

**HARBIN PREPARES
FOR A CAMPAIGN****Exodus of Women and Children,
and Shops Close.****LINEVITCH IN PERILOUS PLACE****If He Fails to Hold Japs at Sungari
River He Runs a Chance of
Being Surrounded.**

St. Petersburg, March 24. — At 4:32 p.m. the news from the front continued to indicate preparations for a withdrawal of the main portion of the Russian army beyond Harbin, as the Japanese have succeeded in having their communications with Russia severed, if it is found impracticable to attempt to hold the line at the Sungari River. Tishitar, 300 miles west of Harbin, is mentioned by several correspondents in a fashion to suggest that it will be the new point of concentration, although others speak of the Amur River.

A light flying column of Japanese cavalry is reported to be moving hastily across the country towards Tishitar, while a heavier column is going northeast in the direction of Vladivostok.

One correspondent intimates that the Japanese army may adopt the tactics of relieving the direct pressure on Gen. Linevitch in the hope of inducing him to concentrate as far as possible behind Harbin.

Exodus from Harbin.

Gunshu Pass, Manchuria (100 miles north of the Pass), March 24. — The women and children are reported to be leaving Harbin, and the business houses are closing. The stationary hospitals are being moved back and the entire railroad east and south of Tishitar is being prepared for the next stage of the war.

The conviction exists that Gen. Kuroki is now directed toward the northeast for the investment of Vladivostok, changing his base for that purpose to Gensan.

While the Manchurian railway is employed to supply the main army in its advance on Harbin, the Japanese seem still partial to the plan of keeping close to their sea bases, and instead of following the Russians, some of the military experts are of the opinion that the Japanese may relieve the pressure upon Gen. Linevitch, and thus induce him to concentrate in the region between Santoupi and the Pass for another battle. But throughout the campaign all the prognostications of experts regarding the plans of the Japanese failed, the admirations of the Japanese consistently fattening upon the victories achieved.

The rank and file of the Russian army show peculiar adaptability to conform with the new conditions, and accommodate themselves to the wishes and intentions of the commander-in-chief.

St. Petersburg, March 24, 1:45 a.m. — The possibility that if the Russian army should be obliged to retreat to the lower line of the Sungari River, Chunchiatu, it may be compelled to retreat not only to Harbin, but also further westward along the railroad, abandoning to the Japanese Northern Manchuria and the Russian Maritime Amur Provinces as well, is the latest startling news from the front. The strategic weakness of Gen. Linevitch's position as he falls back northward, is made clear by a Gunshu dispatch to the Associated Press, which it is pointed out that unless Chunchiatu and the Sungari lines, a scant hundred miles below Harbin, can be held, it will be difficult to maintain a position farther back before Harbin, where, with the front of the army paralleling the railroad, the practicability of the movement to completely sever communications and isolate the army, 6,000 miles from home, is too serious for Russian consideration. In view of the possibility the dispatch alluded to suggests the advisability of immediately providing Vladivostok with war munitions and supplies for a two-year siege. The correspondent estimates the number of reinforcements needed to give Gen. Linevitch the equivalent of superiority in force at 200,000. That such a dispatch should have been permitted to pass the censor at the front is significant, and Gen. Linevitch has communicated a similar estimate of the situation direct to Emperor Nicholas, it may account for his majesty's increased displeasure with the counsel's and open negotiations before the Japanese establish themselves on Russian soil. With Manchuria entirely abandoned to the Japanese, Vladivostok left as Russia's solitary sentinel on the Pacific, it is realized that Russia will be practically at Japan's mercy in the matter of peace terms. It can now be definitely stated that the reason the decision to appoint Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholas to the supreme command in the Far East was reconsidered was because the outlook at the front does not warrant the risk of compromising the prestige of a member of the imperial family. Military authorities here believe that unless Gen. Linevitch is sure of his ability to hold the lower Sungari line he will risk his whole army if he fortifies and concentrates there, as if he should be defeated, his line of retreat lies to two sides of a triangle, the third side of which is open to the enemy's advance. At the general staff the view that Gen. Linevitch may be compelled to abandon Harbin and retire toward Lake Baikal, leaving Vladivostok to its fate, is regarded as almost unwarranted by anything that is officially known there, it being pointed out that Field Marshal Oyama will have a long and laborious task to bring up an army of 300,000 or 400,000 men, while Russian reinforcements are arriving at Harbin at the rate of 1,000 men per day. Nevertheless, it is significant that there is now a well-marked peace party at the war office.

Saw Russian Fleet.

Port Luis, Mauritius, March 23, 5:55 p.m. — A steamer from Colombo, Ceylon, which arrived here today reports that during the night of March 18 she met a Russian torpedo boat, which was followed by a squadron of warships some distance behind. The steamer was unable to make out the number or character of the ships.

Plotting in the Palace.

New York, March 24. — St. Petersburg, Continued on page 5.

DISCRIMINATION EXISTS**Sub-Committee Recommends Railway
Commission Look Into Rates.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 24. — The sub-committee of the department appointed to inquire into the question of discrimination in freight rates on agricultural products and live stock on the part of the railways, in its report today, recommended that there was discrimination between different points, and recommended that the railway commission should investigate the matter. D. A. Gordon East Kent, was chairman of committee.

CASTRO THE BOLD**Tells U. S. Minister Bowen There Is
Nothing to Arbitrate.**

Willemstad, Curacao, March 24. — It is announced from Caracas, Venezuela, that President Castro today replied to Minister Bowen's latest proposal for arbitration, denying that Venezuela has questions pending with the United States, and saying the case of the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company must remain in the courts.

Minister Bowen cabled the state department today that Caracas said President Castro had flatly refused to arbitrate the pending issues between Venezuela and the United States.

**BUTTER FROM
THE ANTIPODES****Increase in Canadian Price Is
Causing Importations to
United States.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 24. — Canada is importing butter from Australia, and with the recent increase in prices in this country importations are bound to increase. The department of trade and commerce has received a report from Commercial Agent Ross, Melbourne, saying that the rate on butter shipped in cold storage to Great Britain has been reduced from 1 1/2 cents a pound to 1 1/4 cent. He also says that butter has been finding its way to the Pacific coast for some time, and is now reaching Eastern Canada.

GENERAL TRACEY DEAD**Prominent Gold Democrat Succumbs
to Long Illness.**

Albany, N. Y., March 24. — Former Congressman (better known as Gen. Charles) Tracey died at his home here today. He had been ill for some months. His wife, Mrs. Tracey, died last Monday the funeral benediction.

Gen. Tracey was born in Albany 57 years ago. He was a member of Congress from this district from 1887 to 1895, and during his congressional term was one of the leading Democratic opponents of free silver, being elected to the national committee of the gold Democratic party. On June 14, 1889, he married Miss Hermine Duchesnay, of Montreal, Que., who, with their children, and his brother, James F. Tracey, of this city, survives him.

FORGOT THE BABY**Youngster Carried 200 Miles Farther,
But Gets Home All Right.**

Hillsdale, Ill., March 24. — The six-week-old babe of Mrs. E. R. Merryman arrived home here yesterday after having been carried 200 miles by rail before the mother discovered what had become of the child.

Mrs. Merryman and her baby were visiting in a nearby town. On returning home the mother was met at the train by her sister, Mrs. Merryman, who was anxious to see the child. She had been sleeping infant and hurried away, talking about her pleasant trip. After a time she went to the bedroom, where she thought she had placed the child, but the infant was gone. Mrs. Merryman, after collecting her belongings, concluded she had forgotten her baby. Telegrams were sent after the train, and in Iowa the child was found still sleeping. In the care of a woman the babe was promptly sent home.

DEATH OF D. G. GALBRAITH**Well-Known Ekfrid Man Dies After
Brief Illness.**

Glencoe, March 24. — Duncan G. Galbraith, son of Malcolm Galbraith, of Ekfrid, died yesterday, after a very brief illness of typhoid fever at De troit, where he was attending the Medical School. Deceased was well and favorably known throughout Western Ontario. The funeral will take place from his father's residence at 1 o'clock Saturday.

Scalp Torn Off.

Hamilton, March 23. — An accident which may result fatally occurred at Connor's tailoring shop this morning. Olive Clegg, a girl about 15 years old, was adjusting a suit when her hair came in contact with the machinery, and it was immediately drawn in. The force of the machine was so great that the scalp was torn from her head. One ear was also included, and the line of the severing was close to the crown. The girl, on the side of the head, narrowly escaping the other ear, and thence to the nape of the neck.

Mutilated a Horse.

Wiaraton, March 23. — A horse was badly slashed up with a knife in the hands of some unknown party at the Pacific Hotel stable last night. The abdomen was ripped open and a deep gash about two feet long cut into the shoulder and down the thigh. The horse belonged to Edward Kyle, and was used on the mail service between here and Stokes Bay.

**MOTHER AND GIRL
IN DEATH TRANCE****Both Women in a State of
Coma for Fourteen Days.****ONE DEAD, THE OTHER DYING****Specialist Says They Unconsciously
Hypnotized Each Other—A Most
Remarkable Case.**

New York, March 24. — One of the most remarkable cases in the experience of the doctors of the Presbyterian Hospital in this city ended today in the death of Miss Lucia Huestis, of Mount Vernon. Her mother, Mrs. James B. Huestis, has been in a trance for fourteen days prior to her death.

More than two weeks ago both of the women were found unconscious in the home of Henry W. Helfer, a lawyer, of this city, who was acting as their counsel, and on whom they had called for legal advice. They are supposed to have been asphyxiated by gas. Neither had since recovered consciousness and physicians and hypnotists were puzzled by their unaccountable coma.

Miss Huestis was an attractive young woman, 22 years of age. Lack of nourishment was the principal cause of her death, as it had been impossible to give her food except in liquid form, and through a tube. When she began to show signs of falling vitality, stimulants and oxygen were administered, and she died with very slight change in her appearance. A singular fact is that the young woman's mother who lay in an adjoining room began to show signs of the same condition soon after the death of her daughter. Like her daughter the mother also is greatly emaciated, and the physicians at the hospital say that her low vitality is due practically to starvation. Until yesterday it had been expected that both women would eventually be aroused from their coma.

Supt. Fisher, of the Presbyterian Hospital, said today that it was the most remarkable case he had ever witnessed. "We are at a loss to account for it," he said. "The cases have attracted the attention of men of science all over the country, but no theory has been advanced has been of any service to us."

One specialist in hypnosis and psychology, who investigated the case, had made public his conclusion that the two women had unconsciously hypnotized each other and that gas asphyxiation had nothing to do with the case.

SANK AT HER MOORINGS**Ice Puts Steamer Lakeside in a Bad
Fix at Dalhousie.**

Port Dalhousie, Ont., March 24. — The steamer Lakeside, which during the season of navigation plies between Toronto and Port Dalhousie, lies sunk at her moorings this morning. Her main deck is under water, but is held close to the dock by her lines. It is not known whether the vessel was open or whether the ice, which lately left the harbor, drew the oakum out of the seams. The Lakeside was about ready for her daily trip, only waiting for the Toronto harbor to get clear of the ice to let her into her berth. The present diving apparatus is on hand.

To Prevent Shortages.

Montreal, March 24. — The Montreal harbor commissioners have decided to create the new office of controller in view of the recent shortage on material to the extent of \$80,000. The new officer will be in charge of the port, prevent such shortages in the future.

**Russia Faces a Revolt
of Her Asiatic Tribes**

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VICTIMS OF THE PLAGUE**The Secretary for India Issues Some
Startling Figures.**

London, March 23. — Replying to questions in the House of Commons tonight, Mr. Broderick, Secretary of State for India, said that the latest figures on the plague in India showed that for the four weeks ending Feb. 25, in the Bombay Presidency there were 13,475 deaths, and that for the four weeks ending March 11, in the rest of India, there were 123,550 deaths. The total number of deaths from the plague in the Bombay Presidency from Jan. 1 to Feb. 25 were 28,721, and in the rest of India, from Jan. 1 to March 11, 283,178. Mr. Broderick said he had communicated with the Viceroy of India looking to a severe and complete quarantine of the plague, and that it had been decided to send out a scientific expedition to investigate the cause of the plague.

Netherlands and Venezuela.

The Hague, March 24. — The Government of the Netherlands intends, either alone or in conjunction with other powers having differences with Venezuela, to take vigorous measures to secure the release of the five Dutch sailors illegally imprisoned for seven months in that country. It is thought probable that in the event of their release no material change in the situation in the Far East, some of the Netherlands' warships maintaining neutrality in the Dutch East Indies can be transferred to Venezuelan waters in May.

A CANADIAN KIMBERLEY**Expert Aml Believes Diamonds Are
North of Great Lakes.**

Ottawa, March 24. — "There is likely to be another Kimberley north of the great lakes," said Dr. Aml, of the geological survey, yesterday. Dr. Aml is convinced that diamond wealth lies hidden in Canada somewhere between the great lakes and Hudson's Bay. "All surveying parties and explorers in the northern part of Ontario should be on the lookout for everything that will show where diamonds are to be found in place," Dr. Aml has just returned from a trip to the United States. "While in New York on Saturday," said Dr. Aml, "I consulted Professor G. F. Knapp, a gentleman expert in the United States geological survey. Professor Knapp is enthusiastic about the prospects of diamonds found in the States of Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan, and described to me two specimens in drift intensifies the interest in the matter, and goes to show further that diamonds exist in place in Canadian territory north of these states."

Cotton Combine Stocks.

Montreal, March 24. — The 7 per cent preferred stock of the Dominion Textile Company was quoted on the stock exchange for the first time today, the big price being 80 and 100 asked. This is the company which recently absorbed the Dominion Cotton Company, the Merchants' Cotton Company, the Montmorency Cotton Company, and the Dominion Bleaching and Printing Company. The bonds also were listed, but no quotations were made.

**MINISTERS MAY
MEET VICTORIAN****Allan Company Invite Them to
Board the New Liner
at Halifax.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 24. — The cabinet ministers have received invitations from the Allan Line Steamship Company to go to Montreal on Tuesday next and proceed to Halifax to meet their new turbine steamer Victoria. A special train will leave Bonaventure station, Montreal, on Tuesday, for Halifax. The party will go on board the ship at 10 o'clock, and will proceed to St. John's. The special train from St. John's is expected to reach Montreal on Sunday, April 2, at 6 p.m.

**JOE AND ARTHUR
AT LOGGERHEADS****Chamberlain and Balfour Said
to Have Fallen Out
Over Cecil.**

London, March 23. — Open war has been declared between Joseph Chamberlain and Mr. Balfour over the fiscal question. Despite the attitude of Mr. Balfour and the Government in refusing to sanction the efforts of Lord Hugh Cecil to resign the parliamentary seat for Greenwich, Mr. Chamberlain has written a letter claiming that he has a majority of the Unionists with him, and approving the action of a protectionist candidate to contest Lord Hugh Cecil's seat at the next general election.

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The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 52°; lowest, 36° above.

**MONK DIFFERS
WITH MR. BORDEN****Chief of Quebec Conservatives
on School Clause.****OPPOSES LEADER'S AMENDMENT****Holds Minority Have Right to Protection of Parliament—No Dicta to Is From the Clergy.**

Ottawa, March 23. — Mr. F. D. Monk, who rose at 9:15 to speak on the school clauses of the autonomy bill, was generally received by his fellow-Conservatives. He at once declared, however, that he would oppose the amendment offered by the leader of the Opposition. After the general elections of 1896 the Conservative party held a meeting in Montreal, when he stated he would not again discuss the school question. He had since adhered to that resolution. (Applause.) When the present question had been fully looked into he did not think that as regarded the school question, the Government of Canada could come to any other conclusion as to the concessions made by that bill to create conditions of justice and equity in the Northwest than that the practical result was one of very, very little importance.

Mr. Monk read many quotations to prove that the movement for a province erected in the Northwest within the territorial limits of which province there was a law passed by competent authority and secured rights to any class of persons in regard to denominational schools, those rights were preserved by the mere fact that that territory coming as a province within the limits of the Dominion. (Ministerial applause.)

There was a man in the House, who, from the west or the east, who would deny that when creating new provinces Parliament should not maintain those rights? Having for 30 years maintained, right or wrongly, the minority of that immense territory in the possession of their educational rights, and having on two occasions solemnly declared that those rights existed at a time when doubts were expressed regarding those rights, should not Parliament in preservation of its honor maintain those rights? (Cheers.) Although called separate schools, these schools in the Northwest were in reality public schools, and, hypothetically, they had the right to participate in the state funds. There never was, to his mind, Mr. Monk said, anything more unworthy than the abolishing of the schools in Manitoba after a pledge giving to the minority every possible assurance that at no time would their rights be interfered with. "We have heard so much about the hierarchy, about priestly control and about endowing the Catholic church in the Northwest. It is proper and reasonable, so much so, that it is in reality the effect of this enactment. Is it the endowment of a church? Is it even denominational education? They have it all over England? It is not," Mr. Monk pointed out that the Catholic church had not control of the separate schools, over which the Government retained absolute control. Mr. Monk announced that he would support the educational clauses of the bill.

In conclusion Mr. Monk resented the insinuation, which was frequently made in a part of the press regarding clerical influence or influence in the election to uphold the rights of the minority. It was said he was under the control of the clergy. "There is no foundation for this," he said. "I have no duty to my country and to my constituents, without being controlled by priest or bishop or anyone else. Those who make the accusation cast upon us a libel which we do not deserve. (Cheers.) There is no voter in the Dominion who will be more apt to resent clerical influence or influence than the electors of the Province of Quebec. So sensitive are the electors of Quebec upon this point that the priests in my riding united together to secure my election. I believe I would lose my deposit, what has been the consequence in isolated cases where such an attempt at interference has occurred? It has led to lawsuits and to the final departure of the priest from the parish. As a public man he believed everybody to be in the same position of independence that he was in himself, and he would like to see exactly how the priest or bishop, interfere with him in the exercise of his functions in the House. As the morning underground of black-robed men, who are all the time acting, by hidden, obscure, mysterious conspiracies, upon members of Parliament and the electors in general, it was nothing but a chimera. Mr. Monk finally quoted the speech of Right Hon. Mr. Balfour on the education bill, and said he could have wished in forming these new provinces it would be that in the conduct of public affairs, particularly in the treatment of the minority they would have men to lead the destiny of these two great provinces according to the example of the great statesmen of England. Mr. Monk was loudly cheered, and when the Speaker left the chair many Conservatives proceeded to cross the floor and extended congratulations.

DYING IN WIFE'S TOMB**New Yorker Had Kept Nightly Vigil
There for Seven Years.**

New York, March 24. — Unconscious and apparently dying, aged Jonathan Reed, a retired business man of Brooklyn, was found lying on the stone floor of his wife's granite tomb in the cemetery of the Evergreens yesterday and his removal to a hospital followed.

Reed, who had been in the lonely enclosure, as was his daily custom for more than seven years, except when the tomb might be storm-bound in the winter. A laborer passing by the door of the tomb noticed the man lying as if dead on the floor, and he notified the proper authorities. Reed was still breathing faintly when the ambulance surgeon arrived, and it was said that he had a fair chance of recovery.

Saluted the Kaiser.

Dover, March 24. — The Hamburg-American Line steamer Hamburg from Cuxhaven yesterday, with Emperor William on board, bound for the Mediterranean, called here today for dispatches, and proceeded to Southampton, where he was met by the Kaiser. The Emperor exchanged the forts and the escorting German armored cruiser Prinz Friedrich Karl.

Venezuela Gives Security.

London, March 24. — The signature of the agreement between Venezuela and the Anglo-German bondholders, and justifying and consolidating the exterior debt was completely today. Sixty per cent of the custody of all the ports except La Guaira and Puerto Cabello are allocated as security.

The Baby Mansion.

Sandwich, Ont., March 24. — The Baby Mansion, one of the landmarks of Essex County, and one that is intimately associated with the history of this part of Canada has just been sold to Dr. Bressie. The house was built by the late Charles Baby in 179 upon the ground given him by the crown. It is built of walnut logs with stone and brick trimmings. Its architecture will be preserved.

JULES VERNE DEAD**The Famous French Novelist Passes
Away at Amiens.**

Amiens, France, March 24. — Jules Verne died at 3:10 p.m. today.

Jules Verne was born at Nantes, Feb. 8, 1828. He was the author of a great many books, the most of them romances, with a scientific background. His most famous works are, "Five Weeks in a Balloon," "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," and "Michael Strogoff." Many of his stories were dramatized, and all have been translated in almost every known language. For some years Verne has been a resident of Amiens, France, where he took an active part in municipal matters.

WAR FOR GUATEMALA**Signs Point to a Fresh Revolution
in Central America.**

Mexico City, March 24. — A coasting vessel arriving recently at Lower California port, reports having seen many empty warehouses in the interior of the country. It is believed that the rifles taken from these cases have been furnished to the forces which are about to be planning an invasion of Guatemala. It is asserted that another war in Guatemala is probable. The Guatemalan rebels, in the guise of laborers, it is said, are congregating at various points along the Guatemalan frontiers.

The Government of Salvador also is reported in readiness to be planning an invasion as a revolution shall have been launched.

**NO MORE BAIT
FOR UNCLE SAM****Newfoundland Retaliates for the
Breaking of the Bond-
Hay Treaty.**

St. Johns, Nfld., March 24. — The Newfoundland Government has ordered the customs collectors throughout the island to refuse American fishing vessels licenses to procure bait in colonial waters, because the United States Senate backed the Bond-Hay treaty. The advocates of retaliation against the Americans say they can make the crusade as effective against Gloucester as they have already made it against St. Pierre.

HIGH AND LOFTY TUMBLING**Workman for Second Time Drops
80 Feet and Lives.**

St. Paul, March 24. — After a fall of 80 feet, the second accident of the kind within a year, suffered by James Costello, a bridge builder, who fell from a high bridge over the Mississippi River here yesterday when he fell from the false work. Striking a barge, he bounded off into shallow water and was picked up by another workman and taken to a hospital. Last September, Costello fell 60 feet, but landed in a pile of soft clay. He was injured severely and was in the hospital only a short time.

CLERQUE VERY MUCH IN IT**Has Large Financial Interests in
Various Soo Industries.**

Detroit, Mich., March 24. — Mr. Francis H. Clergue, in referring to rumor that he has not much financial interest in the present Lake Superior Corporation, says, "My financial interests are larger than ever before, and that the reorganization was eminently satisfactory to me. The corporation is very bright. Mr. Clergue states that the Algoma Central will be built for 100 miles farther to connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific, and into the Manitoulin district. An additional interest in the present Lake Superior Corporation, says, "My financial interests are larger than ever before, and that the reorganization was eminently satisfactory to me. The corporation is very bright. Mr. Clergue states that the Algoma Central will be built for 100 miles farther to connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific, and into the Manitoulin district. 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TODAY'S MARKETS
Yesterday's Reports on Page 5.

STOCK MARKETS.
H. C. Becker, stock broker, Bank of Commerce building, received the following by private wire from Bartlett, Frazier & Carrington today:
New York, March 24.—Noon.—A very decided change for the time being has come over the talk on the floor, and it is now as enthusiastically bullish as it was pessimistic a few days ago. The reason for this change is somewhat hard to arrive at, one reason given is that there has been very thorough liquidation, that weak holders of stocks have been shaken out, and that large interests have been heavy buyers. There were indications that Standard Oil brokers were more active on the buying side than for some time. Their operations were thought to be largest in Steel, common and preferred, Smelters, Lead and C. P. and L. London houses took considerable blocks of Union Pacific, and were leading buyers of C. and O. and W. Stock did not come out freely, and the advances took place on small trades. It is believed that the long-delayed deal between the National Lead and the American Smelters is now approaching completion. Some realizing has made its appearance during the last hour, causing a slight setback, but the undertone to the market continues firm.

TORONTO. March 24. Ask. Off.

Bank of Montreal	124	124
Bank of Toronto	124	124
Bank of Commerce	124	124
Imperial Bank	124	124
Dominion Bank	124	124
Standard Bank	124	124
Bank of Hamilton	124	124
Traders' Bank	124	124
Bank of British America	124	124
Western Assurance	124	124
Internal Life	124	124
Consumers' Gas	124	124
Ont. & Qu'Appelle Land	124	124
Canada Northwest Land	124	124
C. P. R.	124	124
Toronto Electric Light	124	124
Canadian General Electric	124	124
Dominion Telegraph	124	124
Bel Telephone	124	124
Richelieu & Ontario Electric	124	124
Niagara Navigation	124	124
St. L. & C. Navigation	124	124
Toronto Railway	124	124
Twin City Railway	124	124
Winnipeg Street Railway	124	124
Sao Paulo Tramway	124	124
Dominion Steel, com.	124	124
Dominion Steel, pfd.	124	124
Nova Scotia Steel, com.	124	124
Crow's Nest Coal	124	124
Mackay, com.	124	124
Mackay, pfd.	124	124
Salt	124	124
British Canadian Potash	124	124
Canada Landed	124	124
Canada Permanent	124	124
Canadian S. & L.	124	124
Central Canada Loan	124	124
Dominion S. & L.	124	124
Hamilton Trust	124	124
Huron & Erie L. & S.	124	124
Landed Banking & Loan	124	124
Manitoba Loan	124	124
Toronto Mortgage	124	124
Ontario Loan & Trust	124	124
Toronto Savings & Loan	124	124
Dominion Steel	124	124

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MONTREAL. March 24. Ask. Off.

Canadian Pacific	124	124
Montreal Street Railway	124	124
West India	124	124
Toronto Street Railway	124	124
Hull Street Railway	124	124
Twin City Transit	124	124
Richelieu & Ontario Electric	124	124
Montreal Telegraph	124	124
Bel Telephone	124	124
Dominion Steel	124	124
Dominion Steel, pfd.	124	124
Nova Scotia Steel	124	124
Detroit Railway	124	124
Laurentide Pulp	124	124
Montreal Cotton	124	124
Lake of Woods Milling	124	124
Vinnipeg bonds	124	124
Dominion Coal	124	124
Mackay, com.	124	124
Mackay, pfd.	124	124
Bank of Montreal	124	124
Molson Bank	124	124
Ottawa Bank	124	124
Montreal Railway	124	124
Quebec Bank	124	124
Union Bank	124	124
Dominion Steel, bonds	124	124
Toledo Railway	124	124

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Open High Low Close

Amer. Copper	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Amer. Sugar	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	48	48	47 1/2	47 1/2
Amer. Foundry	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Amer. Refining	101	101	100 1/2	100 1/2
Atchafalpa	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Brooklyn Transit	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
C. P. R.	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Chicago G. Western	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Consolidated	20	20	20	20
Delaware & Hudson	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Ellis	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Illinois Central	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
Kan. & Tex. pfd.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Louisville & Nash.	140 1/2	140 1/2	140 1/2	140 1/2
Manhattan	160	160	159 1/2	159 1/2
Metro. Ry.	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2
Met. Securities	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Mexican Central	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
Missouri Pacific	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
N. Y. Central	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Norfolk & Western	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Ontario & Western	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Pacific Mail	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Pennsylvania	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
People's Gas	111	111	110 1/2	110 1/2
Reading	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Republic L. & S.	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Rock Island	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Southern Railway	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Southern Ry. pfd.	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Southern Pacific	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Southern Pac. pfd.	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Soo Railway	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
St. Paul & Northern Pac.	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
Tenn. Coal & Iron	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Union Pacific	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
U. S. Leather	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
U. S. Rubber	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
U. S. Steel	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
U. S. Steel pfd.	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Wabash	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Wabash pfd.	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Wisconsin Central	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Wis. Central pfd.	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2

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Open High Low Close

Wheat	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
May	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
July	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
September	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Corn	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
May	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
July	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
September	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Oats	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
May	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
July	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
September	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Pork	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
May	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
July	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
September	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Lard	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
May	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
July	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
September	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Short Ribs	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
May	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
July	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
September	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS.
—Mr. John Davidson, manager of the Wellington Fire Insurance Company, of Guelph, is in the city.
—The firemen had a run to a chimney fire at the corner of Dundas and Lyle streets last evening. No damage.
—Mr. John W. Prior, leader of Finney's Orchestra of Detroit, is visiting with his mother, Mrs. Jane Prior, over Clark's bridge.
—Mrs. Alan Parker and daughter, Miss Alana Parker, of this city; Mr. Walter Cousins and Mrs. Cousins, of Medicine Hat, were among the saloon passengers by the Lucania of Cunard Line, booked by F. B. Clarke.
DARKEST AFRICA.
The story of "Missionary Work in Africa" will be the subject of an address by the Rev. Dyson Hague at the Memorial Church tonight. A number of beautiful stereoscopic views will be shown. Everybody welcome.

FIRST DIVISION COURT.
A sitting of the first division court was held this morning, with Judge Macdougall presiding. There was an exceptionally long docket, 33 cases being on the list. All were of minor importance, however.
MACCABEES AT HOME.
The Ladies Macabees of this city had another pleasant social affair in the Knights of Pythias Hall last evening, assisted by the Uniform Rank, K. O. T. M. A large crowd were in attendance, and music and dancing were kept up until a late hour. The "At Home" was as great a success as all its predecessors have been.

FELL DOWN STAIRS.
Mrs. W. H. Phelps, of King street, met with an accident at her home last evening. She was about to go downstairs, when she missed her footing and fell to the bottom of the stairway, breaking her left forearm and inflict-
ing some painful bruises. Mrs. Phelps will be unable to leave the house for some days.
SUITS FOR \$10,000.
Thomas P. Stewart, M. C. R. brake-
man, has commenced an action against the Pere Marquette for \$10,000 damages. Stewart was employed on the train which figured in the accident at the Pere Marquette crossing at Pelton some months ago, and for which the coroner's jury held the Pere Marquette responsible. Stewart was badly injured, as was also the M. C. R. engineer.

TO TOUR THE HOLY LAND.
N. W. Powell, K. C., formerly of this city, and Mrs. Rowell, left Toronto yesterday afternoon for New York on a three months' trip east. They will sail on Saturday from New York by the steamship Princess Irene direct for Naples. They purpose visiting Italy, Turkey, Egypt and the Holy Land. Their plan is to be in Jerusalem for Easter, then take a ten day's horse-back ride through Palestine and re-
turn through Greece.
SEIZED THE OYSTERS.
Medical Health Officer Hutchinson today seized a barrel of oysters con-
signed to a local fruit dealer. The customs authorities reported that the oysters, though apparently dumb, were making their presence known by odoriferous signals, and they thought the doctor might as well visit the barrels. The oysters came from Baltimore, and were valued at \$20. All were destroyed.
HARRIS' JUNK SHOP.
Aids, Gillian and Garratt this morning inspected the premises of Jacob Harris, a junk dealer on Simcoe street. Aid, Gillian says he saw nothing of an objectionable character on the premises. While admitting that it is not a nice class business to have in a neighborhood, he says that as long as Harris does not create a nuisance, he cannot see that the city can com-
pel him to move.
DEATH OF J. G. MCCLARY.
The death took place today of Mr. John G. McClary, at his residence, Nilestown. Mr. McClary had resided in Westminster township all his life, and leaves a widow and six sons and two daughters. Those at

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home are John, Walter, Lou and Miss Frances; Fred and Mrs. Piper, of Hyde Park, and Charles and Mrs. McClary. Mrs. McClary was 56 years of age and had been ill for about a month before her death. He attended the Methodist Church, and in politics was a strong Liberal. The funeral is arranged for Sunday afternoon next at 2 o'clock, the services to take place at 1-30.
INTERRED AT WOODLAND.
The remains of the late Mrs. Rochefort R. Nelson, who died unexpectedly on Tuesday morning, were laid at rest yesterday afternoon at Woodland Cemetery, where they were laid beside those of Mrs. Nelson's eldest daughter, who died six years ago. Many friends assembled to pay last respects to one whom they had regarded in the highest esteem. Mrs. Nelson is survived by her husband, one daughter and two sons. She is also survived by six sisters and a brother—three sisters and the brother live in this city, one sister in Kincardine, and two sisters in Montreal.
DIED AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.
Mr. Adam Sutherland, a well-known resident of South London for many years, died this morning at the family residence on Briscoe street. Mr. Sutherland had been in poor health for upwards of a year, and his death was not unexpected. He is survived by a wife and family of several children, who will have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. Mr. Sutherland was an employee of the London Furniture Company for a long period prior to his illness, and of late years had served as sexton of Knox Church, South London.
WEDDING AT WYTON.
A very interesting event took place at the residence of Mr. George Bligh, Wyton, on Wednesday evening, March 22, when his daughter, Bessie, was united in marriage to Mr. John Stapleton. The bride, who was unattended, wore a very beautiful gown of white, ermine and overlace and carried a bouquet of cream roses. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Rogers of Thorndale. In the presence of only the immediate friends and relatives, the wedding march, being played by Miss Henrietta Bligh, of London. The young couple received a large number of handsome and useful presents.

MORE WARRANTS ISSUED.
Tax Collector Hays has yet to collect about \$16,000 of last year's taxes. The money is coming in at a fairly rapid rate, however, and it is expected that by this morning, today the collector issued two more distress warrants, making about 25 or 30 issued to date. Each warrant is for a certain number of people refuse to pay their taxes until compelled to, but although the collector has issued many warrants since he took over the office he has not as yet been compelled to sell anyone's goods. They all find the money some way, when they are due.

FUNERAL OF MRS. DUFFUS.
The funeral of the late Mrs. Peter Duffus, daughter of the late John Purdon, whose death occurred in Pontiac, Mich., took place this afternoon from Ferguson's undertaking parlors to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Ross, pastor of St. Andrew's Church. The floral tributes were many in number and exceptionally beautiful. The pallbearers were Messrs. T. H. John and Alex. Purdon, John Nichol, of St. Thomas; William Duffus, of Detroit, and Richie Maxwell, of this city. Among those who were present from outside places were Rev. Dr. Dickson, of Galt; Rev. Dr. Fraser, of St. Catharines; and Mrs. (Dr.) Hicks, Mrs. Sheppard and Mrs. Hufmann, of Pontiac, Mich.

INVITATION FROM METHODIST CHURCH TO REV. E. F. ARMSTRONG.
At a meeting of the quarterly official board of the Lucan Methodist circuit, a unanimous invitation was extended to Rev. E. F. Armstrong, A. B., D. D., of Tappan, to become their pastor for the next year.
Mr. Armstrong has accepted the invitation subject to the approval of the synodical conference of the London Conference. Mr. Armstrong is one of the younger Methodist clergymen and has made a good record for himself in the Chatham district.

KNIGHTS OF THE TEMPLE
Interesting Proceedings at Home of Cœur de Lion Preceptory.
There are big doings today in the headquarters of the Cœur de Lion Preceptory of the Knights of the Temple, on the corner of Dundas street and the Market Lane. A large number of distinguished visitors are present, and more will come before the day is over.
A class of about twelve novitiates were put through the degrees this afternoon. Very Eminent Sir Knight Graham conferred the novitiate of the temple, Sir Knight M. S. Searson, the presiding preceptor, the consecration; F. A. Andrews, past provincial prior, the illustrious order of the Red Cross; and R. E. Scott, grand marshal, the degree of Malta. Among the visitors present are: Senator Wm. Gibson, most eminent the grand master district prior J. R. Stuart, G. G. Irwin, and A. McLellan, of Stratford; A. E. Savage, presiding preceptor, and W. H. Phempham, of St. Jacques Preceptory, Niagara.

The "Royal Company's Islands," supposed to be in the Pacific Ocean, have been removed from the maps of the Hydrographic Institute of the British admiralty because all efforts to find them have failed.

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Scheme to Keep the Tax Rate at 23 Mills

City May Issue Debentures to Cover Waterworks Capital Account Expenditure.

Mayor Campbell and City Auditor Jewell have at last found a way in which a 23-mill rate may be avoided, and it is probable that a special meeting of the city council will be called for next Monday night, when the scheme will be placed before the aldermen, and they will be asked to sanction it.

The mayor draws attention to the fact that the sum of \$13,000 has been placed in the estimates of the water

commissioners this year for expenditure on capital account. This is about \$9,000 for the laying of new mains and the installing of new services. The mayor thinks, and he is backed up by the opinion of the auditor, that this sum should not come out of the current account, but should be met, as it has been met for the past three years, by a debenture issue.

The auditor also thinks that as this \$9,000 when expended will immediately begin to increase the earnings of the waterworks department, the Legislature will not likely object to allowing the city to issue the debentures. Consequently, it is likely the council will be asked to sanction an application to the Legislature for permission to issue \$9,000 of debentures for the waterworks department. This will increase the city's revenue from the water commission this year by that sum, and with the paring that can be effected in the estimates, it is thought that the expenditure can be kept down to a 23-mill rate.

WON'T GO BELOW THE GROUND FLOOR

St. Andrew's Cadets Object to Quarters in Basement of New Armories.

The members of St. Andrew's Society who have charge of the Highland Cadets, and the authorities of No. 1 military district cannot see eye to eye in a little matter, and Ottawa will be appealed to.

ABUSIVE TONGUE CAUSED TROUBLE

Frank Blackwell in Too Big a Hurry for Supper—Will Linger in Jail.

For assaulting the keeper of a King street restaurant, Frank Blackwell was this morning fined by Police Magistrate Love. Blackwell's drinking habits have got him into trouble before. This time he went into the restaurant and ordered his supper. The service was not good, and he became very angry. When the waitress came he remonstrated with her for not getting his meal in "quick-lunch" order. The proprietor, James Nicholson, heard the dispute and, he says, recognized that Blackwell was drunk. He told him that he did not "feed" drunken men and that that placid, besee, inebriated and showed signs of fight. The restaurant man caught him by the collar and put him out the door. Two of the young men's friends came along at this time, and with Blackwell, one of them tried to force open the door. During the scuffle Blackwell is said to have kicked Nicholson in the bowels.

Then the restaurant keeper went out by a back way and accused P. C. Noonan. When the latter came Blackwell was to run out he was caught and taken to the station. He spent a week in jail.

The magistrate said that all of Blackwell's trouble could be credited to drink, and he fined him \$5, which was the lightest he could impose under the circumstances.

WIRE WORKS MAY REMAIN IN LONDON

Dennis Company Have Not Decided to Leave the City—A Few Corrections.

There is a probability that the Dennis wire and wire works of this city will not leave for Berlin. Though it has been stated that the firm definitely decided some time ago to leave London, Mr. E. R. Dennis states that the matter is still unsettled.

BOARD OF WORKS ACTION WAS LEGAL

Referring Back of the Richmond Street Petition Was the Proper Course.

Certain Richmond street residents are credited with the intention of serving a petition on the city if the assessment commissioner's report regarding the initiation of an asphalt pavement on the street is not accepted. The petition, although reported upon was sent back again to the assessment commissioner for a report, and last night the commissioner reported that the petition was sufficiently signed. But Ald. Wyatt objected, however, claiming that the principle was wrong and that according to the by-laws, the petition should have been referred by the council to the board of works and by the latter body to the assessment commissioner. Accordingly, the petition, although reported upon was sent back again to the assessment commissioner for a report, and last night the commissioner reported that the petition was sufficiently signed. But Ald. Wyatt objected, however, claiming that the principle was wrong and that according to the by-laws, the petition should have been referred by the council to the board of works and by the latter body to the assessment commissioner.

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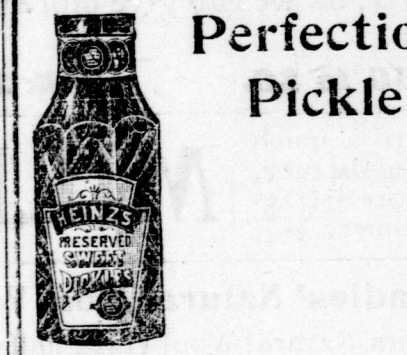
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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. Wm. Creery is having a holiday with London friends.

—Miss Amy Blair, of Stratford, is a visitor with London friends.

—Miss Sybil Jury, South London, was visiting friends in Petrolia this week.

—Miss Lola Cooper, Exeter, has taken a position with a milliner of this city.

—Mrs. Ann Palmer, of this city, is the guest of Mrs. Geo. Mayberry, Ingersoll.

—Mrs. W. C. Cunningham, London Township, is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. E. Bryant, Forest.

—Mrs. James Gammon has returned to Port Huron, after a long visit with relatives in South London.

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—Miss Florence Struthers is visiting her parents, Ald. J. M. Struthers and Mrs. Struthers, of Guelph.

—Miss Ethel Marshall is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marshall, 6th concession of Warwick.

—Miss Etta L. Harvey, of Detroit, Mich., will return home Sunday after two weeks with Mrs. D. McDaniel, of this city.

—Miss Mutch and Master Arnold Wheeler, of this city, have been visiting Mrs. Franklin Mutch, Wellington street north, Woodstock.

—Mrs. Alice Calder-Leonard, of Detroit, who has been filling concert engagements at Clinton, Harrison and Owen Sound, visited Mrs. Sam Glass, Queen's avenue, London.

—The heirs having requested the London and Western Trusts Company to take charge of the estate of the late Simon McLeod, application for administration has been filed in the surrogate court.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson and daughter Ethelwyn attended the wedding of Mr. Milton Johnson, brother of the former, and Miss Isabel Baxter, at Holy Trinity Church, Chatham, on Wednesday.

—A number of the friends of Mr. A. W. Keith, of Windsor, who has been appointed assistant science master in the Collegiate Institute here, waited upon him the other night and presented him with a handsome gold signet ring.

ELDER EVANS WILL ATTEND.
The World's Conference of the Latter Day Saints in Lamoni, Iowa, will be attended by Elder Richard Evans, of this city, who will leave here at the end of this week.

OFFICE OPENS TOMORROW.
There will no doubt be a busy day at Northumberland tomorrow, when the subscribers' office opens for the Padresw-ski concert. Inquiries have been pouring in already. This is undoubtedly the finest musical treat that has ever visited London. The date is Thursday, April 27, at the Grand Opera House.

HONORED BY CHOIR.
After the Lenten services in the Episcopal Church at St. John's Wednesday evening, the members of the choir and a number of friends, made a farewell presentation to the choir, Lydia and Eva Barrell, who are about to remove to this city. Archdeacon Richardson read an address, and Mrs. Kate Powell and Mr. Athol Marshall, in behalf of the choir, presented a neat ornate gold clock and silver receiver.

K. T'S IN SESSION.
The special session of the Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, Knights Templar, commenced at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. Upwards of a dozen novitiates will receive the degrees of the Order of the Temple, the Knight of Malta degree will be conferred in the evening, after which a banquet will be held at the Grand Hotel. Leading knights will deliver addresses, and visitors from Chatham, Stratford, St. Thomas and Sarnia will be present.

PASSENGERS BOOKED.
Rev. J. G. Stuart for Cuba, Mr. and Mrs. Ogden and Major Gray-Wood for Bermuda, Mrs. and Miss Ross, Mr. and Mrs. A. St. L. Mackintosh and Miss King for Jamaica, Mrs. J. W. Kirby and two children, for Nassau, by steamer from New York; Mr. T. H. Smallman for Egypt, Mr. J. B. Miss and Miss A. Smallman for Naples, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. and Miss Frieda Puldicome, Miss F. Bridge and Miss Kotright for England, and Messrs. R. C. Struthers and R. D. B. Nicholson for the European continent, are among recent passengers booked by Mr. E. de la Loque, "Clock" corner.

DEATH OF MRS. SMITH.
Mrs. Margaret Smith, relict of the late William J. Smith, passed away yesterday in her 60th year, at the residence of her son, Mr. William Kelly, 562 Richmond street. Deceased came to this country when very young from the West Indies, where she was twice married, leaving the following family: William and George Kelly, Chester Smith, and Mrs. Albert Monteth, of Delaware Township. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon from the above address to Scottsville Cemetery at 1 o'clock. After the burial, services will be held in the North Street Methodist Church.

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HONORS DIVIDED
IN THE CONTEST

Green and Gold Elect Candidates at the Collegiate Institute.

The election excitement which has been raging at the Collegiate Institute culminated when the vote was taken yesterday. The pupils had the co-operation of the teachers and Principal Radcliffe in polling the 800 or more votes, and everything went off without a hitch. Not any time taken from lesson hours. At the commencement of the last period of the day Mr. Radcliffe sent ballots to each classroom and the vote was thus taken by forms in a very few minutes. A committee was then kept hard at work making the count, and the lower assembly room was crowded with excited scholars awaiting the announcement of the results. The honours proved to be well-divided. The party having green for its color secured the first vice-presidency, while the "Gold" obtained the two lower offices. The run for secretary was especially close. The result was as follows:

For First Vice-President—Mr. George Garrett (green), 325; Mr. Herbert Bowls, 278. Majority for Garrett 57.

For Second Vice-President—Miss Margaret Stuart (gold), 351; Miss Charlotte Vining (green), 258. Majority for Miss Stuart, 83.

For Secretary—Mr. Eyre Dann (gold), 325; Harold Little (green), 286. Majority for Dann, 39.

The party lists were as follows: "Gold"—For first vice-president, Mr. Herbert Bowls; for second vice-president, Mr. Eyre Dann.

"Green"—For first vice-president, Mr. George Garrett; for second vice-president, Miss Charlotte Vining; for secretary, Mr. Harold Little.

As remarked before, the officers elected by acclamation were: President, Mr. N. R. Gray; treasurer, Mr. W. C. Ferguson.

Those who were elected have great responsibilities on their shoulders, and there is no doubt that they will work their hardest for the old school. They will have the co-operation even of those who were their opponents. The good that comes from a "camp" such as this, which was waged in the school during the past week is undoubtedly. As Principal Radcliffe remarked yesterday, the better, so long as the good of the whole is the main aim, and the contests are free from all bitterness.

IDYLLS OF THE KING

Lecture by the Principal Radcliffe Under Women's Council Auspices.

There was a large attendance at the lecture given by Principal Radcliffe on the subject of "The Idylls of the King" in the Collegiate Institute last evening under the auspices of the Local Council of Women. Principal Radcliffe not only showed what a mastery he has of the subject, but treated it in a way that was strongly to his listeners. The lecture was thoroughly interesting and instructive at the same time. At the close of the evening Rev.

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Though the Thames has been behaving itself in a commendable manner so far this spring, the indications this morning were that it was "fixing" to go on a tear in its usual fashion. Last night but three feet of water was going over the waterworks dam, but at 11 o'clock today the volume had increased to 5 feet 6 inches. Three inches of this rise occurred between 8 and 11 a.m., an average of an inch an hour. About 9:30 o'clock last night, there was a tremendous crush of ice in the river, and since that time great quantities have been carried down stream by the swift current. At King street bridge at 11 o'clock there was ten feet of water, or about eight feet less than during the flood of last year. At the city engineer's office today it was stated that from present indications it looked as though there would be no great flood this year. As is customary at this time, it has been found impossible to operate the hydraulic pumps at Springbank, and the steam pumps are now being used. It costs about \$25 a day for coal when the steam pumps are working.

CLANDEBOYE.
Clandeboy, March 24.—Mr. Hugh Morikin left on Tuesday for Scotland, where he expects to secure a good market for his hay.

Mr. L. E. Carter, of this place, has secured a position in the express office in London.

Mr. Egan and family are very ill with grip.

Mr. Norman Clark, of this place, has secured a position on the M. & C. R. in St. Thomas.

Mr. Harry Schoff, of Toronto, has been spending a few days with friends here.

Mr. W. B. Blackwell's daughter, of Bad Axe, Mich., is visiting her grandmother here.

Mr. James Carter, formerly of Clandeboy, is now in London, where he has secured a position in the express office in London.

Miss Eliza Cunningham slipped on the ice a few days ago and fractured her arm. Quite a number have met with similar accidents.

Miss Alice Hodgins, of this place, was married on Tuesday to Mr. H. George Ingersoll. The bride has been a general favorite in this vicinity, and we all wish the newly-wedded couple happiness and prosperity in their new home.

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