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## Note This Saturday

Being New Year's Day

**Monday**  
Our Liquor Store at 53 King St. West will be closed from Friday evening until Tuesday morning, and we are anxious to make this as widely known as possible, so that our numerous customers will provide for their wants to-day.

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Wine Merchants  
54 KING STREET W.  
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## FRANKLIN HUNT FOR TRIAL

He and His Aunt Will Have to Answer for the Death of James Rankin.

Huntsville, Ont., Dec. 30. The adjourned inquest on the body of James Rankin was resumed last night.

The evidence was to the effect that a sister of the deceased, named Margaret Stevens, had ordered her son to get the gun. He did this, and, after an altercation, shot Rankin in the leg between the knee and ankle.

Dr. Howland and Hart, who made the post-mortem examination, testified that death had resulted from a wound which they believed to be fatal.

The jury brought in a verdict that deceased came to his death from a gunshot wound caused by the hand of James Rankin.

The coroner committed Walter Frankum and Margaret Stevens to answer before the Justice of the Peace to the charges which are a result of the verdict.

## NOTES FROM WINNIPEG.

Dragons Have Been Disbanded Because There Was No Leader.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—C. H. Beauchamp of La Patrie, Montreal, denies the report that he is here to investigate the Catholic schools of Manitoba for the Laurier Government.

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## HUMBER PIGGERY SCANDAL.

The Government Would Appear to be Burking the Enquiry.

Mr. St. John Was Not Permitted to Call Witnesses in the Order Desired and the Opposition Members of the Public Accounts Committee Walked Out of the Room—An Important Government Measure Brought Down.

An important Government measure brought down in the Ontario Legislature yesterday was that affecting the sale by druggists and others of patent medicines containing alcohol.

It permits of the free sale of proprietary remedies and compounds containing not more than 17 per cent of alcohol, but still does not allow of the sale of alcohol itself without a doctor's certificate.

This bill is in line with several others designed by the Administration to place different classes of the electorate.

Perhaps never before did the Ontario Government hasten as it has done during the present session to meet the demands of nearly every deputizing class.

Almost daily some Minister announces a new bill, granting the demands of somebody who has waited upon him, and the outlook is that there are more to follow.

Hon. Mr. Davis will next week present a bill dealing with at least a portion of the requests of those who waited upon him only two days ago with regard to the regulation of masterly boarding houses and the care of neglected children.

Other features of the proceedings at the Parliament buildings yesterday were a sensation in the Public Accounts Committee and the reading of some important measures.

The House last evening adjourned to Tuesday next.

**First Readings.**

The Attorney-General introduced a bill to amend the Manhood Suffrage and Registration Act, and it was read a first time. The speaker relates technically to the machinery of elections and is of no interest to the public generally.

The following bills were also read a first time:

An act to enable Louis J. Riggs to practice dentistry—Mr. St. John.

An act to amend the Game Protection Act—Mr. Langford.

An act to amend the Ontario Companies Act—Mr. Davis.

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A hired conveyance. It was not customary for candidates to do so, anyway. In conclusion, the Opposition members suggested that a clause should be added to the bill providing that no License Commissioner should be appointed as a returning officer in any riding.

Mr. Harvey thought the measure a good one. He spoke of the necessity of sub-section 1 of section 1, as shown by an instance where the owner of a hall refused to open its doors before the candidate paid the rent for it. No agent of the candidate was present, and it would have been a relief to him if he could have included the hire of the building in his personal expenses.

The bill was read a second time.

Mr. Marter's Toronto City bill to amend the Assessment Act was read a second time and referred to the Municipal Committee.

Mr. Carnegie's bill to amend the Municipal Act was also read a second time.

**Sale of Liquor by Druggists.**

Hon. Mr. Harcourt introduced and secured a first reading for a bill respecting the sale of patent and other medicines, and the Provincial Treasurer said that prior to last session druggists were at liberty to sell a quantity of liquor not exceeding six ounces without a doctor's certificate.

It was represented to the Government that in a few cases druggists had sold more than six ounces of liquor, and therefore, the Government had prohibited selling together without a doctor's certificate. He did not think anyone contemplated that this prohibition should extend to the sale of this kind of patent or proprietary medicines.

The department was not aware of any information against druggists for selling patent medicines containing alcohol, and commitments had been had. The purpose of the present bill was to allow druggists to sell patent and other medicines, provided they did so in the original packages; provided the packages did not contain more than 17 per cent of alcohol, and provided that they constituted no more than one-tenth of the business of the druggist.

Formerly county merchants other than druggists sold patent medicines, and the provision extended to them.

**New Bills.**

Notices have been given of the following bills: Mr. Davis—Bill to amend the Act to regulate masterly boarding houses and the care of neglected children.

Mr. St. John—Bill to amend the Loan Corporations Act.

Mr. Crawford—Bill to amend the Municipal Act.

**Victoria University.**

Rev. Dr. Potts, Rev. Dr. Carman, Rev. Chancellor Burwash, Rev. Dr. Smith and Mr. Macleod, J. C. O. waited on the Minister of Education yesterday with reference to the desire to obtain representation in the University Senate.

**OPPOSITIONISTS ANGRY.**

They quit the Public Accounts Committee's Piggery Investigation Yesterday.

Yesterday's session of the Public Accounts Committee witnessed quite a dramatic incident. The committee met at 10 a.m., and from the first Chairman Charlton had a difficult time to keep order. Hon. Messrs. Harcourt and Davis and the other members of the committee were all there, and they were all in a bad way.

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