at municipal elections. The bill reduces the real property qualification from $400 to $200; provides for the procedure on taking votes on questions submitted to the electorate by council; transfers the licensing powers from the council to the police commissioners; gives the council of any city power to include in its estimates for 1897 a sum to be expended in celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen in the City of Toronto this sum is fixed at $5000; amends the Board of Control provisions that were passed last year, by providing that the board shall consist of the mayor and four aldermen, three of whom shall form a quorum, and the four aldermen are to be elected by the council at its first meeting for the year. It takes away the double vote of the mayor, by striking out the words giving him a second or casting vote, in the event of a tie.

Mr. Smith—Respecting roads laid out along side-lines in certain townships.

Mr. Chapple—To amend the Marriage Act, 1896; to do away with the necessity of both persons making the affidavit on application for a license.

Mr. Chapple—To amend the Municipal Act, repealing the provisions of section 283, which require the annual publication of a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures in towns, townships and incorporated villages.

Mr. Dryden—To amend the Municipal Act, amending the sections requiring the return to be made by municipal treasurers, auditors and clerks to the Bureau of Statistics.

Mr. Dryden—To amend the Agriculture and Arts Act, enabling firms or incorporated companies to become members of agricultural societies. It also substitutes butter and cheese association for the dairymen's and creamery associations, and makes some changes in the boundaries of the agricultural districts of North Perth and West Wellington.

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CECIL RHODES AGAIN.

The Ex-Premier Says Oom Paul Did Not Keep His Promises to the Uitlanders.

London, Feb. 23.—The examination of Cecil Rhodes by the Parliamentary Committee appointed to inquire into the Transvaal raid was resumed in Westminster Hall to-day. The Prince of Wales was again present, and Dr. Jameson, the leader of the raiders, made his appearance at the inquiry for the first time.

The examination of Mr. Rhodes occupied the entire sitting of the committee. The hall was not so well filled with spectators as at the former sittings, interest in the inquiry being apparently on the wane. Several times during the examination Mr. Rhodes attempted to justify the raid by calling attention to the fact that England is now in full sympathy with the Cubans in seeking to obtain their civil rights, whereas it was Britons who sought their civil rights in the Transvaal. He also reiterated the declaration he made on the first day of his examination that the people of Johannesburg would never cease their agitation until they had secured their popular rights.

Mr. Rhodes further declared that President Kruger, prior to the revolutionary measures of the Johannesburgers, had promised to grant their demands, but had failed to keep his promise.

In reply to a question by Hon. Edward Blake, Mr. Rhodes said he had been told that he had let Johannesburg in for the Transvaal trouble, but after examining the letters and telegrams he arrived at the conclusion that it was rather Johannesburg that led him in.

Referring to the conversation between himself and "Boddy White," Mr. Rhodes said: We were discussing the Egyptian question. I said: "If Great Britain decided to remain I should stop any foreign power from coming between Khartoum and Uganda." White replied: "We had no instructions." I answered: "Of course not, but it is not the Government's policy that you should lie on your backs and eat three meals a day. You ought to ascend the Nile and make it impossible for the French to cross." I did not know White would apply my remark to something else. It shows how careful you ought to be in what you say."

Mr. Rhodes, in answer to further questions, said that his determination to proceed to extreme measures was reached in conjunction with the leaders at Johannesburg. Owing to the hopelessness of obtaining redress for the existing grievances it was intended to change the Government.

Answering a question regarding the Matabele war, the witness said: "It is fortunate for you that you have'nt had to pay for it."

The committee adjourned until Friday.

NO FORMAL CONFERENCE,

But Matters of Interest May be Discussed With the Colonial Premiers.

London, Feb. 23.—In the House of Commons to-day Dr. James F. Hogan, anti-Parnellite member for Mid-Tipperary, asked if it was the intention of the Government to hold an Imperial conference while the Colonial Premiers were visiting London upon the occasion of the Queen's jubilee in June.

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, answered that it was not intended to hold any Imperial conference, but if the colonial premiers came to London in accordance with their acceptation of the invitation, which had been extended to them, the Government would discuss any matters of common interest which the colonial visitors might bring up.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Flour—Trade is dull, with demand almost nil. Straight rollers are quoted at $3.75.

Bran—Trade quiet, with bran quoted outside west at $7, and shorts at $8.50 to $9.

Wheat—The market is quiet, and the feeling unsettled, in consequence of declines in Liverpool and Chicago. White wheat is nominal at 75c, and red at 74c at outside points. No. 1 hard quoted at 74c Fort William, and it is quoted at 86c Midland.

Buckwheat—Business inactive, with car lots quoted at 25c to 26c outside.

Barley—The market is steady. No. 1 is quoted at 31c and No. 2 at 27c. No. 3 extra 29c, and No. 3 at 21c to 22c.

Oats—Market is unchanged, with sales of white at 17½c to 18c west, and of mixed at 17c west.

Peas—The market is weaker, with sales at 38c north and west. Cables are lower.

Corn—The market is unchanged, with new quoted at 29c west.

Rye—The market is quiet, with fair offerings. There were sales to-day at 33c east.

Oatmeal—The market is quiet and prices unchanged. Car lots $2.80 to $2.90.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

There was a very good market to-day, with receipts of 32 car loads, including 24 head of sheep and lambs and 1200 hogs. The demand for cattle was good, and prices rule firmer. Sales of choice exporters at 4c to 4¼c per lb., and good cattle at 3½c to 3¾c. Stockers are quoted at 2½c to 3c per lb. Bulls bring 2½c to 3¼c per lb., according to quality. Butchers' cattle steady for best qualities, which sold at 3½c to 3¾c per lb., the latter for fancy; good to medium at 2½c to 2¾c, and inferior at 2c per lb. Milch cows sell at $25 to $35 each, and calves at $4 to $9 each.

Sheep and lambs steady, with receipts of 200 head. Choice sheep sold at 2¾c to 3c per lb., and butchers' at 2¼c to 2½c. Lambs are firm, there being sales at 4½c to 4¾c per lb., according to quality.

Hogs are firmer for choice light qualities. The best sold at 4¼c per lb., weighed off cars; thick fats at 3¾c, light weights at 4c to 4¼c, sows at 3c to 3¼c, and stags at 2c to 2½c per lb.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Liverpool, Feb. 23.—Spring wheat, 6s 5d to 6s 6d; red, no stock; No. 1 Cal., 6s 7½d to 6s 8d; corn, 2s 6¾d; peas, 4s 4½d; pork, 45s 0d; lard, 29s 9d; bacon, l.c., heavy, 25s 6d; do., light, 24s 6d; do., short cut, 24s 6d; tallow, 18s 0d; cheese, white and colored, 58s 6d.

London—Wheat on passage steady. English country markets quiet. Maize on passage quiet and steady.

Liverpool—Wheat quiet at 6s 4¼d for March and 6s 5¾d for May and July. Maize quiet at 2s 7½d for March, 2s 8¾d for May and 2s 9½d for July.

Paris—Wheat, 22f 35c for March; flour, 46f 85c for Feb. and March.

Liverpool—Close—Wheat steady at 6s 5¾d for March, 6s 5d for May and 6s 4¾d for July. Maize steady at 2s 7¾d for March, 2s 8d for May and 2s 9¼d for July. Flour, 22s.

London—Close—Wheat on passage buyers and sellers apart. Maize dull, with buyers and sellers apart.

Paris—Close—Wheat weak at 22f 25c for March; flour, 46f 75c for March.

Messrs. Atkinson & Rispin, 115 King St., have a large amount of money on hand to loan on mortgages, at the very lowest possible rate of interest now current, and will be pleased to answer all question from intending borrowers, and we are sure it will be advantageous those desiring to borrow or to renew mortgages to give them a call. tf

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THE MARKETS.

(Via L. J. Atwater's Private Wire.)

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Wheat opened weak owing to disappointing advice from Europe but later rallied ½c on covering by smaller shorts on reported rather better tone to Liverpool market at the close there. However the advance did not hold and later in the day owing to the absence of outside speculation and absolutely no demand for export, prices broke one cent per bushel below last night.

The market up to the time of writing is heavy, at the lowest point of the day. Liverpool opened quiet, ½d lower and reached ¼ and closed steadier. Continental markets were all lower.

Cash demand was very slack and trade was rather light all day, and mostly all of a local characted. Longs are gradually becoming tired and are beginning to sell out. The absence of any export demand is a decided bear factor and until this improves we believe prices are likely, gradually to work to a lower level.

Corn and oats ruled easier in sympathy with wheat; but the markets on the whole were steady. The principal feature of the corn market was the large covering by a prominent local elevator company. The cash demand was good both for corn and oats.

Provisions opened stronger on higher hogs and higher receipts. They sold off with wheat, but rallied again on good support given by English packers.

Cash demand good; hogs are at top prices for the season, and packing shows very heavy loss. We believe the products cheap, and will be bought for investment as packers cannot hedge.

CHICAGO GRAIN QUOTATIONS.

Chicago, Feb. 23—Per L. J. Atwater's private wire.

	Opn.	High.	Low.	Close
Wheat—May	75	75½	73⅞	74½
July	72	72¼	71	71½
Corn—May	24⅜	24⅜	24¼	24¼
July	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛
Oats—May	17⅜	17½	17¼	17½
July	18¼	18⅜	18	18
Pork—July	8 12	8 17.	8 02	8.17
May	7.97	8.05	7.92	8 05
Lard—July	4 12	4 17	4 07	4.17
May	4 02	4.10	4 00	4.10
Ribs—July	4 15	4 22	4 15	4 22
May	4.10	4.15	4 07	4.15

Washington And The Inauguration.

To enable all to participate in the pleasures of the Capital during the Inauguration week, greatly reduced rates will be made by the Lehigh Valley R. R. from all points along its lines. Tickets will be good going on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and good for return March 4th to 8th.

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Auction Sale of Furniture on corner of Foster and Joseph Sts., through the executors of the late Catherine Knaggs, consisting of parlor furniture, dining-room furniture, three bedrooms, complete with furniture, one elegant coal stove, Imperial Jewel, with oven, nearly new, two cook stoves and a lot of china, dishes and delphware, one book-case, walnut; two sideboards, apart from the dining-room furniture; two extra lounges, one dozen kitchen chairs, one dozen cane chairs, also rocking chairs, choice lot of pictures, six carpets, consisting of ingrain on tapestry; one beautiful ward-robe, solid cherry; one ice-box, three extra feather beds, one secretary, including lace curtains and poles throughout the house, and a miscellaneous collection too numerous to tion.

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Chocolates, Burnt Almonds, per lb	40c
Choice Cream Candy in boxes, per lb	20c
Nuts, Almonds, Filberts, Walnuts and Brazils, per lb	15c
New Dates, per lb	10c
New Figs, per lb	15c
Malaga Grapes, per lb	20c
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WALLACEBURG.

Feb. 24.—Rev. Dr. Scurr, of Detroit, a son-in-law of Mrs. John Grant, North Branch, died at his residence in Detroit on Monday evening. The body will be brought to Wallaceburg this evening and will be interred in the Grant family burying ground to-morrow morning.

Some interest is being manifested in mining stocks in Wallaceburg and a couple of agencies have been opened. The Elba mine, controlled by Sarnia people, is receiving very favorable attention.

Rev. Mr. Rye, at present stationed at Clandeboye, is in town to-day, and may probably be induced to locate here as pastor of the church of St. James the Apostle, which has been closed for the past six weeks. Mr. Rye is a young man of ability, and his residence here would no doubt be much appreciated.

A special council meeting for the election of town officers was to have been held last night, but the absence of the mayor and several of the councillors necessitated a postponement until Tuesday evening next.

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

WHO IS THE GIRL?

She Befriended Dr. Jack in Disguise.

His adventures in Spain--Set upon by foot-pads but rescued.

Dr. Jack, as a boy started out in life riding bronchoes in Texas. He followed it up by mining and bullfighting in Mexico, hunting in Canada and the Rockies, India and Africa, and whaling in the northern seas. While mining in Mexico he made his fortune. At the age of 32 he met Don Carlos, a Spaniard, in Paris, and at his suggestion undertook to do Spain. At Barcelona he observed a flower girl whose features interested him. Later on he went out to see the city. His guide betrayed him into the hands of foot pads, but after he was knocked senseless they were frightened away by the approach of the police.

"I knew no more until I opened my eyes in a chamber, and found a woman dressed in sombre black attending me," Dr. Jack afterwards told Don Carlos. "She did not know I had regained my senses, and I play there some minutes observing her. You can imagine my surprise when I declare that the face of the nun was the face of the peasant girl who sold me the flowers in the mart on the wonderful Rambla.

"All she would tell me was that she was Sister Agatha, from the cloister of the Benedictine church of San Pedro, at Gerona, and happened to be visiting this house at the hour I fell at the door in a senseless condition. I knew better—the face I had seen had color in it, which a nun's never has, because they shut themselves away from the health-giving sun. Naturally I have puzzled over several questions since that hour—who is the beautiful flower girl in the Rambla, in Barcelona, what interest does she take in me, for I am convinced in my soul she does, and why should she be going about disguised as a nun? When I find an opportunity I mean to have these things explained to me, as I am convinced that there is a mystery somewhere."

On his recovery Dr. Jack came on to Madrid, where he attends a bull fight with Don Carlos. There he meets the Don's neice and also the Turkish ambassador. A mutual dislike arises between the ambassador and himself. He is now at the bull fight and the continuation of this thrilling story will be found in to-day's Planet. Dr. Jack commenced on Saturday.

THAMESVILLE

Feb. 24.—A meeting of the Presbyterian congregation was held in the church on Monday night to consider the advisability of putting electric light in the church. After considerable discussion, it was decided to put in the lights, the ladies' aid agreeing to pay the expense of placing them, and the congregation to continue payment afterwards. The question of refitting the church was also discussed but did not receive much encouragement as the majority seem ambitious for a new and more modern structure.

Mrs. John Watts and daughter, of Windsor, have been the guests of her brother, S. W. Tye, for the past few days.

Miss Mina Syer will entertain a number of her young friends at her home to-night.

The entertainment committee of the public library have decided to give a concert in the near future.

Miss Agnes McPherson leaves to-day for Toronto, where she will attend the millinery openings and will also visit the wholesale millinery establishments in London on her way home.

Mrs. G. F. Scott left yesterday for London, Embro and other eastern points.

Stewart & Howat have a beautiful silver water pitcher on exhibition, which is to be presented by them to the fortunate curlers who come off victorious in the contest which begins to-day. Four rinks of our local players are to compete.

Mrs. Neville, of Walkerville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. McKee.

The anniversary services of the Methodist church will be held next Sunday, 28th inst. A fine literary program will be presented on Monday evening.

The W. C. T. U. will meet to-morrow night at the residence of Mrs. E. Graves.

D. R. McEachren made a business trip east the first of the week.

The Daily Planet is on sale at the Central Drug Store, where subscriptions are taken and receipts given. This paper is delivered free to any part of the town.

Grover C. Connelly, of Richmond Corners, N. B., says of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure: "I am pleased I used Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure. I had it in a very severe form for nearly five years. I used several so-called cures, but got no relief. None of them did me any good. One box of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure completely cured me.

TILBURY.

Feb. 24.—The Misses Stinson leave to-day for London to attend the millinery openings and purchase a stock for the spring trade.

Postmaster Bartley is on the sick list, suffering from an attack of the grippe.

The suit of Vipond and Hopkins against the township of Romney opened in Anderson hall yesterday before Referee Hodgins, of Toronto, C. R. Atkinson, of Chatham, appearing for the township, and J. B. Rankin for the appellants. Only two or three witnesses were examined yesterday, and as there are 35 in all, the case will probably be a lengthy one. Engineers McDonell, Chatham; Baird, Leamington; Laird, Essex, and Tierman, Tilbury, are giving evidence.

A pleasant party was given last night at the residence of Mrs. Coutts.

The village was thrown into considerable excitement last night, when the fire alarm was again rung about 7.30. There was a gale of wind blowing, and when someone noticed a chimney on fire in the post-office block, an alarm was sounded and the department soon had a line of hose stretched to the scene, but no water was thrown, as the chimney soon burned itself out. Residents of the block got a bad scare, however.

MORE than a year ago Rev. T. Watson of Coburn Ont., wrote the following:—K. D. C. has produced in me a wonderful change, almost from the first time of using. My indigestion is all gone, and my general health is much better than it has been for years. K. D. C. has my heartiest and unqualified commendation. I believe it to be all its makers claim it to be."

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QUASHED THE CONVICTION.

Hotel-Keepers Need not Leave the Whole Bar-room Window Without a Blind.

Woodstock, Feb. 24.—A case of interest to hotel-keepers came before County Judge Finkle, at Woodstock, on Monday. The other day Frank McLean, proprietor of the North American Hotel there, was fined $10 and costs for not having his blinds up during the close hours. For the defence it was maintained that the blinds were up 2½ feet, and the defendant appealed. Mr. Haverson, of the Liquor Dealers' Association, acted as counsel, and His Honor, after reading over the evidence taken by the magistrate, quashed the conviction, remarking:—"It is shown from the evidence that the blinds were not in such a position as to obstruct the view of anyone who wished to see into the bar room. I therefore quash the conviction." The judge further expressed the opinion that the regulation was intended merely to enable parties to see into the room from the window. The window the judge had seen himself, and from the view he had, it was quite possible to see into the room.

HOME TESTIMONY.

A Well-known Citizen Makes a Statement for the Public Good.

Mr. W. T. Western, the popular and successful butcher of William street, Chatham, Ont., says:

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Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills may be obtained from any druggist, or will be mailed on receipt of price by T. Milburn & Co., Toronto, Ont., price 50c. per box, or three boxes for $1.50.

THE DIVISION COURT.

Some Cases Disposed of—Nothing of Much Interest Crops up.

In the division court yesterday afternoon twelve cases were called before one was found with which the parties were ready to proceed. In view of this state of affairs his Honor Judge Woods issued his periodical threat to strike off, at the next court, any cases for which solicitors and clients were not ready. This time his Honor seems very much in earnest.

Kaufman vs. Giddens was the first case disposed of this afternoon, judgment being awarded the plaintiff for the full amount of his claim with costs. Kaufman bored a well for the defendant, furnishing his own material, piping, etc., and in this manner is collecting the account.

Adams Bros. vs. S. T. Watson was settled out of court.

J. R. Reid vs. Strong. Defendant was not present and an enlargement was asked for.

John Cedre vs. Louis Lawrence; adjourned.

Turnbull Smith vs. H. A. Rispin, to collect a board bill of the defunct Golden Giant Mine Company, was adjourned, word of the plaintiff's illness being received.

Wm. Wilson vs. Fred Souta; adjourned.

Levi Bone, a Barnardo boy, sues F. W. Wilson for wages.

A number of judgment summonses were cleared up.

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BLENHEIM

Feb. 24.—Next Tuesday being Shrove Tuesday, a "Pancake Social" will be held at the residence of Mrs. Peter Labadie, both in the afternoon and evening. Each caller will be treated to a dish of warm pancakes, with fresh maple syrup.

An "at home," under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Trinity church, was held yesterday afternoon and evening at the residence of Mrs. Lucius Burritt. Though the weather was stormy there was a large number of callers, especially during the afternoon.

A regular meeting of the I. O. F. was held last evening.

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THE SAND BAR TOWN.

ONE OF THE CURIOUS SIGHTS OF A GREAT RIVER.

Hobo Colony on the Island In the "Old Hen" at Memphis—Human Driftwood Whose Principal Occupations Are Fishing, Begging and Indolence.

At Memphis the Mississippi river is nearly 1 1-2 miles wide. Just at the foot of the United States custom house the river bends into the shape of a fowl, and this place is called the "old hen." From the Arkansas side of the river to the mouth of Wolf river, which supplies the city with water, is nearly three miles, and in this mighty bend lies the biggest sand bar in the Mississippi river from mouth to source. The vast bar is more than a mile long and three-quarters of a mile wide, and on this bar is the most interesting colony in America, says a Nashville correspondent.

On cold days, when the stiff northwestern breeze comes down the "old hen," several hundred campfires may be seen on the bar, around which a heavy smoke whirls and rises into the faces of the dozen or more men crouched about each fire, poorly clad, cold and shivering. Men and women from every state are huddled together there, migratory by nature or necessity, indifferent and cheerful.

Their abodes are either the close and dark shanty boats tied to the river's bank, some rudely thrown together hut of driftwood and stray boards, miserable little tents, or, rudest of all, nothing more than a square pen built of logs, in the center of which the fire burns and about the inside edges of which are the men huddled together, lazily passing the hours away. If a census were taken, it would be found that they represent every section and all the large cities, but they generally claim homes in the great Mississippi valley. The Crescent City will secure the increment in the winter months, and when warm weather comes the southern visitors again go north. The unfortunates on the bar constitute the human driftwood of the valley, and they are congregated all the year around on the big bar, which is but a waste of sand covered with logs, branches and debris.

Most of these visitors come to the bar by boat. Those who arrive in this manner generally live in their boats, but others, having left St. Louis in a shanty boat, have met with misfortune, been forced to sell out, and with their surplus have purchased a skiff and a tent and have reached Memphis in an open boat. They soon pitch their tent and are at home. There is a vast number of these transients, however, who are members of the great army of rapid transit devotees, who disdain anything slower than a freight train, who arrive on bumpers, trucks, in cattle cars and "blind baggage." The sand bar, as known to all the hoboes of America as a good thing, and it is probably the largest tramp colony in the country, its population being from 400 to 1,200 all the year round. When a hobo strikes the city, he soon learns the whereabouts of the rendezvous and is received into camp with welcome.

The city and certain individuals have been in dispute for many years over the possession of the bar. But the real owners of the bar find a fruitful source of revenue in the squatters who sojourn there. The settlement assumes the character of a small empire. The owner is emperor, and he has his collector, who draws tribute from the men who enjoy his land and his driftwood. Twenty-five cents a week is collected from each tent, hut, pen and shanty boat, and the collector is merciless in dealing with them. Each day the agent comes to the bar and takes a census of its inhabitants. These he notes carefully in a book, and at the end of a week they must pay or be subject to ejection. Fishing, washing, begging and indolence are the occupations of the people, all of whom declare that they are willing to work, but cannot find it.

River men have observed that since the Mississippi has been falling lately the big sand bar which has long threatened the Memphis levee has not only been given a higher surface by new deposits, but has been extended in dimensions until still less of the Memphis side is now navigable. The recent reports of the river commission in the matter of appropriations give nothing favorable to this danger. Two methods have been suggested to remedy it. One contemplates the changing of the mouth of the Wolf river in such a way that the outflowing current would wash away the accumulated bar. The other involves an artificial extension of Hopefield point in such manner as to carry the main current of the river across the sand bar, with the certainty that it could be washed away in a short time. The latter is considered the most feasible plan, though it would cost a great amount of money. Year by year the danger to the city becomes more imminent. Much of the old and most valuable of the river front has been washed away. If succeeding years repeat the inroads of the past, it is a question of only a short time when it will be necessary to construct new levee facilities for the river trade. —Chicago Record.

Great Oratory.

There are many stories of the disappointing effect Wendell Phillips had upon uncultivated persons when they heard him lecture for the first time. With amazement these auditors would note the entire absence of gesture, no ear splitting tones, no frenzies of elocution, only a quiet man, talking in an easy, almost conversational way, and finally ask where the oratory came in. Will the time never come when people will grasp the truth, that great oratory is possible only on great occasions and that at no other time is there any use or demand for it?—Springfield Republican.

The common columbine is among the English common people symbolic of folly.

Brown—Have you read this article on "How to tell a bad egg?"

Jones—No; but if you have anything to tell a bad egg, my advice is to break it gently.

Lady Customer—Are you sure this is real Ceylon tea?

Well-informed Young Salesman—Certainly, madam. Mr. Ceylon's name is on every package.

RALEIGH COUNCIL.

Raleigh council met on Monday 15th, February. All members present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and on motion adopted.

The amended report of W. G. McGeorge on the repairs and improvements on the Pike drainage work was submitted and read. C. Crow, J. Bradley and others were heard in favor of proceeding with the work as reported on; G. T. Crow and Johnston Orr, contra. D. W. Crow and R. J. Morrison and others were heard against inclusion of the lands east of the Drake road in the assessment for the work. Also a letter from Levi Anderson as to the amount expended on drainage on E. half of lot one con 3.

Mr. Chinnick gave notice that he would introduce a by-law at next meeting to adopt the report and provide for the completion of the work.

The amended report of W. C. McGeorge on the improvement of the Irwin drain was submitted and read. Mr. Rhodes was heard suggesting that the work could be done by statute labor. Mr. Pardo gave notice that at next meeting he would introduce a by-law to adopt the report and provide for the completion of the work.

The reeve submitted a communication from the deputy minister of agriculture, Ottawa, enclosing a declaration of quarantine as to the removal of swine from the township in consequence of a contagious disease, known as swine plague, being reported to exist in the township.

Moved by Pardo—Chinnick, that the clerk be instructed to notify the minister of agriculture that no swine plague is known to exist in the Township of Raleigh, and that we are unfairly dealt with as compared with adjoining townships where said plague is known to exist and not under quarantine. Carried.

Wilson, Rankin, McKeough and Kerr, account $321.83. Referred to reeve with power.

Atkinson & Atkinson account $2. Paid.

Mr. Rhodes asked that an account for $15 presented on the 7th September last, on which no action was taken, be considered. Mr. Morrison said that it was understood by the council that in the event of government drain No. 1 being proceeded with the said claim would be withdrawn, no action.

The report of the commissioners on the Raleigh plain drain, read at last meeting, was, on motion of Mr. Chinnick at the request of certain ratepayers on the drain, again read, and which is as follows:

To the municipal council of the township of Raleigh. Gentlemen,—Your commissioners appointed to let and superintend the construction of the Raleigh Plain's drain, the erection of five steel bridges and the purchase of right of way, etc. Beg leave to report to your honorable body that the work of dredging has progressed very satisfactorily to your commissioners. The contractors or company are doing all they can so far to fulfil their contract as agreed on, and we believe that it is being done the best of any other work ever done in the county of Kent. Your commissioners have, from the first, insisted that the specifications should be fully fulfilled, and whenever we thought they were not we at once pointed it out and the defect was attended to at once. Your commissioners are well pleased that the Chatham Dredging Company got the work, as we are of opinion that none of the other companies could have done the work as per specifications. The company have been at work 16½ months and had two dredges the most of the time and will have the work nearly completed within the time, viz., 1st January, 1897. The work has been a heavy one and, in fact, much more so than your commissioners and many others expected. The company will make fair wages but nothing more, when the wear and tear of their machinery is taken into account, interest on plant, etc. The bridges are also getting on well, we have four completed and grading nearly all done, fencing, etc., and the 5th, and last, we expect finished early in January. We will have to let the painting go till spring. The bridge company are fulfilling their contract very satisfactorily, we have no fault to find, although your commissioners were warned that said company would never do the work on account of their low tender, but the result of said warning has proved wrong so far. You will see by our accounts (annexed in detail hereto) that we have spent a good deal of time on the work, but we thought it entitled to all the time given. The percentage will be less than 6 mills in the dollar, which must be admitted a very low rate on such work that all must admit required close attention. Dec. 26th, 1896. The dredges have got down to the Drake road and across it into the 80 feet cut, and are now laid up for the winter. The engineer in charge (Mr. Smith) has passed and received the drain from the head to the Drake road, also from near the line of lots 5 and 6 to its outlet in Tilbury. The balance to do is a strip on the north side of lot 6, about a week's work of one dredge. Or in other words that part of the drain across lot 6 is yet to be received by the engineer and a little work around the C. P. R. bridge on both sides.

The dredging contract was $44,775. Paid on orders grated to the company $42,500. Balance due on completion, $2,500.

The bridging contract was $6,590. Paid on orders due to company, $5,650. Balance due on completion, $940.

Your commissioners reported to you last year of the offer made to owners along the drain for the purchase of lands for right of way, being in every case much more than the engineer allowed for widening said drain, this was done with a view of trying to settle with the owners in order to save expense of litigation, and the same was reported to your honorable body last year and adopted, viz.: $40 to $65 per acre, but should they see fit to go into litigation for more, then we will fall back on the amount the engineer estimated that they should have. We have yet to settle with Wm. Longmore, no. Longmore, James Rhodes, N. and E. Irwin, John Thackeray, Mrs. Wm. Brown, Mrs. Rankin, Adolph Myers and Peter Ferguson. The parties who were settled with and given deeds are Samual Longmore, Morgan Miller, Erastus Phipps and D. W. Crow, amounting to $1,450.10 for land. For sundries for approaches, grading, sewer pipe, etc., as per statement annexed, $428.45.

Account of R. J. Morrison, detailed herewith, $116.

Account of N. H. Shepley, detailed herewith, $80.56.

All of which is respectfully submitted
R. J. Morrison, and N. H. Shepley,
Commissioners.

Raleigh, Dec. 29th, 1896."

S. T. Martin addressed the council for the purpose of making certain explanations as to the work of excavation on the Raleigh Plains drain, and to remove certain false impressions currently reported in connection with the work, especially as regards a comb or elevation in the centre of the drain, which he said was little, if any, above the bottom depth called for in the specifications, the cut on each side being from 18 inches to two feet deeper than required, and that the specifications of the engineer are exceeded all along the drain.

G. C. Rankin, president of the Chatham and Suburban Electric Railway, and J. G. Kerr addressed the council on behalf of the said company, as to right of way on the east side of the east town line from Chatham to Cedar Springs.

Moved by Pardo and Chinnick, that this council hereby approves of the enterprise known as The Chatham and Suburban Electric Railway, and believe that its operation will be a benefit to this township; and that in the event of the company complying with all the requirements of the law, this council will do what may be in its power to further the project and its construction and operation.—Carried.

Moved by Clayton and Pardo, that the trustees of S. S. No. 15 be allowed to borrow from time to time as required, a sum not exceeding $300, preliminary to the issue of debentures for the purchase of a site and erection of a school house in said section, upon their filing a bond with the clerk for the sum of $300, signed by the trustees and sealed with the corporate seal.—Carried.

Report of Chas. Crow as commissioner on Pike Pumping Works for 1896 was read and adopted.

Accounts from General hospital, $5, for two weeks' care of John Weirs, and from S. Jahnke, $12.50, for coffin, grave and funeral expenses of same. —Paid.

Certificate from Registrar General of registration in 1896 of 108 births, 24 marriages and 47 deaths.

Moved by Chinnick and McKay, that this council instruct the commissioners on the Raleigh Plains drain, forthwith, to make a reasonable offer to every owner of land required for the said drain, and to notify the reeve of any parties who refuse a settlement. —Carried.

J. B. Thackeray filed notice of demand for $500 damages sustained by reason of the enlargement and construction of the Raleigh Plains drain, and nominating James Clancy as arbitrator on his behalf.

G. B. Douglas, instructed by Johnston Orr, gave notice that action will be taken to prevent the cutting of the embankment on 12 and 13 sideroad for an outlet to the Chinnick drain.

The reeve submitted agreement with C. A. Williams and Felix Shreeve withdrawing suits now pending.—Adopted.

A petition to open up the 3rd and 4th concession road across lots 1, 2, 3 and 4.—Laid over.

The auditors submitted report for accounts of 1896.

The treasurer reported receipt of $765.54 from city of Chatham, $16.97 from Blenheim, and $1,519.82 from Harwich, being assessment in full for Mud and Indian Creek drain.—Adopted.

W. G. McGeorge, accts., $10 for survey of Irwin drain and $35 for survey of Pike drainage works.—Paid.

Planet Printing Co., acct., $24.80, for assessment rolls and advertising.—Paid.

Council adjourned till 1st March.

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DOCTOR JACK.

By ST. GEORGE RATHBORNE,

Author of "Doctor Jack's Wife," "Capt'n Tom," "Baron Sam," "Miss Pauline, of New York," "Miss Caprice," Etc.

The neck of the black terror is all muscle, and when that awful head is thrown into the air Pedro Vasques is seen flying through space. He strikes a cruel blow upon a post or pillar that holds up the roof, and falls in among a number of chulos grouped there, who immediately bear him away.

Immediately the vast crowd breaks out in excited talk. The black bull goes back to his tuft of grass, and stamps viciously as though asking who will be the next victim.

There is generally a reserve matador, and the people wait to see him appear, but time passes, and the bull alone holds the arena.

It grows monotonous.

News has come that although Pedro Vasquez will live, he has been so thoroughly knocked out that he could not stand up again this day before a yearling bull.

What now? The management apparently have made no preparation for an emergency of this character. The people must be amused, but who will undertake the job? After what has passed, it is all a man's life is worth to enter the arena with that sable monster, be he chulo, picador, or matador.

What is that? Some Englishmen and Americans, delighting in fair play, are shouting "Viva toro! Bravo! old boy! Well done!"

Somehow the words exasperate the Spaniards, whose sympathies have been with Vasquez. They look at each other, and scowl. More than one friend of the matador touches his knife in a significant manner.

Ah! here is the gentleman who represents the management. He advances upon a little elevated platform, and holds up his hand. It is evident he desires to speak.

"Silenzio!" passes the word around, and in a minute so quiet is it that one can hear every word the manager utters. He speaks in Spanish, of course, and in a loud voice.

First of all he tells of Pedro's condition, then of the refusal of the substitute to enter the ring with that mad devil, and deplores the fact that there is no man brave enough to make the attempt pro bono publico.

Turning, so that he faces the foreigners who have been shouting so loudly, he continues:

"The management offers two hundred pesos to the man who will enter the arena and slay that toro with the matador's blow. Don't all speak at once, senors, I beg."

This is a thrust at the vaunted courage of the foreigners who could laugh to see a brave matador meet his fate. The men look at each other, and smile. Each generously declines to take away this pleasure from his companions. As a consequence, no one arises; seeing which, some of the Spaniards in the sun seats begin to laugh.

Jack feels a pair of midnight eyes upon him, the colour mounts to his face, and, turning, he looks at Mercedes. Her words seem before him in letters of fire—"Caramba! I adore a brave man!" Somehow the challenge seems to have been dropped at his feet—he must either pick it up or decline.

The manager still stands on his platform looking around, as if hoping that some old matador may deem the golden lure of sufficient value to risk his neck for, but no one signifies such an intention.

When Jack Evans arises from his seat and takes off his coat almost every eye is instantly glued upon him. He folds his outer garment, and lays it on the seat; then, with a smile, stands upon the railing, takes one look at Mercedes, sees the surprise and consternation on her face, for she has never expected this, and calls out in Spanish to the manager:

"Senor, I accept your offer. I am an American, and I will show you how we do this thing out in Mexico."

"Hurrah for Doctor Jack!" cries a voice from the foreign quarter—an acquaintance has recognized him.

Jack drops lightly over the barrier, and stands in the arena, alone with the black devil of a toro that has been playing such havoc with the regular stock company of bull-fighters.

CHAPTER IV.

Admiration for bravery is not confined to civilized races. Even the most savage people of the world respect those qualities in a man which induce him to face death without flinching, whether in front of a mad bull or as a captive tied to the stake with the funeral pyre about him.

Hence it is that at the conclusion of the daring American's speech a buzz goes around the whole amphitheare, which quickly swells into a tremendous roar, for, although his words in accepting the open challenge may not have been understood by the majority of those present, there can be no mistaking his action in removing coat and vest.

While this shout still makes the welkin ring, Jack has dropped into the arena, lightly scaling the inner barrier. Then a sense of fairness seizes the multitude, and immediately cries arise:

"Silenzio! silenzio!"

The roar becomes a rushing stream, and this in turn a gurgling brook, until almost magically even the last sounds cease, and a death-like silence ensues.

Fifteen thousand human beings have their eyes riveted upon the form of the American gymnast. They seem to breathe as one man, waiting for the shock. Doctor Jack keeps his wits about him, and surely he has need of them with that black devil of a mad toro not more than twenty feet away.

He forgets the presence of the crazy mob that fills the amphitheatre to overflowing. A pair of black eyes have sent him into the arena, and he remembers only this.

His manner excites admiration, he is so cool and collected, and the majority of the good people of Madrid presently secretly wish he may be successful, but there are few who do not fully expect the stranger to be demolished at the first desperate onslaught of the animal, for when a man with the prestige of Pedro Vasquez is tossed out of the arena it seems like madness for an amateur to have a living chance, no matter how brave he may be.

Hardly has Doctor Jack gained the arena than a clattering sound is heard beside him, and turning his head, he sees the muleta, or red flag of the matador, together with his sword, lying near by. Bending down, he takes both into his hands, tests the quality of the Toledo blade in bending it by main strength, and finds it a remarkable weapon, which has served Pedro in many a successful bout, and finally makes a blow, not in the direction of the representative of royalty, but squarely intended for the black-eyed damsel whose words have been the means of sending him upon such a quixotic errand.

All this consumes but a few seconds of time. The black toro has divined, from the rush of applause that greets Doctor Jack's action, something of the truth, and has even ceased chewing at the lone tuft of half dead grass growing near the centre of the ring, to lower his head and dig his blood-stained horns into the sawdust-covered ground, which he tosses up in a horribly suggestive manner, the while uttering those peculiar subdued bellows that strike terror to the ordinary heart.

Evidently the brute sees Jack, and will presently descend upon him with the fury of an avalanche. At present it pleases the royal animal to play with his anticipated victim much as a cat might with a mouse.

This suits the new matador, for it gives him a minute of time to note the position of the bull, and what impediments there may be in the arena, for a false step at any instant may cost him his life, and Doctor Jack is not in this game as a reckless fool, however much his admiring compatriots in the foreign quarter may believe.

The man who has led the life of a Texan cowboy for several years is apt to know something about wild bulls, and from his observation Jack is certain he has met just as fierce brutes in Mexico as this sable devil now preparing to demolish him.

One thing is against him—he is not in proper dress for such business, and unless exceedingly careful may slip upon the bloody tan bark or sawdust when such a thing will be fatal. What would he not give to have on a pair of baseball shoes at this moment, with spikes that might render his footing positively sure?

If the mountain refuses to come to Mahomet, then Mahomet must go to the mountain. The bull continues to toss the earth as though he expected to see his new antagonist make for the barrier, and in truth the presence of the chulos, picadors, and banderilleros perched upon the fence like so many crows, with one leg thrown over, ready for retreat, gives good cause for such belief on the part of the monarch of the battle-field.

With a few rapid movements of his left arm Doctor Jack unfuris the little red flag, then he advances straight toward the bull, which ceases to plough up the soil, and gazes at the other as though deeming him crazy, lowers his massive head, and shoots forward.

The tan-bark flies into the air as his heels spurn it. Every human being in that vast audience holds his or her breath in anticipation of what is to come. Is that a shock as the bull's head comes in contact with a human figure? A cloud of dust obscures the scene in the arena, and, confident as to the result, more than one person looks aloft, expecting to see the American whirling through space, badly wrecked.

Such an anticipate a speedy ending of the adventurer confess their disappointment, and, turning to the ring again to learn the cause, discover old toro again tossing tan-bark with his horns while the American stands there taunting him.

Jack knows too much to attempt the coup de grace until the beast is in a more exhausted condition. It has been a fatal mistake on the part of Pedro Vasquez, and he does not mean to repeat the blunder.

A nimble leap aside at the proper second has saved him from those cruel horns, and the bull's fury is increased doubly by the fact that he has failed in his first rush.

Ah! again he bears down upon his tantalizing foe, as though determined that this time he will crush the man to the earth or assist him over the barrier. A perfect gymnast, Jack has little trouble in avoiding the onslaught, and but for the ever present danger of a slip, might really enjoy the fun.

While the toro once more amuses himself with the inoffensive tan-bark, Jack coolly takes a look around the amphitheater. From the foreign quarter handkerchiefs are waved, and cries of "Bravo, Doctor Jack!" arise. These are incautious just now, and more apt to disturb the brave man who risks his life in the bull-ring for a woman's smile, than give him new energy. The Spaniards know better than to breathe a sound while the matador faces his foe.

Jack's sweeping glance takes it all in. He sees the eager multitude that is ready to shout "Viva toro" in case the bull downs him, but makes no note of the swarthy sea of faces. He lets his gaze rest an instant on the Turkish pasha, and notes the look of fierce eagerness visible there that tells him how anxious this man is for the bull to triumph, then his eyes sweep along until they reach his own vacant seat, and catch a glimpse of the beautiful girl next in line, at which he smiles coldly, and bows again.

"Look out, Jack!"

This shout comes from his American friend in the foreign quarter, and warns him that the bull has ceased his side play, and is once again on the war-path. Turning to receive the new charge, Jack's foot slips, and there is danger of his being struck, but quick as lightning he hurls himself out of the way.

Again the multitude breathe easy. They recognize the fact that this man is no amateur bull-fighter, with only reckless bravery to back him up, but one who has made a study of the animals in times past, and is qualified to anticipate the sable brute's every move.

Thus they expect to have pleasure in watching the struggle for supremacy. It is a matter of supreme indifference to most of them whether the bull eventually slays the man or is himself downed, so long as the combatants afford them a good show. The life of a bull-fighter is held very cheaply in Madrid.

Already has Doctor Jack evaded three of those wild rushes. Will he be able to continue this system of tactics until he has wearied the animal out, and brought him into the proper condition for the final blow?

The bull no longer tosses the tan-bark with his horns. His challenge has been met, and he finds himself opposed by one whom he cannot terrorize.

As soon as one furious rush falls the brute wheels and makes another. He is continually in motion, and it seems as though there may come a moment when by some lucky stroke he will disable his nimble adversary, and change the tide of battle.

As yet Jack has acted only on the defensive, leaping aside when the time comes, and each time with rare good judgment. He has not received a scratch and although the bull steams and puffs with his tremendous exertions, the man is apparently as cool and collected as when he began the engagement.

For the first time the people awaken to the fact that the awful black toro has met his master, and when Doctor Jack begins to assume the offensive loud shouts greet him.

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As the lumbering animal rushes past, the American plucks him by the tail, and gives that caudal appendage a twist that elicits a fierce bellow from the furious bull, drowned by the storm of applause from the audience.

After eluding another charge, Jack pricks the flank of his foe with the point of his Toledo blade, and his action suits the humour of the lookers on, who shout their approval.

All danger to the man is not yet past, and he does not deceive himself. This brute is to be feared until the last vital spark is drawn from his body. Before that time comes, Doctor Jack means to show the good people of Madrid how their cousins in Mexico carry on a bull-fight. Instead of rushing at him now, toro advances with lowered head, as though hoping to come in contact with his foe. He has become blown, and even the chulos could keep out of his way now. Some of these worthies make a move as though to leave their perch upon the barrier, seeing which, Jack roars out:—

"Keep back, you cowards! This is my game!"

His manner, more than the words he utters, give them warning, and if this is not sufficient, the storm of hisses from the audience declares that such interference with the just rights of the bull-fighter will not be tolerated.

Doctor Jack has tamed the beast, and his must be the glory of the final sacrifice. They once more climb the fence, and watch the work of the man in the arena jealously.

Never since the days of Montes or Romero has a Spanish audience looked upon a scent the equal of this. Jack is determined to do the thing up in good style now that he has entered the game. He cares little for the applause of the rabble. It was not to please them he sprang over the stout barrier and faced this terror of a black toro, but he hopes Meredes is satisfied now. He seems to once more hear the Spanish beauty say with that expressive glance, "I adore a brave man," and a warm glow thrills him as glancing up he sees Mercedes watching his movements with an eagerness she makes no attempt to disguise.

Again comes the now wearied brute. It is nearly time for the final stroke, but ere delivering it Doctor Jack ventures upon a trick he remembers playing in the halcyon days of long ago before an audience in the land of the prickly pear and cactus.

Waiting until the massive head is lowered again, instead of springing aside, as has been his wont, he places one foot upon the broad space between the short horns. The animal has evidently expected to miss his enemy, as usual, and must necessarily be tremendously surprised at this movement. Before he can take advantage of the sudden opportunity, Jack, with a light spring, has vaulted to his back, where he stands for a few seconds waving the muleta, to the intense mystification of the puzzled bull and the delight of the Spanish audience, who, forgetting that the brave matador is a foreigner, give vent to their approval in a whirlwind of shouts and clapping of hands.

Then Jack drops lightly to the ground and makes ready for the final work. He knows his audience, and how far show goes with these people of impulse, so he rolls up the right sueeve of his shirt for business, showing the wonderful arm that has already this day elicited words of admiration from Don Carlos.

All readily guess his motive in doing this. He desires to warn them that the time has come for that seran ann the time has come for serious work, and begs them to keep silent in order that his attention be not distracted at the trying moment. The shouts cease. Again an ominous silence spreads about the amphitheater.

The toro stands near the centre, pawing at the ground with one of his hoofs, as though to prove that the spirit has not yet been entirely broken in him. Evidently he is endeavouring to recoup his broken wind in order to make a last gallant charge.

All is now ready. Muleta in one hand and Toledo blade in the other, Doctor Jack advances toward his adversary. The scarlet flag is waving in the eyes of the bull, and tantalizing him to his death. He is no coward, and the stratagem succeeds perfectly, just as Jack has planned.

As the American slips away a dozen feet, and waving the flag, plants himself for business, the black bull lumbers forward, shorn of much of his former activity, but still determined to carry the war into Africa.

Not once has the red flag deceived him, and on this occasion, too, he heads direct for the man. Jack has fully expected such a thing, and hence is not caught napping. Just before that heavy set head reaches him he steps aside. His eye has marked the spot where he means to press the point of the sword, and the forward motion of the bull will do the rest.

An inch or two out of the way may be the cause of a failure, but Jack is no novice in the study of anatomy, and knows just where to find the heart every time. So the point of Pedro Vasquez's sword presses upon the black satin skin, vanishes from view, and a foot of the weapon is buried in

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ROUGH ON FREE TRADE

Manufacturers Talk Business to the Commissioners.

Reasons Why the Agricultural Implement Men Went Back on the Conservative Party—It is Claimed That They Were Sacrificed for the Farmers—More Protection and Less Duty on Raw Materials—A Field Day on the Tariff Nut Which the Government Has to Crack.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Messrs. Fielding, Paterson and Dobell sat as a committee of the Cabinet to-day to take further evidence regarding the tariff and they were kept going pretty steadily from 11 o'clock till after 5. Representatives of the electrical interests were first heard, consisting of Messrs. Robert Jaffray, Hugh Ryan and G. W. Waters of Toronto, members of the Canadian General Electric Company of Toronto and Peterboro. These gentlemen pointed out that the present tariff did not afford any protection to this industry, because it paid on an average a higher duty upon what constituted raw material than upon imported finished articles. The deputation are not seeking increased duty or protection. They simply wanted the present anamolies done away with. They claimed that the imported article paid duty running from 25 to 35 per cent., while on the raw material, which was necessary to enable them to run the business in Canada, including steam castings, copper, charcoal, sheet iron, fine line, varnishes, press board parchment papers, silver tubing, silver wire, etc., the duty ran from 72 to 75 per cent. Mr. Ryan said that the Peterboro works were the largest of the kind under the British flag.

Next came the shovel manufacturers, the deputation including Messrs. C. Jones, Gananoque; B. Willett of Chambly, and G. W. Edey of Montreal. The deputation claimed that in almost everything they use the duty was from 25 to 40 per cent. higher in Canada than in the States. They asked amongst other things a reduction in duty on crude oil for fuel. There was no combine in the shovel trade, but the deputation admitted the Association of Shovel Manufacturers had paid American firms to keep out of the Canadian market.

Messrs. R. Reford, R. B. Ross and D. W. Ross were then heard in private in regard to the duty on paddy rice, these gentlemen being interested in the Montreal rice mills. They do not want any reduction.

Agricultural implement manufacturers came next, being introduced by Mr. Frost, M.P. The deputation included Messrs. W. Massey and L. M. Jones of the Massey Harris Company, Mr. Noxon of Ingersoll, Mr. Hamilton of Peterboro, Mr. Sylvester of Lindsay, Mr. Cossett of Brockville, and Mr. Folkes of the Wilkinson Plow Works, Toronto. Mr. Frost claimed that gross injustice had been done the agricultural implement man, first, three years ago, by reducing the duty from 35 to 20 per cent, without a corresponding reduction in the duties of the raw material. Farm implements were being supplied as cheaply to farmers of Canada as to the United States. After the reduction of the duty, however, the Americans were able to bring in their manufactured products and, as the Canadian manufacturers had to pay a duty of from 50 to 60 per cent. on the raw materials, it made it almost impossible to continue the manufacture of farm implements in Canada at a profit. Briefly stated, that was the grievance. This industry, in point of size, was fourth in importance in the Dominion. The capital invested amounted to $8,5.0,000 and wages paid to $1,812,650 annually; the number of men employed between 5000 and 6000, the annual output was valued at $8,-000,000. There was no combine, there being 211 manufacturing establishments in Canada. The trade was natural to the country and there had never been any demand for protection. The duty derived from imported farm implements amounted to $60,000 a year, and this, divided amongst the 700,000 farmers, only meant 10c a head.

Mr. Noxon then took up the parable, pointing out the different classes of articles entering into the construction of farm implements, referring to bar iron, pig iron, nuts, bolts, tin, and other things. He said on all of these the duty was much higher than on the finished products. His own firm purchased coal at 50c a ton in Buffalo, paid 60c duty upon it, freight $1.20 per ton from the mine to the Suspension Bridge, and 90c per ton from the Bridge to Ingersoll. A ten-inch wrench was a portion of the completed machine and when imported from the American manufacturer only 20 per cent. duty was paid on the whole, but if the Canadian manufacturer imported these wrenches separately to add to his machines, he would have to pay a duty of 35 per cent. Another thing which militated against the successful competition of the American manufacturer was the question of freights, the charge being as great for shipping agricultural implements from Ingersoll to Napanee as from Chicago to Napanee. The implements of Canada were classed as double first-class, and in the United States simply as first class.

Mr. Fielding: Of the articles you have mentioned do you use the imported goods?

Mr. Noxon: Yes, chiefly imported from the United States.

Mr. Fielding: Why don't you buy them in England?

Mr. Noxon: The prices are somewhat lower in the United States. Besides I was in England last year and found they were so busy there that I could not get my orders filled.

Mr. Fielding: Why don't you use the Canadian manufactured article? I understand many of these you have mentioned are produced in Canada.

Mr. Noxon: Because the prices are a little higher and the quality is not quite as good. I can buy them in the United States and I lay them down in Canada cheaper after paying the duty than I can buy them here.

The sitting was suspended for the lunch hour.

The bicycle manufacturers had their innings at the afternoon session. Their interests were represented by Mr. Elliot of Toronto, who, in an elaborate and carefully-prepared statement, set forth the grievances under which the trade labors. He pointed out, for instance, that the duty on raw materials reduced the 30 per cent. protection upon the finished article in Canada to a net protection of only 20 per cent., and calculated that it would require a protection of 45 per cent. to place the Canadian manufacturer upon a footing of equality with the bicycle manufacturer in the United States. He proved that in the matter of wheels Canada was certainly being made a slaughter market for low grade machines, and it was against this class of wheel that protection was asked. For example, wheels, parts of which were principally the product of Yankee prison labor, were imported into Canada at a valuation of $18 each. Adding the duty these wheels cost the Toronto wholesaler $24 each, and he sold them retail at $60 apiece. This he was enabled to do by changing the name plate, because it was impossible for any but an expert to detect the difference between a high-grade and a low-grade machine.

Another injustice to the Canadian manufacturer of first-class wheels was the facility which the customs afforded to the assembling of machines in this country from parts imported into Canada. He calculated that of 37,000 bicycles sold in Canada last year 20,000 were imported ready-made and about 17,000 imported in parts and put together in this country. This latter process involved but a trifling outlay for labor, so that on the whole not less than $1,400,000 was sent out of the country for work that should be performed here.

Against the high-grade machine the present protection was all right; Canadians could compete with the world in that class. He therefore asked that the duty remain as at present on wheels costing $50 and upwards, but that on low-grade wheels costing under $50 each the duty be $10 each and 10 per cent. ad valorem. Further, that the duty on parts be the same proportionately as upon a finished wheel, and the present duty be in no way reduced.

Mr. Fielding suggested that according to the proposed low-grade schedule the duty upon an $18 American wheel, namely, $13 at present, would be a pretty steep protection.

The agricultural implement manufacturers then took another turn with the commissioners. Mr. Walter Massey, president of the Massey-Harris Company, complained that a great injustice had been done to implement makers by the late Government. There was an excessive duty on the raw material, and the duty on the finished product could certainly not be made less than at present, namely, 20 per cent.

Mr. Fielding: That is, if the duty on raw materials is left as it is.

Mr. Massey: No, but if they are reduced.

Mr. Fielding: If the duty on your raw material is reduced couldn't you do as well with less duty on the finished product?

Mr. Massey: No, sir. We are laboring under peculiarly disadvantageous conditions, which increase as time goes on.

Mr. Fielding remarked that the consensus of opinion among the Manitoba farmers at any rate was quite the other way, although in that perhaps they were a little selfish, just like the rest of humanity.

Mr. Hamilton of Peterboro, who said he had been in the business for 40 years, declared that they were better off under the Mackenzie tariff of 17 1-2 per cent. The late Government, just to please the farmers, dropped the protective duty on harvesting machinery from 25 to 20 per cent. For himself he did not wish to be unjust to the iron manufacturers, and he thought the Government ought to be bold and brave enough just to increase the implement makers' protection to 25 per cent.

Mr. Richard Sylvester of Lindsay announced himself as a protectionist, who believed in Canada for the Canadians and in meeting the Americans with reciprocity. He feared Manitoba farmers were largely governed by prejudice in favor of American machines, when they asked a further reduction of the duty. They were now getting the Canadian machine as cheap as the Dakota farmer gets his United States made machine. There was no money in the industry now; in fact, from twenty-five ten years ago, the number of manufacturers of harvesting machinery had been reduced to 6.

Mr. Wallace of Terrebonne spoke in a similar strain on behalf of the industry.

Mr. Foulkes of the Wilkinson Plow Company, Toronto, asked for cheaper crude oil for tempering and complained of cut-throat tactics of American manufacturers.

Mr. Lyman Jones of the Massey-Harris Company had a list of duties paid on raw material, such as cotton duck, nails, malleable iron, chains, etc., to show that they far exceeded the rate of duty on the completed machine. He trusted that any change the Government might make would be introduced with the view to permanency in the tariff, to which all the delegates cried "Hear, hear." In the case of iron manufacturers, he showed that by being protected from step to step there was a net protection of $16 per ton on the quality known as angle steel, a ton of which could be bought in the United States for $26. After adding to the excessive freight rates, he went on to say that the reason why so many of the agricultural implement makers voted against the late Government was because the latter had singled them out a sacrifice to the farmers. Being large exporters of machines, his firm asked for the retention of the drawback upon raw materials. In five years the Massey-Harris Co. had sent abroad two and a half million dollars' worth of agricultural implements, representing a large amount paid out in wages in this country.

Mr. W. W. Near, representing the Pillow Hersey Company of Montreal, spoke on behalf of the iron manufacturers. He urged a specific duty on certain manufactures of iron to prevent fraud and protect the revenue. He, too, favored more equitable duties as between raw materials and the finished product. The iron manufacturers estimated their protection at an average of 35 per cent. Their export trade to Australia and the West Indies had been killed off by American competition. He suggested a bonus on exports instead of the present drawback of 99 per cent. of the duty paid on all raw materials entering into the manufacture of the articles exported.

Mr. Lillies of Gananoque complained that manufacturers of carriage hardware had to pay 35 to 40 per cent on their raw material, while the protection on the finished article was only 32 1-2 per cent.

Messrs. J. B. Reid, M.P., G. F. Benson and J. C. Magie appeared as representatives of the Edwardsburg Starch Company. What they desired to discuss was the duty on glucose. The duty of 7 1-2 cents a bushel on corn, it was pointed out, represented a tax of 22 1-2 cents per hundred pounds of glucose and 7 cents a bushel for freight represented another 21 cents. Thus they were paying a tax of 43 1-2 cents for their raw material, which quite wiped out the advantage of the protective duty on glucose. Owing to the comparatively small quantity produced the Canadian manufacturers were making less than one-eighth of a cent per pound profit. They wanted free corn and increased protection on confectioners' glucose.

Sam E. Lichtenstein of the Montreal Cotton and Wool Waste Company, a firm which uses all the waste cotton produced in Canada, and supplies about one-fourth of the demand for cotton waste, asked for protection. At present cotton waste comes in free from the United States, where it can be manufactured cheaper than anywhere in the world. The importation last year amounted to $322,000 worth. A duty of one cent a pound would double the company's output and give $20,-000 a year to the Government as revenue from duty upon the balance imported. He also asked a duty of three cents per pound on wool waste. On a capital of $90,000 last year his firm only cleared $3000.

Messrs. Belding & Paul of Montreal said they began business as manufacturers of silk thread with a 17 1-2 per cent. tariff, and had not increased prices with increased production. Mr. Wiman then came into competition with them, and the firm went into ribbons, building up a trade of $100,-000 a year. They had done well and paid good salaries, but lately the Swiss manufacturers were running them closely. More protection was needed on ribbons, Mr. Paul said. He believed they made the prettiest goods in the world, paid $75,000 yearly in wages and employed $100,000 worth of machinery. Mr. Wiman's establishment was about half as large as theirs. What they wanted was no change in the duty on silk thread, but higher duty on ribbons; also that they be upon the same footing as woolen manufacturers, who were allowed to import spun silk free.

This concluded the business of the sitting and the commission adjourned until to-morrow.

MILITIA CHANGES.

Orders Signed by Hon. Dr. Borden Before He Left for Lakewood—Ottawa General News.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, left for Lakewood, N.J., to-day. Before his departure he signed a militia general order, in which the following appear:

Lieut.-Col. John Gray, Inspector of Stores, is retired, to retain the rank of Lieut.-Col. on retirement.

The Governor-General's Body Guard—The services of Lieut. William B. Hagerman are dispensed with.

1st Hussars—A Squadron, to be second lieut., provisionally, Alexander St. Mackintosh; B Squadron, to be second lieutenants, provisionally, John Becket Kilgour and Henry Randolph Abbott.

9th Toronto Field Battery—To be second lieutenant, provisionally, Edward Hastings Bickford.

48th Battalion, Highlanders—To be second lieutenants, provisionally, Arthur Pearcy Taylor, and Colin Larke Harbottle.

34th Ontario Battalion—To be surgeon lieutenant, provisionally, Second Lieut. David Alexander Clark, vice Bogart, retired.

35th Battalion, Simcoe Foresters—No. 1 Company, Lieut. Charles Franklin Ward resigns his position.

36th Peel Battalion, No. 1 Company—Capt. James Scott Brown resigns his commission. To be second lieutenant, provisionally, John Alexander Trimble, vice Brown, retired.

57th Battalion of Infantry, Peterboro Rangers—To be honorary chaplain, Rev. John Cheyne Davidson.

77th Wentworth Battalion—Quartermaster and honorary captain, William Roddick, having left the limits, his name is removed from the list of officers.

Infantry—To be lieut.-col., from May 4, 1876, James Zaccheus Rogers, from the retired list of lieut.-colonels.

To be major, from Dec. 16, 1892, John Dunlop Hay, from the retired list of majors.

Simcoe Regiment—To be lieut.-col., Capt. D. F. MacWatt, from No. 1 Company, vice John MacWatt, deceased.

The Department of Marine will issue in about ten days a new map, showing the navigation of the Lake of the Woods. It will be of great value to persons interested in mining in that district. Great care has been expended by Col. Anderson in preparation of the map, resort having been made to all available sources of information, as well as departmental records. It will be supplied through the Printing Bureau at the price of $1 per copy. The Marine Department has only two lights in operation on the Lake of the Woods, but two others are being constructed this winter. About 180 buoys are used in summer time to mark navigable channels.

As soon as a supply of Lee-Enfield rifles is forwarded to the different city corps about 50 rounds of blank ammunition will be sent to the headquarters of each corps in order that the men may be instructed as to the best way in which to load the new weapon.

A serious accident occurred this morning at the drill hall. As is customary since the F.L.D. guards started rifle practice with the Morris tube, several members of the troop were shooting, and Mr. Thomas Christian, caretaker of the Dragoon Guards, was acting as marker. When standing close to the target, and in no way protected, the rifle accidentally went off while Mr. McIntosh, son of Rev. Wm. McIntosh, was preparing to shoot. The ball penetrated Mr. Christian's left side and lodged in his back. Doctors succeeded in extracting the bullet. Christian is very low to-night.

The action to set aside the election of Ald. Butler in Victoria Ward came up for hearing before Judge Mosgrove this morning. Immediately on the opening of the court, Mr. Horace Pratt, on behalf of the relator, Andrew Mason, stated that his client had been deceived and he wished at that late hour to withdraw from the case and not to have anything further to do with the protest. The judge there upon dismissed the case with costs to plaintiff.

In Ministerial circles it is denied that Dr. Borden purposes to retire from the Ministry, and it is believed that with three weeks' rest he will be all right again. No one will rejoice more at such a consummation than his political opponents.

A large deputation from the vicinity of Trenton were in the Capital to-day to urge upon the Government the desirableness of proceeding at once with the construction of the section of the Trent Canal from Balsam Lake to Lake Simcoe. They had an interview with Mr. Blair this afternoon.

The Premier has arranged to meet a delegation on behalf of the Montreal, Ottawa & Georgian Bay Canal in the Railway Committee room on March 2.

Major Sutherland, M.P., is in the city.

Alexander Smith, Liberal organizer for Western Ontario, is here.

John R. Booth, Ottawa's railway king, is suffering from an attack of grippe, and is said to be seriously ill.

It is reported that Senior County Judge Ross has sent in his resignation. Mr. D. B. McTavish, City Solicitor, is to succeed him.

An extra of The Canada Gazette was issued to-day duly postponing the date of the opening of Parliament to March 25.

Local Option in Pickering.

Whitby, Ont., Feb. 23.—The scrutiny of the vote for the repeal of local option in Pickering township was continued to-day before Judge Dartnell, when 15 more votes were struck off, leaving a margin of five yet to play. Adjournment was made to Friday, when it is likely the scrutiny will be finished.

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CRETE IS BLOCKADED.

Warships Are Rushing Up and Down the Coasts.

Many Vessels Stopped and Made to Prove That They Were on Legitimate Business—The Italian Admiral Gave the Signal for the Bombardment of Canea—The Difficulty Said to Have Been Settled on a Basis of Cretan Autonomy—Turkish Troops Cut Up—Latest News From the East.

Athens, Feb. 23.—A despatch to The Asty from Canea says that the foreign warships are now rigorously blockading the coast of Crete. The British torpedo boats are especially active, rapidly steaming along the coast and keeping a sharp look-out to prevent the landing of troops, provisions or munitions of war. Many vessels have been stopped by the blockading fleets and not allowed to proceed until they satisfactorily proved that they were engaged in legitimate business. So strict is the blockade that the carrying of letters to the Piraeus from the force of Col. Vassos, the commander of the Greek army of occupation, is prohibited.

The entire country is in a state of intense anxiety and unrest over the situation, and there is the wildest speculation as to what the final outcome will be. The people are deeply incensed against the powers for their intervention in Crete and their attitude is causing some apprehension in court and Government circles. King George today issued a proclamation that is intended to cool the popular passions and thus avert what might prove a national crisis. He enjoins the country to be calm and dignified and to confide in the Government, which, he says, is doing everything possible to uphold the honor of Greece and maintain the rights of the Hellenic peoples.

More Firing at Canea.

Canea, Feb. 23.—Great excitement was caused here last night by smart rifle firing to the westward of the town. It was soon learned that the firing was taking place between the Turkish outposts and Christian insurgents, and the report spread that the outposts had been driven back and the insurgents were approaching the town. Crowds of residents went to the ramparts of the city and anxiously watched the outcome of the fighting. The firing ceased in a short time without either side having gained any material advantage or so far as known causing any casualties.

A Turkish warship in Suda Bay and the soldiers in the arsenal there today fired repeatedly at the village, which was shelled Sunday by the foreign fleets. There was absolutely no reason for this attack except that the Turks were desirous of provoking an occasion for further intervention on the part of the European powers. A white flag was flying over the position occupied by the insurgents, but this did not prevent the firing. The insurgents, understanding probably the motives of the Turks, did not reply to the fire.

The leaders of the insurgents who were shelled Sunday have made through the Greek commodore a formal protest against the action of the foreign admirals. They declare in their protest that, acting in obedience to the powers, they refrained from actual hostilities against the Moslems as long as it was possible, but the Turks having shelled their position for two days, they were finally compelled to reply to the fire. They ask whether the powers are determined to allow the Turks to destroy the Christians in Crete, as they did the Armenians in Anatolia.

Fighting has been going on all day to-day above Tuzla on Suda Bay. No details have yet been received.

THE BOMBARDING SIGNAL.

Was Given by the Italian Admiral, Who is Senior Officer.

London, Feb. 23.—In the House of Commons to-day Right Hon. George N. Curzon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, said in reply to an inquiry upon the subject that the signal for the bombardment of the insurgents' position at Canea was given by Admiral Canevaro of the Italian navy as commander of the united fleets, by reason of seniority.

Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, replying to the request made yesterday by Sir William Harcourt that the instructions given to the British admiral at Canea be laid before the House, said that he was compelled to decline to comply with the demand as it would be impolitic to do so.

Turkish Troops Cut Up.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—A despatch received here to-day from Constantinople says that the Turkish Government has informed the Ambassadors that two companies of Turkish troops were cut up by the insurgents at Voukoulis, and that only one officer and sixty men escaped.

Withdrawal of Troops Demanded.

Vienna, Feb. 23.—According to despatches received here from Athens this morning the representatives of the powers made a demand upon the Government of Greece to-day for the withdrawal of the Greek troops from the Island of Crete.

It was the intention of Emperor Francis Joseph to have started for Cap Martin for a season of recreation yesterday, but in view of the still unsettled state of affairs in Crete the Emperor has deferred his departure until next Sunday.

THE QUEEN IN LONDON.

United States Ladies Who Will be Presented to Her Majesty.

London, Feb. 23.—The Queen arrived in London from Windsor to-day. The weather was bright and sunny. Mrs. Bayard, wife of the United States Ambassador, will be presented to Her Majesty at the drawing room which will be held at Buckingham Palace to-morrow, also Mrs. Marshall Fox of Maine and her daughter. Miss Maynard Butler of Boston and Mrs. Wentworth of New York.

FLOOD IN VIRGINIA.

People Compelled to Move From Their Homes—Destruction to Property Heavy.

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 22.—Hundreds of families are moving out of the lowlands in the Guyan, Twelve Pole and Big Sandy Valleys. The loss to property has already reached alarming proportions from flood and the rain continues general along these streams. Some lives are reported lost in Tig River Valley and much live stock drowned. Landslides are reported along the Norfolk and Western and business is temporarily suspended.

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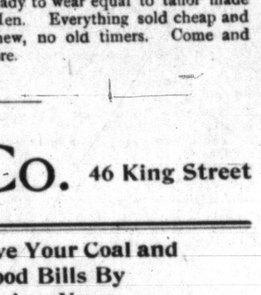
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