

## A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL

TWO CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR  
TWENTY-THREE FOR ALDERMEN

Alderman Samuel Stevely and Alderman Richard F. Matthews Will Battle for the Honor of the Mayor's Chair for 1908.

## JONES AND SAUNDERS FOR WATER COMMISSION

Eight Candidates Will Seek the Four Seats Vacant on the Board of Education—Some Facts About the Candidates.

They're off! A bunch of 23 candidates for the council have been officially sent away by City Clerk Baker, and for the next six days the merry race will be on for municipal honors.

The number of candidates is large, and the citizens at large should have no trouble in getting twelve good men, representative businessmen, out of the lot.

Ald. Stevely and Ald. Matthews are the mayoralty candidates. The list of aspirants is not the largest that has been. The proportion is hardly two candidates for each seat in the council chamber—not an undue proportion for a city of this size.

## SEVEN FOR RE-ELECTION.

Among the lot there are seven candidates for re-election.

Ald. Booth again runs, although it was stated at noon yesterday that he would not get in.

Ald. Gillean stayed by his word and retired, as did Ald. Scarlett. The rest stayed in.

Several ex-aldermen are seeking election, among them being Messrs. George W. Armstrong, John Forristal and Andrew Greenlees.

A couple of those running tried the game last year, and were not elected, among them being Messrs. James Donnelly and Charles G. Moorehead. There will be no slates this year, it is said, both political parties leaving the field absolutely open.

The Trade and Labor Council have brought out two candidates, Ald. Rose and Mr. James Donnelly.

Mr. Donald Ferguson ran for the water commission against Mr. F. J. Darch, the present chairman, three years ago, and was only defeated by a few votes. He will make a strong run for alderman.

The last man to take the declaration was Mr. Ben Noble.

City Clerk Baker declared the time for receiving declarations had expired, but on comparing his watch with the official time, Mr. Noble's declaration was accepted, and he was declared in. It was a narrow escape.

There are eight board of education aspirants.

There are only two candidates for the water commission, both of whom have served terms on the board.

## FOR MAYOR.

Richard Francis Matthews, shoe merchant, 403 Central avenue.

Samuel Stevely, merchant, 520 Dundas street.

## FOR ALDERMAN.

George W. Armstrong, manufacturer, 64 Elmwood avenue.

John Henry Alfred Beattie, barrister, 90 Ridout street.

Richard Booth, painter, 153 Colborne street.

Charles Brennan, barber, 27 Picton street.

Nell Cooper, auctioneer, 426 Piccadilly street.

James Donnelly, cigar manufacturer, 304 Cromwell street.

Donald Ferguson, lumber merchant, 548 Talbot street.

Johnston Louis Flanagan, butcher, 173 William street.

John Forristal, manufacturer, King street.

William Gerry, manufacturer, 41 Craig street.

Andrew Greenlees, barrister, 866 Wellington street.

John Heaman, butcher, York street.

Thomas Henry James, grocer, 155 Duchess avenue.

Edward R. H. Martyn, contractor, 487 English street.

Samuel Richard Manness, cigar manufacturer, 745 Waterloo street.

Andrew James Morgan, merchant, 1000 Wellington street.

Charles G. Moorehead, cabinetmaker, 477 Elizabeth street.

Benjamin Noble, plumber, 427 Maitland street.

Robert Parsons, merchant, 825 Dundas street.

George Ernest Rose, liveryman, 531 Grey street.

William John Stevenson, physician, 391 Dundas street.

Donald Alfred Stewart, undertaker, 104 Dundas street.

John Hughes Saunders, carriage builder, 592 Maitland street.

## FOR WATER COMMISSION.

William Jones, contractor, 382 Waterloo street.

William E. Saunders, wholesale druggist, 240 Central avenue.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Albert Ernest Barbour, wholesale merchant, 700 Waterloo street.

Victor J. Gilpin, clergyman, 327 St. James street.

Daniel S. Hamilton, clergyman, 218 Dufferin avenue.

Henry A. Kingsmill, physician, 429 Queen's avenue.

Walter John Teasdale, physician, 115 York street.

William Trafford, merchant, 73 Maple street.

George Nelson Weekes, barrister, 912 Dundas street.

James W. Westervelt, business college proprietor, 279 Hyman street.



## "RESOLUTIONS"

G. T. R. Pension Fund Now in Force  
Means Much To 35,000 Employees

Sum of \$200,000 Set Aside By the Shareholders for the Purpose.

Grand Trunk employees are freely discussing the G. T. R. pension fund, which goes into force today. The fund is composed of \$200,000, which the shareholders at a recent meeting set aside for the purpose. They also made provision for \$75,000 a year for maintenance. Every employee is eligible to share in the pension fund, and after serving for fifteen years is entitled to receive an annuity.

The conditions also provide that each employee shall retire from service at the age of 65. It is estimated that

over 35,000 employees will be affected by this action of the Grand Trunk shareholders.

Yesterday every man received a neat little card bearing a New Year's greeting, and a G. T. R. gift in 1908. Young men, remember the intention. Stay with the railway, earn a pension.

My rosary of railroad years is interspersed with hopes and fears; Between the watchful, bustling times, A hark to songs, a list to rhymes, And vain attempts the rules to learn, On Old Time's track, where none return.

J. B. 1908

Four Couples United in Marriage  
Intend To Begin New Year Well

All the Young People Will Take Up Their Residence in London.

Several young Londoners decided to start their matrimonial careers at the beginning of the year 1908, and during last evening a number of ministers were made glad by receiving calls from these happy young people.

At the Wellington Street parsonage last evening Miss Isabella Finlayson became the wife of Mr. Isaac Cowan. Rev. James Livingstone officiated. Miss Elizabeth Finlayson, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, while the groom was supported by Mr. Edward Clements, of Medicine Hat. After a honeymoon trip to points east Mr. and Mrs. Cowan will reside in this city.

A quiet wedding took place in Christ Church last evening, when Miss Mar-

garet Kelly was married to Mr. Thos. Gell. The bride and groom were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Thompson. Rev. R. S. W. Howard tied the nuptial knot. Mr. and Mrs. Gell will live at 235 Wellington street.

A pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. Elliott, 375 King street, last evening, when her daughter, Miss Alice Eloise Elliott, was married to Mr. William Ellis Davis. Rev. W. L. Rutledge performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Davis left last night for the east and on their return will reside in this city.

At the manse of King Street Presbyterian Church last evening the wedding took place of Miss Pauline McCrorey, daughter of Mrs. McCrorey, of 563 Grey street, to Mr. Ernest Robinson, of this city. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Norma McCrorey, while Mr. Roy Macdonald assisted the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will reside in London.

## Boys Ran Away From London Home

Two little boys, aged 8 and 7, undertook to see a little bit of the world yesterday. The lads were inmates of the Protestant Orphan's Home, and after gathering together some clothes they watched their opportunity and escaped.

They went westward on the C. P. R. track, but it was not long before their

absence was discovered and the police notified. Shortly after 5 o'clock word was received at the police station that two boys answering the description of those missing were sleeping peacefully in the station at Hyde Park.

The outcome of the affair was that the lads were sent back on the first train, and will probably remain in the home in the future.

SENSATIONAL ARREST AT BERLIN  
CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

Berlin, Dec. 31.—Cecil S. Simpson, local agent of the Canadian Express Company, was arrested early today on a charge of embezzlement of the company's funds to the amount of about \$2,100. The charge was laid by inspectors of the company, and Simpson

was remanded till Friday. Though bail was offered, Crown Attorney Bowby would not accept it. Simpson is a Berlin boy, about 26 years old, the support of a widowed mother, and popular in town. His arrest has created quite a sensation.

TOWED CAMBRIAN 1,000 MILES. Liverpool, Dec. 31.—The British steamer William Chif, which successfully towed the disabled steamship Cambrian more than a thousand miles from mid-ocean to Crook Haven, has arrived here.

MONTREAL'S CUSTOM RECEIPTS. Montreal, Dec. 31.—The customs collections receipts of Montreal for 1907 were \$16,884,936, an increase of \$3,740,000—the largest in the history of the port.

## NABBED IN NAPLES

Slick Couple Said to Have Stolen \$250,000 From Gas Company.

Naples, Dec. 31.—The extradition to New York of Jose Sanche was arranged yesterday. Sanche was arrested here last June in company with his wife at the request of the authorities of Cuba. He is wanted on charge of theft from the gas company at Havana.

The couple got away with a very large sum of money, declared to be not less than \$250,000. They were pursued from Havana to New York and thence to this city.

## ACCIDENT TO TOLSTOI

Famous Author Injured by Falling From a Horse.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—News has reached here of an accident to Count Leo Tolstoi.

The author was thrown by a stumbling horse and sustained a dislocated shoulder.

In spite of his advanced age, the count is making a rapid recovery.

## NEW MINT AT OTTAWA

Will Be Formally Opened on Thursday by Governor-General.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The new Royal Mint on Sussex street, will be formally opened on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by His Excellency the Governor-General.

Invitations were today sent out to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and members of the cabinet, to a number of prominent parliamentarians and citizens, and to a few outsiders.

They will be shown over the institution by the officials, and will see the wonderful coin-making machines turning out what will really be the first Canadian coinage.

## THE LAW-RUSSELL CASE

Frank Law Committed to Sessions on a Charge of Conspiracy.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The preliminary hearing of the Law-Russell conspiracy charge came to a conclusion this evening, and Magistrate Kingsford committed Mr. Frank Law for trial to the sessions now sitting.

His bail, which had been raised from \$10,000 to \$20,000 at the end of the previous day's hearing, was further raised to \$30,000, his own \$20,000, of which \$10,000 is in cash, and \$10,000 additional bail furnished by James M. Sinclair. Mr. W. H. Russell, Frank Law's partner, has left the country, and a warrant is out for his arrest. A large amount of documentary evidence referring to Blue Bell, Lucky Boys, Highland Mary and Silver Bird mining companies, was put in by Acting Crown Attorney W. H. Price, who has conducted the prosecution, and it was shown that from the various properties Law & Co. had received nearly \$300,000 in subscriptions from the public.



MR. DONALD FERGUSON  
Popular Businessman Who is in the Field for Alderman.

## THE WEATHER

TODAY—NOT MUCH CHANGE.

Observatory, Toronto, Dec. 31—8 a.m.—The disturbance has passed over the Gulf of St. Lawrence, having been attended by fresh gales throughout the Maritime Provinces. A change to colder has taken place in all portions of Canada, and in the Western Provinces wintery conditions prevail.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 38 below—30 below; Atlin, 30 below—20 below; Vancouver, 29—35; Kamloops, 14—24; Edmonton, 14 below—2; Battleford, 16 below—3 below; Prince Albert, 12 below—3; Regina, 10 below—2 below; Winnipeg, 2 below—3; Port Arthur, 6—16; Parry Sound, 2 below—30; Toronto, 20—34; Montreal, 10—16; Quebec, 8—14; St. John, 20—35; Halifax, 25—50.

FORECASTS.  
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay: Fresh westerly and northwesterly winds; fair; not much change in temperature until night, then colder.

BANK CLEARINGS FOR YEAR  
ROUT THE HARD-TIME TALES

Yearly Returns From Clearing and Custom Houses of Toronto Show a Handsome Gain in Business.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Though during the past few months much has been said, and much has been written, about hard times and retrenchment, the yearly returns from the customs and clearing houses give no reasons for pessimism. When business closed today and the totals for the last twelve months were made out, it was found that the city, province and country had not fared so badly after all—that is, provided that the statistics gathered in Toronto are any evidence. In this connection it may be pointed out first that the bank clearings for 1907, made up today, were \$9,780,123 in excess of the previous year, while the customs duties collected at the port of Toronto showed an increase of \$1,561,976 over the preceding year. These two comparisons are in themselves significant to businessmen.

The bank clearings in Toronto from year to year tell their own story of prosperity. These figures may be compared as follows:

Year	Bank Clearings	Customs Duties
1907	\$1,228,965,517	\$1,219,132,359
1906	1,047,490,701	1,047,090,066
1905	871,456,067	871,456,067
1904	717,456,067	717,456,067
1903	561,456,067	561,456,067
1902	405,456,067	405,456,067
1901	249,456,067	249,456,067
1900	93,456,067	93,456,067

Mr. John B. Fleming, cashier at the customs house, gave out the following figures for the port of Toronto:

Duty collected, 1907	\$1,611,267 23
Duty collected, 1906	10,649,290 68
Increase	\$1,561,976 58

Ten years ago (1897) the total collections for the year were \$3,827,338, as compared with \$1,611,267 for 1907.

All in Readiness for the Big Rally  
Of London Sunday School Children

Pupils Will Meet at Armories at Ten O'clock This Morning.

Everything is in readiness for what will likely be the biggest rally of Sunday school children that has ever been held in this city.

It is estimated that nearly 3,000 children will be in the big procession, which leaves the armories at 10 o'clock this morning, and will march to the First Methodist Church.

At half-past 9 the children are scheduled to meet at their Sunday school, and from there they will march to the armories.

Headed by two bands they will then proceed to the First Church, where addresses will be given by Rev. James Livingstone, A. M. Hunt, and others. Lieut.-Col. Little will preside.

Pleasant Affair at Police Station  
Presentation To Sergeant Black

Chief Williams Speaks in the Highest Terms of the Retiring Officer.

A very pleasant affair took place at the police station last night, when Chief Williams, on behalf of the police force, presented Acting Sergt. Robert Black, who retired yesterday afternoon, after fifteen years' service, with a handsome traveling trunk.

In making the presentation, Chief Williams said:

"During the whole of the thirty years I have had charge of the London police force, I have never had under me an officer in whom I reposed fuller confidence than I have in Sergt. Black."

Every duty which he had been called upon to perform was discharged in the most thorough manner, no matter what it was, and in losing him the force loses one of the most efficient members that every belonged to it.

"While we are all regretting his loss, he may be sure that our good wishes will follow him, and we hope he will meet with every success."

Sergt. Black in reply made a neat little speech, in which he thanked the members of the force for their kindness towards him, and expressed his pleasure at the amicable relations that had ever existed between himself and the other officers.

After giving three hearty cheers for the popular ex-sergeant, and individually wishing him every success, the men dispersed. Mr. Black leaves next week for Moosejaw, where he will engage in business.

Members of First Duma  
Sentenced To Six Months

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The trial of the members of the first duma, who were charged with treasonable practices in signing and circulating the Viborg manifesto, ended today. It resulted in a far more favorable manner to the accused than was expected. Two were acquitted while the other 167 were found guilty and condemned to three months' imprisonment and loss of their political rights. It may be assumed that the sentences would have been severer but for the absence of direct proof that the accused distributed as well as signed the manifesto. After twice changing the form of the indictment it was framed so as to imply the fact that signing was equivalent to participation in the circulating. The convicted ex-legislators must surrender on Jan. 20. Meanwhile they will be allowed their liberty. They were moderately acclaimed by a crowd as they left the courtroom, and many of them were presented with flowers.

Komaka Bylaw Is Sure of Defeat  
Scheme Is Altogether Too Costly

People Have Had Time To Consider It and It Is Found Wanting.

The general impression on the street is that the Komaka bylaw will receive a great deal worse treatment at the hands of the citizens this time than on the former occasion, when it was voted on.

Then it was rushed upon the citizens, and they had no data upon which to base their judgment.

In addition it was the only spring water scheme before the public at that time, and it received a much larger support on that account than it would at present.

Since then the citizens have received a lot of light on the water problem. They have had time to think it over, and

They have studied it closely, and judging from opinions heard everywhere it will receive short shrift next Monday.

The scheme is too costly. Even if the quantity of water is at Komoka, there is the uncertainty that it can be collected economically and kept free from contamination.

The citizens are also seized of the fact that this bylaw is only the first installment, and will have to be followed later on by a very large expenditure at Komoka to give adequate fire-fighting facilities to the city. The citizens also wonder why it is necessary to go ten miles for springs when there are others closer at hand which would not cost nearly so much to collect.

There is no doubt that the Komoka scheme is not the scheme desired, and there is also no doubt that the people will place it permanently out of the

NO SIGN YET OF THE MOUNT ROYAL  
MAY BE DISABLED AND DRIFTING

Superstitious See Ill-Omen in the Number of the TimeTable.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 31.—Still there is no news of the C. P. R. steamer Mount Royal, and anxiety regarding her increases, although the C. P. R. officials continue to express belief that she will turn up. One cause of anxiety is that if the steamer's machinery has become disabled and she is drifting helpless, her coal supply may be exhausted, and so she would be powerless to reach port, even if her engineers succeeded in making repairs. The steamer is said to be abundantly supplied with provisions. There are not lacking some superstitious ones who hold that the company will have at least one more disaster than the Mount Temple wreck which was the second of the season. The reason given is the fact that this year's timetable is No. 13.

## THIRTY MEXICAN MINERS ENTOMBED

El Paso, Dec. 31.—A special to the Herald says that in an explosion in the Carthage mines, near San Antonio, New Mexico, thirty miners were entombed. It is supposed all are dead. Nine bodies have been taken out already. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by fire damp.



# THE DISCOVERER

Of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, the Great Woman's Remedy for Woman's Ills.



Yours for Health  
Lydia E. Pinkham

No other female medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement.  
No other medicine has such a record of cures of female troubles or such hosts of grateful friends as has

## Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

It will entirely cure the worst forms of Female Complaints, Inflammation and Obstruction. Falling and Displacement, and consequent Spinal Weakness, and is peculiarly adapted to the Change of Life.  
It has cured more cases of Backache and Local Weakness, than any other remedy the world has ever known. It is almost infallible in such cases. It dissolves and expels tumors in an early stage of development.

Irregular, Suppressed or Painful Periods, Weakness of the Stomach, Indigestion, Bloating, Nervous Prostration, Headache, General Debility quickly yield to it. Deranged organs causing pain, weight and backache, instantly relieved and permanently cured by its use. Under all circumstances it invigorates the female system.

It quickly removes that bearing-down feeling, extreme lassitude, "don't-care" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feeling, excitability, irritability, nervousness, dizziness, faintness, sleeplessness, flatulency, melancholy or the "blues" and headache. These are cures of Female Weakness, or some derangement of the organs which this medicine surely cures. Chronic Kidney Complaints and Backache, of either sex, the Vegetable Compound cures.

Those women who refuse to accept anything else are rewarded a hundred thousand times, for they get what they want—a cure. Sold by Druggists everywhere. Beware of cheap substitutes.

## JOTTINGS FROM NEARBY PLACES

### LOBO.

Lobo Township Council met Dec. 14. Present: Thomas G. Turnbull, reeve; Herbert D. Steel, Hiram W. Harris, George C. Atwood and James McNair, councillors. Council authorized the collector, Elwood M. Zavitz, to continue the levy and collection of unpaid taxes.

Bylaw No. 40, confirming the appointment of deputy returning officers, poll clerks and polling booths for the municipal elections of Jan. 6, 1908, was read three times and passed.

The reeve was authorized to issue checks to the trustees of the several school sections for the amount of their school levy for the year 1907.

The following checks were issued: Hugh McVicar, \$6.50, for tile and gravel; Geo. L. Shupley, \$6.50, for gravel; J. D. Sinclair, \$3, for digging an outlet drain; J. D. Sinclair, \$1, for removing telephone poles; Bart Sinker, \$2, for drawing gravel; John Reep, \$2.70, for tile; David Gilbert, \$2.50, for deepening culvert; John McPherson, \$1, for gravel; J. Muma, \$2.50, for putting in a tile drain; Mr. Lang, \$1.50, for cleaning out culvert; William Simpson, \$1, for gravel; J. E. Getty, \$1.25, for putting in culvert; John Reep, \$2.50, for drawing gravel; E. W. Charlton, \$1.50, for putting in tile; D. Gray, \$2.50, for covering bridge, etc.; the Ebenezer North Company, \$9.82, for concrete tile; Wm. Melvor, \$3.50, for cost of furnishing tile, etc.; Ed. Sinker, 60 cents, for drawing gravel; George Pincombe, \$1, for work on bridge; Dugald McMurphy, \$5.50, for gravel; J. D. Sinclair, \$1, for removing telephone poles; work on bridge; M. McLean, \$4, for repairing bridge; John Oliver, \$79.92, for gravel; the Municipal World, \$10.48; The London Advertiser Company, \$2.50, for advertising; J. C. McIntyre, \$2, for putting in culvert; A. Lamont, \$7, township's share of tile and digging drain; Samuel Rivers, \$61.58, for concrete tile; Thomas Martin, \$66.50, for cost of gravel on Lobo and London townline; Louisa Smith, \$0 cents, for gravel; James Campbell, \$1, keeping account of concrete tile taken from his place; E. T. Cavell, \$1, for gravel; road; John McKellar, \$5.50, for tile, teaming, etc.; the collector, \$4, for statute labor relieved, charged against Mary Oliver and Octave Desrochers, \$16.84, for copying treasurer's book, stationary, etc.; L. Nagle, \$1, dog tax relieved; the collector, \$3.25, taxes relieved for Mary Oliver, Sarah McLaugh, Octave Desrochers and Wm. Jardine; Annie McKay, \$3.47, for statute labor and taxes relieved; the collector, \$1, dog tax relieved for John Wilkins; the Lobo Telephone Company, \$25.25, taxes relieved; the Komoka public library, \$10, and the Coldstream public library, \$10, township grant; the reeve, \$10.75, fourth quarterly county grant for Ida Wood; the reeve, \$25, fourth quarterly county grant for Alex. Johnson; J. Marsh, \$110, salary as treasurer; E. R. Barclay, \$125, balance of salary as clerk; the reeve and members of council, \$288, for services; members of local board of health, \$5, for services; Samuel Clair, \$18, salary as janitor. Adjourned. E. R. Barclay, clerk.

### ARKONA.

Arkona, Dec. 31.—Miss Sara McKay, of Port Huron, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKay.

Mr. Frank Crawford, of Moncton, is spending his vacation at his home here.

Miss Lena Fuller is visiting friends in Thamesville this week.

Mr. Roy Wilson, who has spent the last three months in Toronto, is enjoying his holidays at his home here.

Miss Lumby, of Port Huron, is visiting her friend, Miss Mabel Crawford.

Mr. J. Cochran has moved into his new home, vacated by Mr. Reynolds.

Mr. Ray Eastman, of Inwood, is visiting at his home in the Ark.

Mrs. Davidson and daughter are visiting friends in Whitby.

### HONORS FOR BRYCE.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 31.—Ambassador James Bryce was elected president of the American Political Science Association yesterday.

## Mystery Still Surrounds Murder Of Woman at Harrison, N. J.

Woman Identified as Victim Has Been Seen Alive and Interviewed.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 31.—The identity of the woman whose dead body was found in Harrison, N. J., last Thursday, remains a mystery. The story told by Mrs. Hattie Hull, that the dead woman was her friend, Mrs. Agnes Young, was exploded today, when Mrs. Young was found alive and well in New York city. She is employed as an accountant in a real estate office in New York, and declared emphatically that she had not been in New Jersey on Christmas Day, and that she did not know anyone named Charles Meyers, for whom the police were searching, as a result of Mrs. Hull's statements.

Mrs. Young obtained first knowledge of the fact that her name had been connected with the murder mystery from this morning's newspapers, while on her way to the office where she is employed. On reaching the office she consulted her employer, and expressed indignation that her name had been drawn into the affair by Mrs. Hull. Mrs. Hull told the police that she had parted from Mrs. Young on Christmas Day, and that Mrs. Young was about to start for Harrison in company with Charles Meyers.

Mrs. Young declared today that while she knew Mrs. Hull, she had not seen her for two years.

"I am at a loss to understand," she said, "why my name has in any way been connected with the murder mystery. I know Mrs. Hull, but she must be demented to tell such a story about me to the police. I have never been in Harrison, N. J., in my life, so I certainly could not have been where the tragedy occurred. Mrs. Hull's statement that I accompanied her and a man named Charles Meyers to Jersey City is absolutely false. I do not even know a Charles Meyers."

### Mrs. Young's Story.

After consultation with her employer, Mrs. Young gave out the following signed statement:

"I was assistant accountant at the Hotel Ansonia, and I know Mrs. Hull, and befriended her, but have not seen her for the last two years. My statements concerning her are absolutely false. (Signed), Agnes Young."

A police magistrate who has charge of the case called Mrs. Young by telephone and urged her to come to Harrison and confront Mrs. Hull, and see whether or not she could identify the body of the murdered woman, but Mrs. Young declined to do so, declaring that she did not want to be involved in the case.

### Mrs. Hull Sticks to Story.

Mrs. Hull was again questioned, and repeated her assertion that the body was that of Mrs. Young. Mrs. Hull was not informed that Mrs. Young had been found alive. She will be taken to Harrison again today and will again be shown the body, this time dressed in the clothes found near the scene of the murder.

### Mrs. Hull's Latest Story.

"When Mrs. Hull was told that Mrs. Young had been found alive, she declared that the murdered woman was her own half-sister, Minnie Jeanette Gaston, daughter of R. B. Gaston, of Servilla, Tenn. She said that Miss Gaston was formerly a member of the chorus of the 'Texas Street' Company, and had been living lately at 1492 Amsterdam avenue, New York city. Mrs. Hull declared that Charles Meyers brought her sister to New York from the south, and that she accompanied her half-sister to a meeting with Meyer on Christmas Day, when Miss Gaston was to go to Harrison with Meyers. Mrs. Hull said she identified

the body as that of Mrs. Young in order to avoid involving Miss Gaston's name in a scandal. She asked that the body be sent to Mr. Gaston at Servilla. The police magistrate lectured Mrs. Hull for her deception and ordered a detective to escort her out of New Jersey.

### A Suspect in the Case.

One of the reports published today was that Albert Thompson, one of the suspects in the Harrison case, brought his wife from England to America less than two years ago. Thompson, who was one of the owners of a boat which lay near the scene of the murder, told the police that he was unmarried.

The information concerning Thompson's wife became public through Rachael Richardson, of Derbyshire, England, who had written several letters to Thompson, saying that she was planning to come to America to meet Thompson. These letters were found in Thompson's boat.

Today the police were shown a cable dispatch from Miss Richardson to the effect that Thompson left England two years ago with his wife and children.

When questioned about this today, Thompson said that he took his wife and children from England to New Zealand two years ago, and left them there after a quarrel with his wife. He asserted that his wife and children are now in Denison, New Zealand.

### The Police Deceived.

Mrs. Frank Hull's identification of the Harrison pond murder victim as Mrs. Agnes Young, of New York, appears to have been accepted by the police, despite several apparent discrepancies in Mrs. Hull's statement. Acting upon information furnished by Mrs. Hull, the police had sent out an alarm for the apprehension of Chas. Meyers. The man sought is described in the police circular as 38 years old, with rough black hair, weight 175 pounds, and with black eyes. When last seen he wore a dark gray overcoat, brown Derby hat, tan gloves and suede suit of mixed dark material. Meyers was employed as a waiter in a restaurant in New York. The communication, which is being sent broadcast to the police of the country, is signed by Thomas Rogers, chief of police of Harrison, and Police Magistrate Joseph M. Branagan.

### Mrs. Hull's First Statement.

According to the story told to the police by Mrs. Hull after she had identified the body, she last saw Mrs. Young in a restaurant in Jersey City, the day before the body was found in the pond in Harrison. A man whom she knew as Charles Meyers was with Mrs. Young at that time, and Mrs. Young told her they were planning to go to a houseboat in Newark. Mrs. Hull said she asked to be taken along, but Mrs. Young appeared not to want her, and she returned to her home in New York. She never saw Mrs. Young alive after that.

While Mrs. Hull appeared very positive in her identification of the dead woman, and even described accurately a filling in one of the back teeth, the police were inclined to be skeptical. Considerable strength was added to Mrs. Hull's story, however, when her husband, after looking at the body, said he was positive that it was that of Mrs. Young.

On information given by Mrs. Hull, the New York police have been asked to add the police of New Jersey. Today New York detectives went to the home of Mrs. Hull, seized a desk, which she said was given to her by Mrs. Young, and said to contain many letters received by Mrs. Young from some of her admirers. Letters from Mrs. Hull to Mrs. Young, referring to the attentions paid Mrs. Young by a certain man, and a will made by Mrs. Young, are said also to be among the papers in the desk.

## NESBITT SUES FOR CRIMINAL LIBEL

Toronto, Dec. 31.—An action for criminal libel has been taken by Dr. Beattie Nesbitt against Rev. J. A. MacDonald, managing editor of the Toronto Globe. The information was before the commission of scandalous acts, trade this morning and Mr. MacDonald will appear to answer at 10 o'clock on Monday morning. The action arises out of articles published in the Globe

which Dr. Beattie Nesbitt alleges reflect upon his character. In his information Dr. Nesbitt alleges that Rev. Mr. MacDonald published without legal justification a defamatory libel, imputing that he (Dr. Nesbitt) was addicted to the commission of scandalous acts, trade this morning and Mr. MacDonald will appear to answer at 10 o'clock on Monday morning. The action arises out of articles published in the Globe

## REV. GEO. SIMPSON DIES SUDDENLY

Was at One Time Editor of the Canadian Presbyterian and Chicago Interior.

Huntsville, Dec. 31.—The death occurred early this morning of Rev. Geo. Simpson, aged 75 years. Rev. Mr. Simpson, for many years, was associate editor of the Interior, Chicago, and at one time editor of the Canadian Presbyterian. Over a year ago advancing age compelled him to relinquish his editorial work. He spent the summer at his cottage on Peninsula Lake, and remained in Huntsville at the end of the season. Though Rev. Mr. Simpson had been in poor health for several months, his condition did not assume a critical aspect until a week ago. He is survived by his wife and two sons, W. K. Simpson, Toronto, and George Simpson, Ottawa.

### THAMESVILLE.

Thamesville, Dec. 30.—Mr. Fred Ingram, of Findlay, Ohio, who spent Christmas with his mother, leaves for home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Howat returned home on Friday from their wedding tour.

Adit. Roe is spending the holidays with his family here.

The Methodist Sunday School children were treated to a long sleigh ride on Christmas day and sociable time in church at night.



### "Walls of Jericho" Today.

"The Walls of Jericho" which will be seen at the Grand today, matinee and evening, is a solid, serious, purposeful modern drama of ideas. It is one of the greatest society plays of recent years, for it is rooted in life itself, and proves its author a figure in the front rank of English dramatists and of the first group of living English literati.

The play pictures the "smart set" of the west end of London that frequents the houses of the Marquis of Steventon, chronically in need of money and ready to obtain it by almost any means. His daughter, the Lady Alethea, has married Jack Frobisher of Queensland, who has returned rich to England. Frobisher's standards of life and conduct are not those of the world into which he has married. His wife goes very nearly to the length and breadth of that world. At last Frobisher intervenes, and husband and wife face each other in a scene that is genuinely dramatic. In the end Frobisher persuades her to go with him to Queensland.

### Superb Mountings.

During the time of Richard III., knightly armor became superb in elaborateness; never at any time since has the smith displayed more skill and cunning in the construction of defensive "harness." Complete suits of armor are rare and jealously guarded, but we have ample available sources of information in effigies. For the production of Richard III., in which Mr. Ludlow will make his first appearance at the

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Wednesday  
Jan. 1

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## Mid-Winter Clearing Of Ladies' Coats

Every Mantle, Black or Colored, at Greatly Reduced Prices. Sale Commences Tomorrow.

EVENING WRAPS, FUR AND FUR-LINED COATS NOT INCLUDED

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This early clearance at such great reductions is explained by the crowded condition, this season, in these departments; we are also making big preparations for our Annual January White-Wear Sale, and these stocks must be got out of the way. These prices will do it, as every cloth coat in our stock is included (both black and colored) in this sale, and the saving is as much as \$8.25 on many.

## Come Tomorrow for the Pick of Our Entire Stock at January Sale Prices

Ladies' and Misses' \$5.00 Winter Coats now	\$2.95
Ladies' and Misses' \$ 5.50 to \$ 6.50 Winter Coats now	\$3.95
Ladies' and Misses' \$ 7.00 to \$ 9.00 Winter Coats now	\$5.00
Ladies' and Misses' \$ 9.50 to \$12.50 Winter Coats now	\$7.75
Ladies' and Misses' \$13.00 to \$14.00 Winter Coats now	\$8.75
Ladies' and Misses' \$14.50 to \$15.50 Winter Coats now	\$9.75
Ladies' and Misses' \$16.50 to \$18.50 Winter Coats now	\$11.75
Ladies' and Misses' \$20.00 to \$22.00 Winter Coats now	\$14.75
Ladies' and Misses' \$23.50 to \$25.00 Winter Coats now	\$16.75

These are in frieze and tweeds, also beaver cloths in navy, brown, castor, olive, wine and black. Tweeds are in light and dark mixtures. All three-quarter and seven-eighth lengths, fitted, semi-fitted and full box styles.

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Children's \$4.50 to \$5.00 Ulsters now	\$2.95
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Street

Grand Opera House on Friday and Saturday evenings, not only have the most reliable works on the subject been consulted, but all the suits of armor have been actually copied from well authenticated models, among others from the two effigies of partisans of the House of York at Stanton Harcourt, Oxfordshire; and at Astor, near Birmingham, England; besides which most of the smaller pieces have been carefully reproduced from the best specimens in the Tower of London. It may, therefore, be advanced that this accuracy will have been studied and used for theatrical purposes. It is as though the very actors in the great national quarrel were again produced before us.

## THE WHOLE WORLD WAS OVER-TRADING

Controller of the U. S. Treasury Gives His Views on Cause of Financial Trouble.

Washington, Dec. 31.—W. B. Ridge, comptroller of the treasury today gave out a statement dealing largely with financial conditions during the year 1907, in which he says that "the condition which made this crisis possible are the accumulated composite results of many years of business. The whole world has been over-trading and expanding and nowhere has it been more rampant than in the United States. The reaction was inevitable, and though it might not have taken the form of a bank panic had we been better prepared with a banking and currency system such as we should have, the time has come when some or all must pay for our over-indulgence."

"It is the duty of the banks," says the comptroller, "to restore business to normal conditions by resuming their functions as promptly and as fully as possible."

"Fortunately there is not only the strongest desire and disposition on the part of the banks to do this, but conditions are such as to make it comparatively easy, and to lead us to expect a much more prompt recovery than has followed other similar financial crises."

"The reports of the comptroller show that the reserves in the central reserve cities were but 22.2 per cent, against the legal requirement of 25 per cent. The forty reserve cities show 24.27 per cent, of legal reserve, or almost the full legal minimum, while their total cash means are 28.55 per cent of their deposits. Of the forty cities, twenty-one show legal reserves

of about 25 per cent, while ten of them show over 30 per cent of legal reserve, and all but eight of them show more than 25 per cent of total cash means.

"The largest reserves are in the Texas cities, Galveston and San Antonio showing over 38 per cent of legal reserve, and Galveston over 48 per cent of total cash means."

"The returns as tabulated by states, are also significant, and reassuring as to general conditions. There is not one state which does not show an excess of reserve above legal requirements of 15 per cent, and an increase in legal reserve and total cash means, on Dec. 3, above those held on Aug. 22."

### COPPER MINE DIVIDEND.

New York, Dec. 31.—The directors of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company declared a quarterly dividend today of 50 cents a share, a reduction of 75 cents a share from last quarter.

The stock has a par value of \$25 a share. The Anaconda Company is controlled by the Amalgamated Copper Company.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over THIRTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, with PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC, and is the best remedy for diarrhea. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's."

Our Best Wishes to All for a Happy New Year

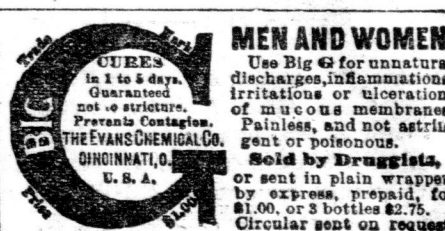
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## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

## MARRIAGES.

McNEIL-McCORMICK—At 30 Wellington street, St. Thomas, on Dec. 28, 1907, by the Rev. E. L. Pidgeon, Clara Maud, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McCormick, to Norman J. McNeil, of Grand Rapids, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nell McNeil, of London.

## DEATHS.

BUCKLE—At the family residence, Thorncliffe, on Dec. 31, 1907, Annie, beloved wife of Alfred Buckle.

Funeral at 3 o'clock to St. Mary's; service at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

## AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES, ETC.

## GRAND TODAY MATINEE

## JAMES K. HACKETT'S

## THE WALLS OF JERICO

## ENGAGEMENT EXTRAORDINARY.

## MR. HENRY LUDLOWE in

## SHAKESPEARE'S MASTERPIECES.

## SATURDAY MATINEE

## The Merchant of Venice

## BENNETT'S

## Twice Every Day This Week.

## PATRICE

## In "A NEW YEAR'S DREAM."

## 7-OTHER FEATURES-7.

## AUDITORIUM SATURDAY

## Y. M. C. A. Course, ROGERS and

## GRILLIE, entertainers. Reserve seat

## sale Friday

## THE BIJOU DREAM

## INAUGURATE NEW ENTERTAINMENT.

## Continued vaudeville, moving pictures.

## SHOW LASTS ONE HOUR.

## Afternoon and Evening. Admission, 10c.

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## TONIGHT

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.

## ALBERT D. JORDAN, Organist, assisted

## by EVELINE ARTHUR, Soprano, of

## Toronto, and MAURICE POORE, Violinist.

## Silver collection at the door.

## THE HALL OF L. O. L., NO. 548, THORN-

## DALE, is postponed, owing to the death

## of Mrs. Buckle. A. C. Fitzsimons, wor-

## shipful master.

## WESTMINSTER RINK—CADET BAND

## this afternoon and night. Admission:

## Ladies, 10c; gentlemen, 15c.

## SIMCOE STREET RINK ENLARGED—

## Bancroft this afternoon and evening. Car-

## nival Friday night. Splendid ice. Phone

## 1068.

## EAST END RINK, CORNER YORK AND

## Bancroft. Band afternoon and evening.

## VICTORIA RINK, CORNER ADELAIDE

## and Piccadilly—Skating this afternoon

## and evening. Admission, 10c.

## TONY CORTNER—ORIGINAL LONDON

## Harper. Music furnished for all occa-

## sions. 161 Maple. Phone 1570.

## JAN. &amp; NEW DANCING TERM—BEGIN-

## NERS' classes: Ladies, Monday; gen-

## tlemen, Tuesday. Extraordinary. Satur-

## day afternoon. Call or phone. Daynes

## &amp; McCormick.

## OCEAN TICKETS—MONEY EXCHANGED

## for steamship passengers. Gold, drafts,

## and etc. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, 2.

## MUSIC FURNISHED FOR PARTIES.

## balls, banquets. Phone 1265. Tony Vita's

## Italian Harpers, 122 Queen's avenue.

## MALE HELP WANTED.

## BOY ABOUT 15 WANTED. APPLY

## Forest City Laundry.

## WANTED—BOYS FOR DELIVERY. APPLY

## Room 2, Court Railway.

## ALMOST EVERY RAILWAY COMPANY IN

## Canada is short of telegraphers. Salaries

## steadily going up. Send for particu-

## lars. Dominion School of Telegraphy, 9

## Adelaide east, Toronto.

## INTELLIGENT, ACTIVE YOUNG MAN

## wanted by wholesale house, as bookkeeper

## for branch office; must be good penman,

## quick and reliable on books and figures,

## and possess practical knowledge of double

## entry bookkeeping; state experience and

## wages expected. Box 39, Advertiser.

## WANTED.

## OLD GOLD AND SILVER WATCH CASES

## wanted. S. K. Milroy, manufacturing

## jeweler.

## LOST AND FOUND.

## LOST ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, BE-

## TWEEN First Presbyterian Sunday

## school and King street, on Wellington—

## Silver bracelet, set with stones; valued

## as an heirloom. Reward for return to

## this office.

## LOST—GOLD LOCKET, INITIALED "A.

## G. M.," lady's photo inside. Reward for

## return to this office.

## LOST—A GOLD WATCH, OPEN FACE;

## monogram "E. M.," on York. Reward for

## return to this office.

## LOST BETWEEN 217 HAMILTON ROAD

## and Backview street—Gold finger ring

## with pen name engraved. Reward, 75c.

## Talbot street.

## FOUND—GOLD WATCH. OWNER CAN

## have same on proving. Apply Hotel

## Geil, after 7 p.m.

## MEETINGS.

## Proclamation!

## A PUBLIC MEETING

will be held in the

## CITY HALL

to discuss municipal matters on

Thursday Evening Next, Jan. 2

and in the

## East End Hall

to discuss municipal matters on

Friday Evening Next, Jan. 3

The public are requested to attend

and take part in the discussion of these

important matters.

J. C. JUDD, Mayor.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF LONDON DIS-

TRICT Agricultural Society will be held

in Western Fair offices, Richmond street,

on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1908, at

7:30 p.m., for the election of officers, re-

ceiving annual report and transaction of

general business. R. A. Carrothers, presi-

dent; A. M. Hunt, secretary-treasurer.

## FOREST CITY CAMP, CANADIAN ORDER

Woodmen of the World, meets tomorrow

(Thursday), 8 o'clock, Duffield block.

Visitors welcome.

## DOMINION LODGE, NO. 48, I. O. O. F.

meets every Wednesday evening. Visitors

invited. Thomas D. Hastings, secretary.

## THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WEST-

MINSTER Agricultural Society will be

held at Lambeth on Wednesday, Jan. 15,

at 1:30 p.m. H. Cooke, secretary, Lamb-

eth, Ont.

## FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—GIRL TO CLERK IN GROCERY

store. Apply Box 37, Advertiser.

GENERAL MAID WANTED. APPLY 571

Queen's avenue.

## EXPERIENCED GENERAL MAID WANTED.

ED. Apply Mrs. M. M. Ferguson, 304

Oxford street.

## WANTED—YOUNG GIRL, 14 OR 15, TO

assist in housework; can go to school;

good home. Address Box 36, Advertiser.

## WANTED—EXPERIENCED GENERAL

servant; family of three. Apply 564

Talbot.

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## WANTED—GOOD GENERAL SERVANT;

must have knowledge of cooking; highest

wages; no laundry; family of three. Mrs.

A. B. Routledge, 856 Waterloo street.

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LEE HING LAUNDRY COMPANY—SHIRT

collars ironed so will not hurt neck.

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room, in private family; gentlemen only;

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able for offices, on first floor over 78

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Western Real Estate Exchange, 78 Dun-

das street.

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including Bigges business. W. A. Brough-

ton, 455 Piccadilly. Phone 1444.

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and unfurnished; with or without board;

at reasonable rates; furniture desirable

home. Apply 341.

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nearly opposite City Hotel; rent, \$100 a

month. Apply B. A. Mitchell.

## TO LET—MODERN HOUSE, REPAIRED

throughout; No. 42 Waterloo street.

Apply 31 Dundas street.

## TO LET—SEVEN LARGE ROOMS, SUIT-

able for light housekeeping, on

Dundas street. Apply Western Real Es-

tate Exchange, 78 Dundas.

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GROCERY FOR SALE—CENTRAL LOCA-

TION, and doing first-class business. Box

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A. Cattanach, 672 Adelaide street.

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evening. D. F. Buchanan, postoffice

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fluus hair, moles, warts, permanently

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200 BOARDERS WANTED—BIG BELL

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Richmond street.

TWO GASOLINE ENGINES, ONE LATER,

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HANDSOME DRIVING CUTTER, ALMOST

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COAL THIS WEEK ONLY, \$6 50 TON

Supply must be reduced. Dominion Coal

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FOR SALE—PAIR BOB-SLEIGHS AND

pair of first-class dark goatskin robes.

Apply 673 York street.

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 tion Department, or phone 107.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1, 1908.

1908.

Another year has fallen into the  
 abyss of time, with its sorrows and  
 joys, its achievements and failures, its  
 hopes realized or shattered or deferred,  
 and its good resolutions broken or  
 fulfilled. New Year's reflections, like  
 birthday thoughts, are tinged with  
 solemnity. The end of the year is a  
 milestone in the journey of life, and  
 there are few philosophers who can  
 contemplate calmly the passage of  
 time. The artist's pencil and the  
 poet's pen emphasize this melancholy  
 aspect of the season. The New Year  
 is depicted as a chubby youngster,  
 and in twelve months he is a  
 decrepit old man, limping into eternity  
 with a scythe and hour-glass.

Of one thing we may be certain—  
 a year in this twentieth century is  
 worth more than a year in any cen-  
 tury gone by. Life is richer and  
 fuller and more complex than ever be-  
 fore. There have been periods in his-  
 tory when there has been apparently  
 a recession of civilization, but the  
 forces of human progress were really  
 gathering new strength. We  
 are living in the greatest epoch the  
 world has known, and in the midst  
 of wonders which crowd upon us so  
 thick and fast that we have ceased  
 to be surprised.

It may be said that the progress of  
 the past century has been chiefly ma-  
 terial, consisting in the growing  
 mastery of man over the forces of  
 nature, but can anyone doubt that  
 these forces are subserving moral  
 progress, the one increasing purpose  
 which runs through all the ages.  
 The two inventions of steam and the  
 telegraph to mention only two modern  
 marvels, have changed the face of the  
 earth, and bind together the people of  
 all countries in a common conscious-  
 ness that would have been impossible  
 without these agencies which anni-  
 hilate time and distance. They are  
 hastening the day when the scriptural  
 prophecy shall be fulfilled and all the  
 nations of the earth shall be as one  
 family.

The other day a dispatch in The  
 Advertiser recorded the fact of a man  
 being released from prison after 40  
 years of solitary confinement. He was  
 escorted through the streets of New  
 York and behaved like a frightened  
 child at the sight of trolley cars and  
 electric lights and skyscrapers. If a  
 person dead a hundred years should  
 rise from the grave, his sensations  
 would be bewildering indeed. A noted  
 British writer recently argued that  
 the nineteenth century really began  
 with the reign of Queen Victoria, as  
 there was an almost imperceptible  
 change in the customs, social condi-  
 tions and modes of living in Great  
 Britain between 1700 and 1837. The  
 second quarter of the nineteenth cen-  
 tury marked the transition from the  
 stage coach to the railway, which  
 worked a social and industrial revo-  
 lution. Most of the triumphs of what  
 is known as modern progress have,  
 therefore, come to pass within the  
 lifetime of many persons still in the  
 flesh. In new countries like Canada  
 the march has been necessarily more  
 rapid, and there are thousands of Can-  
 adians who can recall pioneer days,  
 and conditions more primitive than  
 their grandfathers in older countries  
 ever knew. We have only to compare  
 the Canada of ten years ago with the  
 Canada of today to realize how fast  
 the country is moving. The young  
 Canadian of today is likely to witness  
 changes more revolutionary than the  
 pioneer has seen. He inherits a  
 greater country and greater opportuni-  
 ties in an unexampled era of develop-  
 ment.

The year 1907 has been fraught with  
 great events, as the year 1908 will be  
 and must be in this wonderful cen-  
 tury. History is being made before  
 our eyes in the Orient, no less than in  
 the Occident. The spectacle of an  
 awakened east is the most significant  
 phenomenon of today. The heaven,  
 which has lifted Japan into a new  
 plane of civilization with such sud-  
 denness, is working in China, in India,  
 in Persia. This is the supreme prob-  
 lem of the immediate future, and one  
 for which christendom must prepare  
 by the evangelization of the world.

## THE NEED OF THE PREACHER.

[New York Post.]

The church cannot afford to still the  
 voice of her prophets. Christianity has  
 been pre-eminently the preached religion.  
 Its founder sent forth the Apostles to  
 preach. All through the history of the  
 Christian Church, the living utterance  
 of spiritual men has been the great cor-  
 rector and quickener. Inspired preaching has  
 in it the greatest power known to man-  
 kind, and it is a sad fact that in the  
 most potent of all ages, the present  
 age, the church has been almost com-  
 pletely silent.

vivid that music, more direct than even  
 grand architecture and its adornment  
 of the temple. With the right man in the  
 pulpit, allowed time for brooding thoughts  
 and careful choice of form, nowhere else  
 can speech be so clothed upon with power.  
 If the institutional church were inevitably  
 to degenerate that great Christian function  
 to the droning of imbecilities, its condem-  
 nation could not be too strongly pro-  
 nounced.

## A MATTER OF ANATOMY.

[Punch.]

Doctor—Now, my boy, show me your  
 tongue. That's not enough. Put it right  
 out.  
 Small Boy—I can't 'cos it's fastened at  
 the back.

## IN THE SHORT DAYS.

[Life.]

"Papa, what for it gets dark so soon?"  
 "Because, my boy, winter is comin', and  
 it gets late early now."

## NO HOPE FOR THE SOUTH.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

"Do you think, colonel," asked the beau-  
 tiful girl, "that there is ever likely to be  
 another clash between the North and the  
 South?"  
 "No," he replied a little sadly. "What  
 would be the use, my dear young lady, of  
 trying to save the South now? Most of it  
 has gone dry."

## MORE THAN UP-TO-DATE.

[Chicago News.]

Singleton—Your wife seems to be an up-  
 to-date woman, with her love replanting  
 Wedderly—Huh! She's away ahead of  
 the date. Why, she has a lot of trouble  
 borrowed for next year.

## A POET'S LONGING.

[Cleveland Leader.]

The Poet—Darling, I have sold my sonnet  
 at last!  
 His Wife—Oh, Algonquin! And now I can  
 have that Persian lamb coat, and—  
 The Poet—Not yet, dear. I had to spend  
 the money to get a pair of socks.

## MICHAEL ANGELO'S HOUSE.

[London Globe.]

It is odd that Italy, so jealous of the  
 immortal works of her great artists for  
 monetary reasons, cares little for their  
 historical associations. Even Michael  
 Angelo's home in Rome, where he de-  
 signed his "Last Judgment," where he  
 wrote music and where he died, has been  
 allowed to vanish, leaving not a trace be-  
 hind. A French writer visiting the place  
 for inspiration for a history of the great  
 Florentine, with difficulty traced even the  
 memorial tablet that once marked it.

## TRAGIC MONOTONY.

[London Truth.]

Think of the dull, dull lives led by the  
 great mass of four girls in the respectable  
 classes, especially those who have nothing  
 to do, and most particularly such as feel  
 their youth beginning to slip away from  
 them. It is tragic.

## NEW YEAR'S IN NEW YORK.

[Chicago Tribune.]

The theaters have no more than half a  
 crowd. Only the cafes and the police sta-  
 tions have out the sign of "standing room  
 only." Tin horns and tin horn sports  
 blow them! Confetti of a shade that you  
 feel morally certain is not going to match  
 your interior furnishings, going down your  
 throat in a shower every time you open  
 your mouth! Girls riding on men's should-  
 ers! Men riding on the roofs of hansom  
 cabs! Feather dusters, wine bottles, chase  
 faces, wooden rattles, college boys, chorus  
 girls, Bohemians, sons, diamonds, furs,  
 rags, beggars, glee clubs, hoodlums, police-  
 men, men about town and men about load-  
 ed, bare heads, picture hats, jammed side-  
 walks, crowded streets, Old Trinity  
 shining out the birth of the New Year,  
 and nobody paying any attention except  
 the chemist who yanks the bell ropes—  
 wassail and wahoo—Christmas, Fourth,  
 July, election day and Mardi Gras all  
 scrambled together and cooked on a hot  
 fire with a garnish of snowflakes—that's  
 New Year's Eve on Broadway, the Land  
 of the Midnight House!

## FASTEST ANIMAL.

[Kansas City Star.]

"A greyhound is probably the fastest  
 creature that moves upon the earth," says  
 a breeder of those animals. "It is on  
 record that a greyhound beat the famous  
 racehorse, Flying Childers." An absolute  
 tie between horse and greyhound is dif-  
 ficult to bring off, because, while the horse  
 can be ridden at top speed, it is impos-  
 sible to insure that the greyhound will  
 run 'all he can.' But a dog that can start,  
 say, fifty yards behind a hare and over-  
 take it within a short time, and this is  
 about what a greyhound does, must surely  
 be faster than anything else that lives, or  
 has his parallel only among the birds."

## SIZING HIM UP.

[St. John Globe.]

"Who is that big man?" asked the  
 stranger.  
 "That," replied the native, "is Mr.  
 Pumptious."  
 "Only plain 'mister'?" Why, he has the  
 bearing of a major-general."  
 "Yes, and the over-bearing of a young  
 lieutenant."

## A CHANGE.

[Atlanta Constitution.]

A government inspector, entering a rural  
 postoffice, expressed surprise upon seeing  
 a woman at the delivery window.  
 "I was under the impression," said he,  
 "that a man was in charge of this office."  
 "And so he was," replied the woman,  
 sharply, "but I married him."

## CAUGHT NAPPING.

[Pittsburgh Dispatch.]

Customer (to merchant)—I discovered a  
 funny thing in that high-priced pack of  
 playing cards I bought from you yester-  
 day to give "the boss" on Christmas.  
 Merchant—What was it?  
 Customer—The joker.

## A REASON FOR WAR.

[Exchange.]

Jenkins—You may be sure that there  
 will never in our time be a European  
 war. Just reflect, nearly every one of the  
 royal families is related to the others.  
 Henpecked—That's why I think there  
 will be a war.

## TREATMENT FOR LA GRIFFE.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]

It is rather surprising that medical  
 science has not been more successful in  
 handling the common enemy of influenza,  
 usually called, by an abbreviation of its  
 name, la grippe. Its history has been  
 traced back for centuries. The record of  
 epidemic character has been known for  
 years. The bacillus which causes it has  
 been discovered. Its attendant symptoms  
 are well understood. Even special vari-  
 eties have been identified.  
 But it cannot be said that much progress  
 has been made in checking the disease.  
 When it makes its presence felt one after  
 another is affected, until, in a short time,  
 hundreds, and sometimes thousands, in a  
 large city are suffering from it. At the

present time it is feared that the country  
 is about to have a siege of this influenza,  
 even more serious than that of 1889. Pitts-  
 burg reports more sickness from grip and  
 pneumonia than for years, a condition of  
 affairs worse than that described by the  
 Chicago health officials.

## ALLIGATOR IN CHURCH POOL.

[Greenville Democrat.]

The alligators are getting bad at Green-  
 ville and are even taking the pools of the  
 Baptist churches as places of refuge. A  
 five-foot alligator was found in the pool  
 of the Baptist Church. The saurian was  
 discovered by a plumber who waded into  
 the pool for the purpose of repairing a  
 leak, and he was scared out of a year's  
 growth as well as clear out of the water.

## ROYALTY'S CATS.

[Tit-Bits.]

Cats hold as high a place as dogs in the  
 hearts of our society animal lovers.  
 Queen Alexandra owns several fine Chin-  
 cillas and Persian cats. Princess Alexan-  
 der of Teck and Prince Maurice of Batten-  
 berg also possess valuable specimens, but  
 the real cat fancier among the royal fam-  
 ily is Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Hol-  
 stein, and the only royal catery in the  
 one now established at Cumberland Lodge.  
 This has been arranged on the most up-to-  
 date principles, and has curtained windows  
 and a front porch, with a knocker and  
 letter box. The portals are surrounded by  
 a crown and the initials "V. S. H."

## BETWEEN TWO YEARS.

[L. S. Waterhouse.]

The New Year dawns, and with an eager  
 hand  
 We seize a treasure from the dying past—  
 The loyal friendship, faithful to the  
 last—  
 And take it with us to the newer strand.

The New Year dawns. The olden days are  
 fled.  
 We hear the echoes of a cadence sweet—  
 A hyacinth melody with love replanting  
 And sing it softly as we urge ahead.

The New Year dawns. There are no tears  
 or sighs  
 Time has but hidden from our earnest  
 gaze  
 Shades of despair; the woes of other  
 days.  
 We keep our memory of earth's Paradise.

The New Year dawns. Peace to the Old  
 Year's flight!  
 Friends are eternal. Love perpetual  
 springs.  
 All that is dearest round our pathway  
 clings.  
 We take our blessings to the coming  
 light.

## A RAP AT VANITY FAIR.

[George Bernard Shaw.]

A woman with no children and a tiny  
 house in Mayfair with accommodation for  
 six people, tells you that she cannot do  
 with less than nine servants, who sleep  
 under the stairs or anywhere they can.  
 The buttons and books and eyes on her  
 dress are purposely placed so that she  
 cannot fasten them herself. She must have  
 a maid to do it. She knows, of course, that  
 other people are as comfortable as she  
 with two or three servants, but she does  
 not escape from her nine, all the same.  
 They have been made absolutely necessary  
 to her by some power that is stronger than  
 she. She is dragged to the opera, though  
 she may hate music; she is driven to  
 Goodwood, though she may loathe racing;  
 she has to spend weary weeks on a Scotch  
 moor, keeping a sort of private shooting  
 your men whom she does not care for,  
 and for whom her husband, who never  
 hates shooting, does not care, either.

## WHY HE FOUGHT.

[Tit-Bits.]

Magistrate—Pat Murphy, the constable  
 says you were fighting. What have you  
 to say for yourself?  
 Pat Murphy—Well, your worship, Oi had  
 a clean white shirt on, an' I was mighty  
 proud iv it that Oi got up a bit av a row  
 wid a man so Oi could take me coat  
 an' wessot off an' show it.

## MONTREAL LIGHT PRICES

Secure a Contract for Street Lights at \$55 Each Per Year.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The fire and light  
 committee today settled the lighting prob-  
 lem, so far as it was concerned. It adopt-  
 ed a motion, made by Ald. Lavalle, that  
 a contract for the electric lighting of the  
 city streets and squares be awarded to Mr.  
 E. A. Robert and associates for the space  
 of ten years, with lamps giving as much  
 light as those now in use, as follows:  
 Price per lamp per annum for arc lights  
 on wooden poles, \$55; for arc lamps on  
 steel poles, \$60; for incandescent lamps  
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DAIRY MARKETS.  
LIVERPOOL DAIRY REPORT, WEEK  
ENDING DEC. 20.

[Hodgson Bros' Letter.]  
Cheese—The demand has been steady and active buyers just before the holidays, operating only for absolute requirements. There is, however, a firmer feeling, and the tendency is to a gradual hardening in values. There is a scarcity of under-processed full cream cheese, which class, when found, meets with prompt sale. We report today's values as follows: Finest Canadian, colored, 52 1/2 to 53 1/2 per cwt; do, white, 51 1/2 to 52 1/2; do, earlier made Canadian, white and colored, 50 1/2 to 51 1/2; a few States, chiefly half-meats, white and colored, 50 to 51 1/2.  
Butter—There has been a brisk demand for choicest Danish, dealers anticipating their Christmas wants, which creates an immediate scarcity. Australian and New Zealand have also shared in the demand, and landed supplies of choicest grades are in small compass. The Copenhagen quotation is quoted 1 kroner higher for next week. Secondary and lower grades have been an improved, requested and supplies of this character are small. We quote today: Choicest Canadian creamery, in 16-lb boxes, nominally 112 to 113 per cwt; choicest Danish, in Kiel cases, 124 to 125; choicest Russian and Siberian, in Kiel cases, 108 to 114; secondary grades, do, 96 to 104; choicest Australian and New Zealand, 116 to 122; choicest Irish creamery, scarce, nominally 116 to 122; choicest Argentine, 116 to 118; choicest States creamery, States process creamery, States ladies, imitation creameries and Canadian dairies, none.

## 7 PER CENT

Bank of England rate (first time in 33 years) caused many cheap investments and panic prices.  
**H. C. BECHER** 432 Richmond  
Phone 213

## LOCAL MARKET.

WEEKLY REVIEW.  
Trade at the market between Christmas and New Year's is usually light, and this year's business was no exception to the rule.

The farmers have no room to complain of the prices that were paid, especially for turkeys and other classes of fowl. Oats also took a big jump in price, hay stiffened up a little, and the price of dressed hogs advanced 25 cents per 100 pounds.

Potatoes, apples and the other lines on the list were in fair demand.

Grain—Oats are higher, as the supply of late has been exceedingly small. Sales are made at present at \$1.54 to \$1.58 per cwt. Wheat sells at 90c per bushel.

Hay and Straw—Hay is firm at \$15 to \$17.50 per ton, according to quality. The demand is good. Straw is in good demand at \$8 per ton.

Butter and Eggs—Butter is not quite as plentiful as a week ago. Prices are firm for choice at 26c for fresh and 27c for pound rolls. Fresh laid eggs sell at 30c to 32c per dozen and 25c for held stock.

Potatoes—Sales are slow at 80c per bag wholesale. The supply of late has been light.

Apples—It seems as if nearly every household has laid in a supply, as what is offered is a drug. Prices are easier at 50c to 75c per bag or \$1.25 to \$2 per barrel.

Poultry—Turkeys are high at 15c to 16c per pound. At Tuesday's market of the present week sales were made early in the day at 15c to 17c per pound wholesale, but after dinner some were sold as low as 12c per pound. The sold at 10c to 11c per pound. Geese, 10c to 11c. Chickens, 10c Old fowl, 7c to 8c.

Dressed Hogs—There is a fair demand and prices are firm. The dealers say they will be low. Sales are made at \$7.75 to \$8 per cwt.

Live Hogs—Price last Monday was \$5.60 per cwt. About the same for next Monday's shipment. Small pigs sell at \$2.50 and \$3 per pair.

Butchers' Meat—Beef sells at \$5 to \$7 per cwt. Yearling steers at \$4.50 to \$5.50 per cwt. Pork at \$4.50 to \$5.50 per cwt. Work, 8c for front and 10c for hind-quarters.

## LIVE STOCK MARKET.

## NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 31.—Receipts, 1,538; trade limited, but prices steady; western steers, 10c to 11c; sheep, 10c to 11c; calves, 10c to 11c; hogs, 10c to 11c; turkeys, 10c to 11c; chickens, 10c to 11c; ducks, 10c to 11c; geese, 10c to 11c; rabbits, 10c to 11c; pigeons, 10c to 11c; cats, 10c to 11c; dogs, 10c to 11c; fish, 10c to 11c; fruit, 10c to 11c; vegetables, 10c to 11c; flowers, 10c to 11c; miscellaneous, 10c to 11c.

## COTTON MARKETS.

## NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 31.—Cotton—Futures closed very steady. Closing bids: January, 10.75c; February, 10.85c; March, 10.95c; April, 10.95c; May, 10.95c; June, 10.95c; July, 10.95c; August, 10.95c.

## MITCHELL BETTER

President of the United Mine Workers Gaining Strength.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Dec. 31.—John Mitchell, of Indianapolis, president of the United Mineworkers' Union of America, is here to rest.

He has gained strength since his recent recurrence of illness and today said he felt no bad effects from the trip from Indianapolis.

## MANAGER SPENCER'S RETIREMENT.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—C. W. Spencer, manager of the MacKenzie-Mann lines east of Fort William, reached here today from Toronto and confirmed the report that he is retiring from his present position, but states that it is not his intention to retire from active railway work.

## DOES YOUR SIDE ACHE?

When the first symptoms appear, rub with Nerville—rub it in deeply. It penetrates to the muscles and chords that are sore—takes away stiffness—removes all strain and inflammation. If the condition is chronic, put a Nerville Porous Plaster on the affected spot. This draws out any virus or neuritic irritation, restores their tissues to their normal condition, permanently cures any weakness or tendency to pain. Nerville Plasters absorb all the deleterious secretions through the relaxed pores and when used along with Nerville liniment, every muscular pain or ache must go.

New Year's Traffic Was Heavy  
All Trains Were Late Last Night

International Limited Did Not Arrive Until 1:45 This Morning.

Railway officials report that the traffic for New Year's while not so heavy as that of Christmas was still very good.

On a number of the trains, special coaches had to be attached to accommodate the crowds traveling. Owing to missing their connections the majority of the trains last night were late.

The International Limited fared worse than any of the other trains, and instead of arriving at ten minutes

to eight, pulled into the station at a quarter to two in the morning.

There were about eighty passengers delayed, and when the train finally pulled in they signified their appreciation of the fact by pulling the alarm bells and emitting various college yells.

## Cause of Delay.

The cause of the delay to the first place was the heavy traffic east of Toronto. When the train pulled into Woodstock a hot box was discovered on the rear wheel of the engine tender. Three quarters of an hour was lost in cooling this, and for the last few miles the trip was covered with the boxing in a blaze.

Another engine was secured here and Engine No. 956 went to the round-house.

## The B. of R. T. Ball a Grand Success

The annual New Year's eve ball of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen was held last evening in the city hall.

There were about 75 couples in attendance and all enjoyed themselves greatly.

The affair was the most successful yet held by the organization, and reflected great credit on the committee in charge.

The music was furnished by Dayton & McCormick's orchestra, and was very fine.

The committee which conducted the dance was as follows: Mr. H. Andrews, chairman; John Larkin, D. E. Patterson, J. Wheatcroft and John Hills.

## Dr. Russell for an Asylum Position

It is understood that the successor to Dr. Gifford at the London Asylum for the Insane will be Dr. W. G. Russell.

At present Dr. Russell is one of the house surgeons at Victoria Hospital.

He graduated in 1906 and his work in the hospital has been most satisfactory.

Nothing definite regarding the appointment can be ascertained at present, as Dr. Russell left for Toronto yesterday morning.

Dr. Gifford retired from the asylum staff yesterday afternoon.

## All of the Victims Are Recovering

The six men injured in the explosion of the threshing engine near Lambeth a week ago, are doing nicely.

The four men not seriously injured, Messrs. Henry Woods, Jos. Poole, Geo. Poole, and Arthur Poole, are all out of bed.

William Schram and William Nixon are still confined to bed, but are out of danger.

"I think they will be all right now," said Dr. Routledge to The Advertiser last night. "Mr. Schram's eyes are doing well, and I do not think the sight will be injured. As for the others, for a time, but I expect no trouble now. I removed the splints from Nixon's leg for the first time, and it is doing as well as I expected. They will be better soon, I hope."

## DE LOUTREC SUES FOR \$10,000

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Bernard F. Gregory, known in Toronto as "Bertie" Gregory, and also as Count de Lautrec, issued a writ today against William R. Travers, manager of the Farmers' Bank, charging him with conspiracy to injure the plaintiff in his business and to drive him from the city.

He alleges in his filed affidavit he has been pursued and assaulted by thugs, instigated by the defendant to force him to leave Toronto. That the

defendant declared he would have his freedom or his life, and would spend any amount of money to achieve this.

Gregory said today that Gen. Avery of New York, and the Princess Montglen, an Austrian aristocrat, were coming from New York for the trial to give their evidence. It will be remembered that the princess was in Toronto when the dog show was held here. The plaintiff, who is alleged to be of a noble Austrian family, is a dealer in horses, and is well known as a unique figure on the city streets.

## NEW BIBLE MANUSCRIPTS FOUND

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Detroit, Dec. 31.—Charles I. Freer, of this city, who made the discovery of Egyptian Biblical manuscripts, announced yesterday in Chicago by Prof. Henry A. Sanders, said today that he found the manuscripts in a little Egyptian shop, where he was hunting for treasures in pottery. Mr. Freer would not give the location of the shop as he said it was possible there were still other treasures to be found there. He added that rough estimates led to

the opinion that the documents will be found to belong to a date somewhere in the third to the seventh century.

"We expect," said Mr. Freer, "that the entire substance of the manuscript will be given to the world, and managed by the same dignity that characterized the production of scientific discoveries in Europe. The subject of the Bible should not be handled with anything but dignity, nor the sayings of Jesus with anything but the utmost reverence."

## TWO LABORERS FOUND HEADLESS

Their Bodies Discovered in an Empty Railway Car Near Buffalo.

Buffalo, Dec. 31.—The dead bodies of two Austrian laborers were found today in an empty West Shore boxcar on a siding near the Grace Stone Crushing Company's plant at Akron Junction. The heads of both were cut off with an axe, and both had been dead for a number of hours when discovered.

The two men had come to Akron a few days ago seeking work, but the stonecrusher had practically closed down for the winter. Both men had a little money with them and were in the village yesterday afternoon and made a few purchases.

There are no clues to the murderer, but the sheriff is at the scene of the tragedy and statements are being taken from every one near the scene.

It is said that neither of the dead men had any money in their pockets when found.

## RIMOUSKI CONVENT PREY TO FLAMES

Father Point, Dec. 31.—The large convent of the Reverend Sisters of Charity, at Rimouski, is burning, and it is feared the flames will spread to other buildings, as a breeze is blowing.

Millville, N. J., Dec. 31.—Three thousand glass bottleblowers have returned to work in the large glass plants here, after a shutdown of ten days. That there will now be a stop in any of the local plants before July 1 is very improbable.

## BIG WHIST MATCH AT LIBERAL CLUB

South Londoners Will Have a Fine Time Next Thursday.

Thursday night next at 8 o'clock, a big whist match will be held in the South London Liberal Club.

After the whist there will be speeches by aldermen and others.

Every Liberal in London is invited to be present. Strangers are especially invited to be present.

## THE DRUCE CASE

Counsel for the Prosecution Hold Conference—Decision Postponed.

London, Dec. 31.—George Hollamby Druce and counsel for the prosecution in the Druce case were in conference today to discuss the situation, and a possible course in future action.

A decision was postponed until next Saturday, when the reports of those present at the opening of the grave of T. C. Druce will be considered.

## A TORONTO DESPERADO.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—James Syme, of Toronto Junction, has identified George Chambers and Thomas Morgan, who pleaded guilty before Magistrate Denison to highway robbery, as the men who held him up on the Weston road recently, and covered him with a revolver. Chambers is now charged with attempting to murder Mr. Syme, who says that when he resisted, Chambers fired a revolver at him, and the bullet whizzed past his ear.

STOCK SHOW ENTRIES.  
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—No entries for the Eastern Ontario Fair Stock Show, to be held at the exhibition grounds from Jan. 20 to 24, will be accepted after Jan. 11. For experimental purposes the executive has decided to take only entries from the eastern portion of the province.

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Local Items

Hot Beer at Carling's.

There was a large crowd of visitors in addition to nearly all the travelers of the firm at Carling's brewery yesterday afternoon, when the annual hot beer was served. A very pleasant time was spent.

Organ Recital Tonight.

The First Methodist Church should be filled to the doors tonight, when Mr. Jordan gives his monthly organ recital. The programme has been well chosen to suit every taste, as these recitals are not given for musicians only, but for the general public as well.

Delayed by Collision.

Miss Katharine Bartlett, of New York, arrived in London last night to take the place of an act in Bennett's bill which had been canceled because it was not up to the mark. Miss Bartlett was delayed several hours at Syracuse, through a collision in which a couple of men were killed. She was unable to appear on the bill last night.

Wedded in St. Thomas.

The wedding took place in St. Thomas on Dec. 28, of Miss Clara Maud McCormick, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McCormick, to Mr. Norman McNeill, formerly of this city, but now of Grand Rapids, Mich.

McNeill is a son of Mr. and Mrs. McNeill, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill will live in Grand Rapids.

Only Three Drunks.

Only three drunks were gathered in at the police station last night. This does not mean that the city is free of drunks by any means for down town there is with just a happy "tag" on quite plentiful. The police, however, interfered with no one as long as he was able to find his way home without wanting to lie down and go to sleep with the nearest telegraph pole for a pillow.

THE BRAMPTON MURDER

So Far, No Murder Charge is Made Against Terrace.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—So far the murder charge has not been formally preferred against John D. Terrace for shooting and killing William Curry, at the Curry home, four miles from Malton, on Christmas night, but an information will be laid shortly, following the verdict delivered yesterday by a coroner's jury.

A specific charge was not necessary pending an investigation, but one will be made. The preliminary hearing before the magistrate will begin on Monday at Brampton. Crown Attorney McFadden will prosecute and Mr. Haseard defend. The witnesses examined at the inquest will repeat at their evidence, and little Jimmy Reed, who ran for help while James Curry was struggling with Terrace, will be called. In the event of a committal Terrace will be held for the assizes.

Detective Greer got back to Toronto this morning. He drove from Elmbank to Brampton last night in a hail and snow storm.

Mr. Wilbur Mack, who is this week appearing at Bennett's, in a very neat sketch, is the writer of the clever vehicle, and also of the songs sung in the piece. He is a versatile comedian, with a pleasing stage presence, and makes good everywhere.

He is a genius in more ways than one, and is always looking for something new.

"I have made a discovery which will remove inkstains from the fingers," he told The Advertiser last night. "There's no necessity for going around with soiled fingers, because all one has to do to remove the inkstains is to use a common match. Wet the sulphur end and rub it on the stains, and it will instantly remove the stain."

Mr. Mack gave a demonstration with a match, which proved his discovery to be a good one.

A CABINET COUNCIL.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—At today's cabinet council the legislations desired to be introduced this session were discussed and the inland revenue bill was under consideration.

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RUIN IN WAKE OF EVELYN THAW

De Mille School for Young Ladies Closed, Owner Becomes Bankrupt.

New York, Dec. 31.—The name of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw figuratively is written across the voluntary petition in bankruptcy filed in the United States circuit court yesterday by Mrs. Ma-thilda Beatrice De Mille.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw of the saintlike face, the chief figure in the Thaw tragedy, is the bright that has, after a two-year struggle, forced the widow of the brilliant collaborator of Belasco two decades ago, and the mother of two successful playwrights of today, to plead before a court of law to be released from the obligation of her debts, that she may make a fresh effort.

For it was the story of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, as it was heard from her own lips on the witness stand during the trial of Harry K. Thaw last February, that brought notoriety to the fashionable school at Pompton Lake, N. J., in which Mrs. De Mille, the woman of brains and breeding, sought to rehabilitate the fortune crippled by the unexpected death of her husband.

Yesterday's action was the climax of a string of circumstances that have followed in logical sequence—the quaint story by Evelyn of the life of a chorus girl, among the tender daughters of fashionable families, at the Pompton Lake school; the shock to the fashionable clientele of the school, when they learned that their daughters had the artist model as a companion for many months; the vacant schoolrooms and dormitories where before they had been filled.

Mrs. De Mille Gives Up.

Three months after the ending of the first Thaw trial, Mrs. De Mille closed her school. She saw that the struggle against the notoriety gained through the Thaw trial would be in vain.

Mrs. De Mille attempted again to win back fortune by coming to this city and starting a play brokerage business, with offices in the Astor Theatre Building. It is in these offices that she has been toiling for many months, striving in vain against competition, as the expected climax came yesterday in the two times upon the court calendar—the petition of a bankruptcy.

Successful at Start.

Mrs. De Mille called her school the Pamlico. She spent \$60,000 in refitting the pretty villa by the lake, and yesterday in the two times upon the court calendar—the petition of a bankruptcy.

Stanford White selected this school should be educated. She was sent there in company with her mother. Her past, that of a chorus girl and artist's model, was sealed. She was warned that she was playing a part and that for the sake of her career, her ambition as a great actress, she must play the part perfectly. Her expenses were paid ostensibly by her mother. Every dollar was paid through her mother by Stanford White.

It was at this school that Evelyn Nesbit, then a trifle over 16 years of age, fell ill with appendicitis, and the notoriety surrounding the operation would have been sufficient in itself to close the doors of the school, aside from what followed.

Evelyn kept a diary while she was at this fashionable school. It was there she wrote of the "little white bed, the virtuous white bed" where cynically she sketched her life as a nun.

"These girls have been kept from the world all their lives and they know very little of the mean side of it," "I wonder how far it is from Rome."

In the diary read at the trial, in the direct examination of Evelyn, one line

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brought a smile in the somber atmosphere.

"The Pie-Faced Mutt."

"Mrs. De Mille was very nice," District Attorney Jerome read from the diary. "She said, 'Come right in,' so I jumped out with the agility of a sou-brette and proceeded to go in. When we drove up to the mansion Mrs. De Mille's son came up smoking a pipe, and I must confess he is simply a pie-faced mutt. That describes him."

The "pie-faced mutt" is William C. De Mille, the playwright of today, who is following in his father's footsteps.

"The Warrens of Virginia," "Strongheart" and "Classmates" are among his plays that have had success on Broadway.

It was at this school that Harry K. Thaw found Evelyn. He had become infatuated with her, and was then intensely jealous of Stanford White. He visited her there frequently, but always in the presence of a chaperon.

He sent her candy, flowers and gifts of all kinds until Evelyn was the envy of all the girls.

When Evelyn fell ill with appendicitis, an operation was decided on by Stanford White. The school was cleared, the girls were told to take the afternoon off and "go for a walk," and the surgeons worked in quiet. Harry Thaw and Stanford White were visitors there when the chorus girl was convalescing.

All Told in Girl's Diary.

All of these details and more written by the chorus girl transplanted in an atmosphere of respectability, were told at the trial. The effect was immediate on the prospects of the fashionable school. Yesterday's court action was but the climax of the effect of frowning respectability on the fortunes of Mrs. De Mille. Evelyn Thaw, in six months at the school, undid by her presence, the work Mrs. De Mille had accomplished in several years.

CLUB PRESIDENTS CALLED TO A TALK

Earl Grey Wishes to Discuss National Parks on Battlefield.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The Canadian Club of Ottawa has issued invitations to the presidents of all the Canadian Clubs in Canada to hold a meeting in Ottawa on Jan. 17 to consider the proposal of Earl Grey for a monument upon the heights of Quebec to celebrate the tercentenary and to make national parks of the Plains of Abraham and other battle fields. The meeting will be to consider the ways and means in connection with the Governor-General's scheme.

CANADIAN ELKS MEET AT WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—At the annual Grand Lodge convention of the Canadian Elks, which opened yesterday, delegates were present from Halifax to Victoria, four hundred strong.

Grand Exalted Ruler D. A. Young, of Montreal, will preside at a ceremonial tonight in which forty Winnipeggers will be initiated. This is the first time the annual convention has ever assembled west of Toronto, and it is said next year they will go to Vancouver. The delegates today were met at the train with a brass band.

PROMINENT WEATHERMAN DEAD

Pittsburg, Dec. 31.—Director Frank Ridgway, of the department of public safety, and prominently known in connection with the United States weather bureau, died in a hospital early today of typhoid pneumonia. Mr. Ridgway was a 33rd degree Mason.

HYMEN'S PARTNER COMING THIS WAY

Rev. W. G. Gomersall of London To Visit America and Boost Matrimony.

London, Dec. 31.—"Cupid's Successor" is contemplating a visit to the United States. He is the Rev. W. J. Gomersall, a Presbyterian clergyman, who declares that the little chap with the bow and arrow has been hating lately, and thereby rendered necessary some organized scheme for promoting matrimony. A while ago, accordingly, Mr. Gomersall founded the so-called "Eligible Social Circle," of which there are now three in London. And as he has read in the American cables that organizations modeled after his are about to be started in New York and Boston, he wants to go across and give them a start in the right direction.

Ostensibly these circles are formed to provide social evenings for lonely bachelors, widowers, single women and widows. One has to be either one of these four to pass the hospitable portals of the "Circles." But Mr. Gomersall and his wife, who is the official hostess, frankly admit that the encouragement of matrimony is the chief end they have in view.

The first of the Eligible Clubs was formed a year ago, the second six months later and the third has just been launched. The three have a combined membership of 500.

To become a member one must belong to one of the four classes mentioned above, be able to furnish two references, and fork







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the municipality of St. Malo to the  
City of Quebec is now practically de-  
cided upon.

A vote of the proprietors taken yes-  
terday resulted in a majority of 12  
in favor of the scheme, which is also  
supported by 5 out of the 7 councillors  
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ings, wishing all success and  
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avenue.

—Miss Sadie Caswell, of Toronto,  
is the guest of the Misses Selkirk, Sim-  
coe street.

—Miss Anna Selkirk, of Toronto,  
formerly of this city, is spending the  
holiday in London with her parents.

—Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Meek, and baby  
stuart, of Detroit, Mich., are the guests  
of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Meek, 318 Hyman  
street, for the holiday season.

**Elder Evans in Toronto.**

Elder R. C. Evans, of this city, is  
conducting meetings in the Majestic  
Theater, Toronto, each Sunday, and is  
addressing audiences which frequen-  
tly number 2,500.

**Has Returned Home.**

Mr. Allister Allan, of Winnipeg, for-  
merly of this city, has returned home,  
after a few days spent in London, the  
guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
Robert Allan, William street. Mr. Al-  
lan's health is much improved since  
taking up his residence in the west.

**Carnival Prizes.**

Court Middlesex, C. O. F., held a  
carnival Monday night in the Jubilee  
Rink. The prizes were awarded as  
follows: Best dressed couple, Bertha  
Horns, R. McClaran; best dressed  
gentleman, J. Naven; best dressed  
lady, A. Swegles; best character cos-  
tume, C. Murano; best comic cos-  
tume, E. Blisset; best dressed boy, H.  
Reed; best dressed girl, J. Insell.

**"His Last Dollar."**

"His Last Dollar," styled on the  
programme, "The Romance of a Ken-  
tucky Gentleman," attracted but a fair  
audience to the Grand last night, de-  
spite the fact that David Higgins, the  
author of the piece, was in the stellar

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role, and the fact, too, that the play  
had been seen in London before and  
had made good. As in the past, the  
production was a worthy one, and  
those present enjoyed it immensely.

**A Detroit Filmflammer.**

Hamilton Spectator: A handsome  
girl of 22 years or thereabouts blew  
in from Detroit about three weeks ago  
to visit some friends in Hamilton.  
Finding nothing special to do she took  
a clerkship in a large department store  
during the holidays, and, being an ex-  
pert saleswoman, she made quick work  
of the stock in her department. Her  
checks seemed small for the amount of  
goods disappearing, but as the man-  
agers were busy not much thought  
was given to the matter. But the cat  
jumped out of the bag and the secret  
was out. A man bought an article for  
which he paid \$2. When the clerk  
turned in her check it was one for \$9c.  
The article did not suit the buyer's  
wife, and he asked to exchange it for  
something else. He took the check with  
him, and when it was compared with  
the check that was turned in by the  
clerk there was a discrepancy of  
\$1.50. This led to an investigation, and  
the Detroit clerk finally owned up to  
having taken about \$100, and in addi-  
tion she stole the pay envelope of a  
fellow-clerk. Rather than make the  
thing public, the proprietor of the  
store discharged the clerk and charged  
her thefts to profit and loss. The girl  
invested her money in some handsome  
clothes which she bought during her  
clerkship.

**SANCTION ISSUED.**

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The C. A. A. U.  
has issued a sanction to the Central  
Y. M. C. A. for a field and track meet  
on Saturday, June 6. This is the  
first local sanction issued for next  
summer.

**A NEW HOSPITAL**

Belleville, Dec. 31.—The city council  
has closed a contract with Frank  
Dolan of this city, to build an iso-  
lation hospital at a cost of \$5,000. The  
work will not be started till spring.  
There will be contests for mayor,  
aldermen and school trustees in this  
city.

Comfortable rubber-tired carriages  
for theater. Hueston's Livery.

### REV. MR. GRAHAM ON THE NEW YEAR

Pastor Called To Wellington  
Street Methodist Church  
Sends Greeting.

Rev. Humphrey A. Graham, of St.  
Marys, and who has been called to the  
pastorate of the Wellington Street  
Methodist Church, sent the following  
New Year's message to the St. Marys  
journal:

"The Old Year."  
"Of its words of comfort spoken,  
Of its joys give me no token  
To the swiftly dying year."  
While we sorrow o'er its sadness,  
Shall we pass by all its gladness,  
All remembrance of its cheer?  
Nay, the sorrow we have known,  
And the winds that chill have blown,  
Only make it the more dear,  
And we, weeping, say adieu,  
As we welcome in the new."

"Another Christmas is gone; an-  
other year is here. On every hand is  
heard the exclamation, 'How quickly  
the years fly!' and surely our days are  
consumed away like smoke. As one is  
afraid impressed with this fact he is  
constrained to feel that no prayer is  
more suitable at this season, and none  
ought to be more earnestly offered by  
every true Canadian, than the petition  
of Moses, the seer, the patriot, the  
humble servant of God: 'So teach us  
to number our days that we may get  
us a heart of wisdom.'"

"We need wise hearts, for thus shall  
we be able to perceive what is best  
and do it. Looking backward we see  
the specter of misspent time and  
broken vows, because we heeded not  
the voice of wisdom as she cried in the  
street."

"This year may be, ought to be, and  
will, shall be, dear reader, the best in  
your life. My sincere new year wish  
is that such it may be for each, and  
when the tolling bells proclaim that  
you must part company with the  
thought that you have been permitted,  
though weak and sinful, to aid in some  
enobling cause, to bring strength  
to some weak one in an hour of need.  
Faithfully yours, H. A. Graham, pastor  
of the Methodist Church, St. Marys,  
Ont."

### Celebrate Their Golden Wedding

Today Mr. and Mrs. James Begg, of  
354 Adelaide street, celebrate their  
golden anniversary of their wedding,  
which took place in Hamilton, fifty  
years ago.

A most remarkable feature of the  
celebration is that it brings together

We take this opportu-  
nity on the first day of the  
new year to extend our  
thanks to the patrons of  
our Dundas St. and South  
London stores.

Quality is the corner-  
stone on which we have  
built our business, and it  
will always be our aim to  
serve you with reliable  
goods at the lowest prices  
consistent with their qual-  
ity in clean, bright and  
well-appointed stores.

We wish you a Very  
Happy and Prosperous  
New Year.

**T. A. ROWAT & CO.**

**MR. D. A. STEWART**  
**POPULAR CITIZEN**

Is in the Field for Alderman  
and Will Make a Great  
Run.

Mr. D. A. Stewart, the well-known  
undertaker, has decided to run for the  
council this year, and yesterday qual-  
ified for the office.

Mr. Stewart's candidature is back-  
ed up by many well-known citizens,  
and he is sure to poll a very heavy  
vote, and in all probability will be  
among the first of the candidates.

Mr. Stewart is a successful business  
man, and is well qualified for the po-  
sition. He is dependable, an honest,  
straightforward business man—the  
proper type of man for a civic office.  
He has had municipal experience,  
and can be relied upon to turn all his  
information and ability to the good of  
the city.

He is a keen business man, and he  
is a worker, and these qualifications  
are sufficient to elect him. The rate-  
payers will make no mistake in elect-  
ing him. He is one of the best.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES BEGG.

a family circle which has never been  
broken by death.

Mr. and Mrs. Begg are both natives  
of Aberdeen, Scotland, and came to  
this country over half a century ago,  
taking up their residence in Hamilton.

When the Grand Trunk carshops  
were moved here from Hamilton,  
thirty years since, the couple came to  
London where they have resided ever  
since.

formly, and Mrs. Caldwell in Bay City,  
Mich.

There are seventeen grandchildren,  
all living.

Among the out-of-town guests who  
will be present to celebrate the happy  
event are Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie,  
Hamilton; and Miss Maud Riggins, of  
Woodstock.

The happy couple are in receipt of  
many handsome gifts.

### Watch Night Services in Churches Attended By Large Congregations

The Last Night of the Old Year  
Marked By Feeling  
Serv.ces.

Notwithstanding that the last night  
in 1907 was a chilly one, and the  
sidewalks slippery and most unfavor-  
able for walking, many hundreds of  
London's citizens spent the closing  
hours of the year in celebrating watch-  
night services in the churches.

The majority of those attending the  
churches arrived about half past  
eleven and spent the remaining half-  
hour in singing hymns and praying.

As soon as the clock struck the  
midnight hour, another hymn was  
sung to usher in the new year.  
After this the pastor of the church  
preached.

In St. Paul's Cathedral, the services  
were very well attended, and the de-  
corations which had been arranged for  
the Christmas services being allowed  
to remain, the church presented a very  
pretty appearance.

**St. Paul's Cathedral.**

The services in the cathedral com-  
menced at 11 o'clock, and were of the  
regular nature.

A special New Year sermon was  
preached by Bishop Williams, in which  
he spoke of the very many blessings  
all had enjoyed during the past year,  
and of the general prosperity of the  
country.

The close of the year reminded us  
how rapidly the time was flying, and  
it was our duty to take advantage  
of it and make the most of our op-  
portunities while we could.

In concluding, his lordship voiced the  
wish that all might be blessed in the  
coming year.

**Other Churches.**

In Wellington Street Methodist  
Church the watch-night services were  
well attended, and the singing extend-  
ed heartily by all. Rev. James Liv-  
ingstone preached a short New Year's  
sermon.

In Colborne Street Methodist Church  
watch-night services were conducted  
by Rev. Dr. Hannan and Rev. F. E.  
Mallott. A special programme of ap-  
propriate hymns was selected and  
rendered very beautifully, added great-  
ly to the impressiveness of the service.

Rev. Dyson Hague conducted the  
services at the Memorial Church,  
which consisted of an abbreviated  
form of the regular church service,  
supplemented by a splendid musical  
programme. Mr. Hague's remarks  
were in the nature of a retrospect of  
the past year, and in concluding, he  
urged his hearers to seek to elevate  
their lives in the coming year.

**Well Attended.**

The services in the First Methodist  
Church were very well attended, and  
were taken charge of by Rev. W. L.  
Routledge. The decorations which have  
been completed for the grand Sunday  
school rally on New Year's morning,  
made the church present a very beau-  
tiful appearance. Special New Year's  
music was rendered.

There was a good attendance at the  
services held in Christ Church, where  
Rev. R. S. W. Howard preached a  
New Year's sermon. Christmas de-  
corations were left standing, and the  
church presented a very attractive ap-  
pearance. The musical programme

WE ARE ONE OF  
MANY TO WISH  
YOU A

### Happy New Year

BUT OURS IS NONE  
THE LESS HEARTY.  
MAY YOU AND  
YOURS ENJOY A  
PROSPEROUS YEAR  
IN 1908.

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was much enjoyed, and entered into  
very heartily.

In the Catholic churches of the city,  
two masses will be celebrated this  
morning, at 6 and 8:30.

### SUDDEN DEATH IN FRENCH SENATE

M. Guyot-Dessaigne, Minister of  
Justice, the Victim of  
Apoplexy.

Paris, Dec. 31.—During this morn-  
ing's session of the senate, Jean  
François Edmond Guyot-Dessaigne,  
the French minister of justice, dropped  
dead of apoplexy.

M. Guyot-Dessaigne was born in  
1823. He entered the public service  
in 1863, and in 1885 was elected to  
the chamber of deputies. He first en-  
tered the ministry as minister of  
justice in 1899, in the Floquet cabinet.  
His present tenure of office dates from  
Oct. 23, 1906. He was a member of  
the Legion of Honour.

M. Guyot-Dessaigne was in feeble  
condition, and worn out with his Par-  
liamentary labors. Parliament has  
been working under high-pressure  
throughout the holidays, sitting night  
and day in an effort to finish the  
budget before the new year. The prin-  
cipal point at issue has been the new  
plan proposed by the chamber of  
deputies for the valuation of incomes  
derived from land, which is designed  
to prepare the way for the early en-  
actment of an income tax law.

On account of the death of M.  
Guyot-Dessaigne, the regular New  
Year's Day reception of President  
Fallières at the Elysee Palace, and  
other official receptions have been  
cancelled.

**GERMAN-AMERICAN UNITY**  
Strongly Advocated Before Germanic  
Society in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—After declaring  
that his ideas did not officially re-  
flect the views of either President  
Roosevelt or the German Emperor,  
Prof. John W. Burgess, the first  
Roosevelt exchange professor to Ger-  
many, made a strong plea last night  
for a closer offensive and defensive  
alliance between the United States and  
Germany, in an address to the Ger-  
manic Society of Chicago.

He based his plea on the ethical  
bond between the two countries, the  
similarity between their political in-  
stitutions and the absolute need of  
such a union in order that each might  
perform its appointed mission to the  
world.

The mission of the United States he  
concludes to be the domination of the  
Pacific and the civilization of Asia,  
and that Germany, the rejuvenation of  
Europe and the colonization of  
Africa.

**BANKRUPT ACTRESSES**

Henrietta Crossman in the Same Boat  
With Mrs. L. Carter-Payne.

New York, Dec. 21.—Ezra T. Pren-  
tice, receiver for the affairs of Mrs.  
Leslie Carter-Payne, the actress, re-  
cently declared bankrupt, was ap-  
pointed receiver today, also, for Hen-  
rietta Crossman, the actress, and her  
husband, Maurice Campbell, who filed  
petitions in bankruptcy yesterday.  
The schedule of Mrs. Carter-Payne,  
filed today, shows liabilities of \$194,-  
418, of which \$188,444 is unsecured,  
and assets of \$57,926.

**CONVICTION EXPECTED**

Case Against Members of First Duma  
In Its Last Stage.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—The court  
which has been hearing the case  
against the members of the first Duma  
who signed the Viborg manifesto, who  
were brought before it on charges of  
treason, retired at 6 p.m. to consider  
the fate of the prisoners.  
A verdict of guilty in every case is  
generally expected.



MR. D. A. STEWART.  
Candidate for Alderman for 1908.

### PILGRIMS MISSING

Anxiety Felt for Party Returning by  
Yacht From Holy Land.

New York, Dec. 31.—According to a  
morning paper, there is some anxiety  
felt over the whereabouts of yacht  
Coronet, which is bound from the  
Orient to San Salvador. She is bear-  
ing Leader Sanford of the Holy Ghost  
and United States Society, of Maine,  
who is returning from a pilgrimage  
to the Holy Land.

The barkentine, Kingdom, which  
sailed from Portland, Me., to meet  
Sanford, has arrived at San Salvador  
but thus far the Coronet has not been  
reported.

### A PUZZING PROBLEM

Curious Case Submitted to Ontario  
Children's Aid Department.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—A curious case  
involving a point of law has been sub-  
mitted to the provincial children's aid  
department.

The question asked is whether or not  
a parent has a right to bring up a child