

NO DIFFICULTIES WITH MR. MONK

But Mr. Tarte Declares There Is Friction With Some of the Former's Friends.

Montreal, Feb. 24. — Mr. Tarte has been interviewed by a reporter of his own paper, La Patrie, and in the course of his remarks on the situation between himself and Mr. Monk and among protectionists not to be disturbed until a formal meeting of the committee. The introduction of the interview it is said that there is no more a question of Tarte's resignation from the office of Polard vs. the Emperor Charlemagne. Mr. Tarte is therefore quoted as follows: "I have never been able to make up my mind about the thing is amusing. La Presse and the Canadian Press are both making quite right to play their part. I have not had the least difference with Mr. Monk. As to the difficulty of the situation, I am not at all concerned. I explain, I have nothing to observe. My role is very simple. I am a pro-tectionist. What else can I do? I give my support, with all sincerity to the protectionist candidates. For that privilege I do not have to ask anything. I am not asking anything. I do not wish my support have only to say so. It seems to me that incidentally these people who are interested in the politics of the country. Those who support protection should disquiet themselves. They should not be involved in all parties. Mr. Borden has his political troubles. Do you not think that Sir

The Temps publishes a special dispatch from Belgrade, which declares that the Albanian revolt has not been exaggerated, and by no means is suppressed.

According to the Temps, Bulgaria desires peace, but is prepared for war, the country having been turned into an armed camp, and warlike proclamations being issued to the army.

BIG EXPRESS ROBBERY

The Wells-Fargo Company Robbed of \$90,000 in Mexico.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from El Paso, Texas, says: It has just become known here that the Wells-Fargo Express Company was robbed of \$90,000 two weeks ago at Ir-

FIRE AT LEAMINGTON

**Large Business Block Destroyed
Loss Placed at \$35,000.**

Leamington, Ont., Feb. 24. — One of the most disastrous fires in the his-

The fire is supposed to have started in Norman & Dawson's drygoods store. The block was occupied by Cullen Bancroft's furniture store, Norman Dawson, drygoods; Mrs. Maycock, furniture store, and on the second floor by Leamington Business College, and the inland revenue and customs offices.

Total loss is estimated at about \$35,000.

ABSORBED BY TRUST

A Windsor Oatmeal Mill Joins the Canadian Combine

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 24. — It has just leaked out that Orr Bros.' oatmeal m

of this city has been absorbed by the trust, the Canadian Oatmeal Manufacturing Company, completing a list of 25 mills in Ontario alone. The combine has been after the Windsor mill, the only remaining

outside their jurisdiction in Ontario for some time, and now that they have it is likely that the price of oatmeal will be advanced, as the trust controls 90 per cent of the oatmeal manufacturing in the Dominion.

EXPOSURE CAUSED KEATH

Old Woman Claimed She Was Driven
From Home by Threats.

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 24. — Mrs. Turner, relict of J. W. Turner, a former well-known railroad man of Windsor died last night. Until about a week

ago the old woman lived at the Home of the Friendless, but was driven away, so she claimed, by the threats of one of the inmates.

The exposure she underwent in making her way to the home of Mrs. Ba-

AS ENGLISHMEN SAY IT

London, Feb. 24. — These are some of the notable saying of last week.

"The attempt to combine a crown government with self government in the Transvaal has led to a mine owning government."—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

"The ideal statesman of the future should be able to find outlets for the surplus millions of the population."

the country."—Lord Brassey.

"The modern ballad offers dodder, feebleness for pathos, bathos for genuine sentiment, maudlin gush for tears and slobber."—Myles Birket Foster.

"Monday plenty, Tuesday some, Wednesday little, Thursday none—a never mind about Friday as you'll be drawing your money Saturday."—Crooks, the labor member of Parliament, in characterizing the majority British workmen in a debate in Co-

monks regarding the unemployed.

Progress of Irene Cole Murder Trial
at Brantford.

There were six witnesses examined this morning, going to show that Kennedy had purchased a chicken from a woman. The chicken was seen in a bag in Kennedy's possession the day before the tragedy, and later on, after the tragedy, the bag and dead chicken were found in the willows. All the

Death of Negress Whose Birth Antedated American Revolution.

People aged 129. According to the woman's statements she was born in Virginia in 1775, before the declaration of independence. She lived on the plantation where she was born until freed by the proclamation of President Lincoln.

**Ann Arbor Lady Students Join
Perilous Experiments.**

Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 24.—While I Ebersoff, who is conducting the experiment of breeding a poison green, stud-

It has leaked out that the drug belt taken was proved by a physician in North South Wales ten years ago, but his experiments were made only upon himself and only showed the results on one

DIDN'T GET TO PATTI

Scranton Constable Who Tried
Serve Attachment Foiled.

the Lackawanna station. The attachment was issued to recover a bill for \$100 alleged to be due the Scranton Tribune for advertising the Patti concert, which was to have been given here, but which was canceled on Saturday on account of the small advance sales.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Destroy
With Dynamite.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Dur

Men drilled holes along the upper rim line of it, and buried dynamite in ice. The blasts were exploded, but great mass was not destroyed, the crater being made only slightly larger.

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49c

One line Black Serge, double fold, regular 35c, to clear at only, per yard,

25c

Black Spanish Laces, were 10c, 12½c, 15c and 25c, for, per yard, 5c, 8c, 10c, 12½c and

15c

THOMPSON IN COURT

But Toronto's Civic Inquiry Has Been Indefinitely Postponed.

Toronto, Feb. 24. — Judge Wincesster yesterday morning refused to proceed with the civic inquiry pending the decision of Mr. Justice Riddell on the motion for an injunction, Mr. Riddell, of Cobourg, father of W. R. Riddell, K. C., having died, the proceeding counsel will be away for a few days, and the investigation was on this morning. Sam Thompson, the D. R. O., arrived at the court immediately after the adjournment was made.

AND YET ANOTHER.

Mary Malcolm Had Bright's Disease and Hope Was Abandoned—Dodd's Kidney Pills Again.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 22. — Following the cures of Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Philip of Bright's Disease comes another yet more remarkable cure of the same terrible disease by the same old reliable Dodd's Kidney Pills. Miss Mary Malcolm, who lives with her parents at 129 Marlborough avenue, this city, was ill with Bright's Disease from May till September. She was so swollen with dropsy as to be almost unrecognizable. Her death was expected to be a matter of days, if not hours. Preparations for the funeral were already commenced when it was resolved to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. Within a week the young girl was able to be out. Today she is as healthy as any one could wish to be. Dodd's Kidney Pills did it.

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ROWLEY OUT AGAIN

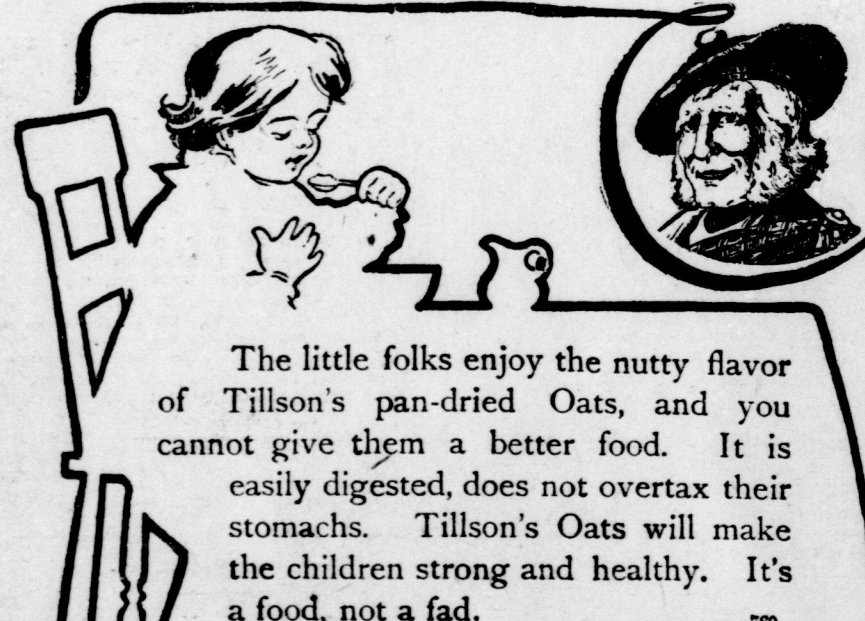
Goes to St. Thomas to Give Evidence in Atlas Loan.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 24. — George Rowley, ex-manager of the Elgin Loan Company, St. Thomas, and a convict serving time in the Kingston penitentiary, left yesterday afternoon, in company with J. C. Weir, a night keeper for St. Thomas, where he gives evidence in the Atlas Loan case, now on trial there.

COMBINING THE EMPIRE

Is United States Intriguing to Embarrass Chamberlain?

London, Feb. 24. — Guilford Molesworth has a letter in the Pall Mall Gazette on Canada and preferential tariffs, in which he quotes a letter received from a very eminent Canadian official, who says: "Chamberlain is absolutely right when he says the empire must be united or break up by disruption, or tolerated separation. We can get along without preferential tariffs, you cannot. If you sneer at our offers, and refuse to meet us and decline to accept our desire to combine the empire, the United States will offer reciprocity so fair that in the face of your refusal to meet us in any way, our people will be tempted to accept. And how could you blame the masses if they did accept? All hopes of combining the empire would be gone. We should be involved in a business war with the States and absorption would be inevitable. The intrigues of the States are beginning now. I am convinced writers here have already been bribed to embarrass Chamberlain."



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GOVERNMENT'S HELPFUL POLICY

Able Speech By the Minister of Agriculture—Criticism of Mr. Sutherland.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Hon. John Dryden's speech in the budget debate today was an able and convincing presentation of the ineluctable benefit which had accrued to the farming interests of Ontario through the wise and progressive policy adopted by his department. He referred to the good work done by the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, the Farmers' Institutes, the Guelph Winter Fair, and the gradual improvement in the morale and educational value of the fall fairs.

The Conservative speaker of the afternoon, Mr. Donald Sutherland, of South Oxford, criticised the Government for permitting the importation of poor horses, and for neglecting the farmers generally. He said he had been given to understand that the Premier led the temperance people of the Province, and the Provincial Secretary led the liquor people. He closed by saying that he heard that the Government had submitted its proposed temperance legislation to the hotelmen, and that the latter had endorsed it.

THE O. A. C. LAUDED.

Hon. John Dryden said, in opening, that much of the criticism leveled against his department was the result of ignorance. There was abundant room for growth of the Province's agricultural resources, as well as in the quality of the output. Every farmer would be assisted by the adoption of better methods, but this could not be done by legislation. Many laws in this regard had been passed, such as that for the destruction of the Canada thistle, but they were simply dead letters, because the Government had depended upon education, co-operation and organization of the farmers for particular industries.

Foremost among the agricultural educational forces was the Guelph Agricultural College, which, by sending out many well-trained young men, must have an influence for good, while the publication of bulletins must make it an educational power of vast moment, and he congratulated the Conservatives on their change of opinion with regard to this college, which was no longer the subject of criticism. The equipment was not yet sufficient, and he would like to see further votes for it. Despite this, he declared the college was today without a peer as a teacher of agriculture, pure and simple. Another reason for this was the magnificent gifts donated to the college by two prominent citizens of Canada. Every farmer would be grateful for the magnificent library given by Mr. Massey, but the Government was especially gratified by the two buildings, costing \$175,000, presented by Sir William McDonald, of Montreal.

INSTITUTES DID GOOD WORK.

The next means of educational work was the Farmers' Institutes, which were begun in a small way, but had grown to such size and influence that some believed it the best educational force in Ontario. In 1899 the amount voted for traveling expenses was \$15,000, while \$9,000 had been asked for this purpose this year, and the other expenditures had equally grown. At first the growth was slow, and rapid strides were not made until a superintendent of institutes was appointed. Now every district in the Province had its institute, and these people were reached by the department every year. Another educational force was the Women's Institute, of which there were already 57, for the teaching of various domestic and sanitary subjects to the women in charge of farm homes, and aid the introduction of culture among them.

GUELPH WINTER FAIR.

The Winter Fair at Guelph was another great educational factor. Ten years ago the farmers of Ontario were not raising the proper kind of hogs to supply the British market with bacon, and the Winter Fair was used for educational purposes along this line, large prizes being offered for the best types. The result that within five years the hog industry had been absolutely revolutionized, so that Ontario nearly topped the list in the British market today. The same thing was done with regard to beef and mutton.

TO ABOLISH GAMBLING.

Discussing fall fairs, Mr. Dryden could not conceive how people running fall fairs could allow men with infernal gambling machines to get in for a \$5 or \$10 bill. He intended to bring in a bill this session which would contain a clause that would assist in driving these people out, and have them put in prison, where they belonged. He strongly disapproved of the permitting of any such meretricious attractions at fall fairs. Another result of organized work was a cutting down of rates on live stock for the west from over \$100 to \$10 or \$15.

while the rates for Ontario had also been much reduced.

The result of the department's efforts had been that the value of cattle sold and slaughtered in Ontario had steadily grown from \$12,000,000 in 1896 to \$23,000,000 in 1902.

THE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE.

The hotelkeepers, at a meeting of the assessment committee of the Legislature in the morning, were successful in securing a reduction in their taxation from a 50 per cent to a 25 per cent basis. No such change, however, was made in the case of the retail liquor dealers, and as a consequence they will continue in the 50 per cent class.

The committee agreed that the brewers must pay on a basis of 100 per cent, but the maltine branch of their business will be treated the same as manufacturers, and pay only 50 per cent.

An effort was made by the clubs to secure a reduction from 50 to 25 per cent, but it was of no avail.

No other change was made in the taxing of the breweries, but after considerable discussion the reduction in favor of the hotels was made.

Dr. Houtledge (East Middlesex) has introduced a bill respecting the London, Aylmer and North Shore Railway; and Mr. Taylor (West Middlesex) has another respecting the Southwestern Traction Company, and one to incorporate the North Midland Railway.

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SWITCHING THE SEATS

Preparations for Opening of the Dominion Parliament.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition, will arrive in the city on Monday from Virginia, to attend to the preparations for the opening of Parliament, on March 10. The sergeant-at-arms of the Commons is making arrangements for the change of seats which usually follows the by-elections. The plan as proposed for the Conservative side was yesterday sent to the Opposition by Mr. George Taylor, for approval or suggestions. The seat occupied by the late Mr. Cargill will be given to Mr. Nat Boyer, of Manitoba, and Seymour J. Gourley, of Colchester, N. S., will succeed to Mr. Boyd's seat. The seat on the front row on Mr. Speaker's left, formerly occupied by the member from Hochelaga, now Judge Madore, will probably be given to Hon. J. L. Tarte, who would then have as his desk mate Hon. John Costigan.

THE SOO REORGANIZATION

Creditors of Subsidiary Companies Approve the New Plan.

Toronto, Feb. 24. — Yesterday afternoon a well-attended meeting of the creditors of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company and the subsidiary companies was held here. About 75 persons, representing creditors of all the companies, were present.

The meeting was presided over by J. McKeay, official referee, and John McKay, the liquidator, who presided, was prepared to make a statement to the creditors, but did so, owing to the decision to adjourn until Tuesday, March 8. W. W. Douglas, K.C., suggested that as there was a likelihood of the reorganization of the companies being effected, it would be advisable to adjourn the meeting for a time. A. S. Rogers, representing the Queen City Company, quite agreed, and after a general discussion the resolution to adjourn was adopted. It was the consensus of opinion that it would be a waste of time in listening to the statement of the liquidator regarding the affairs of the company, and also that it might prejudice the position of the creditors to do so at this stage.

The meeting having adjourned, A. S. Rogers took the chair, and an informal meeting of the creditors was held. James Bicknell, K.C., on behalf of the company, explained the plan of reorganization. He urged that it would be in the interests of the creditors if they approved and gave assistance in carrying it through. The plans for reorganization were thoroughly discussed and a resolution passed, on motion of John McKay, Sault Ste. Marie, to adjourn the meeting until Tuesday, March 8, at 10 o'clock. "What the creditors of the subsidiary companies of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, in informal meeting assembled, do approve of the proposed plan."

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The Paving War.

The rapid growth of permanent improvements seems to have created complications at the city hall. Formerly there was no mystery in a pavement contract. The ratepayers who wanted a street paved found the process a very simple one. They circulated a petition, and if two-thirds of the owners on the street, representing half the assessed value of the property, signed it, the pavement was laid without more ado. For the past year or two there has been a lively competition between the bitulithic and the asphalt companies, who have shown such enterprise that occasionally two petitions for the same street, calling for two different classes of pavement, and each apparently fully signed, are presented to the city council. This enterprising spirit seems to have been communicated to the council itself. A year or so ago it decided that Clarence street, between Dundas street and the G. T. R. tracks, needed a bitulithic pavement. The property owners took a different view, and signed a petition to that effect in sufficient numbers to block the council's initiative; but some of the signatures were afterwards withdrawn and the petition fell to the ground. The property owners then got up a petition with the full complement of names, calling for a Trinidad asphalt pavement. The council refused to allow the ratepayers to specify the quality of asphalt and struck the word "Trinidad" out of the petition. In the meantime the bylaw for the bitulithic pavement passed the council and holds good until rescinded. As the property owners pay for the pavement, excepting the street intersections, they claim the right to prescribe what material shall be used. It is said that Trinidad asphalt is in the control of one company—the Barkers—so that competition would be eliminated if the bylaw called for that particular brand of asphalt. On the other hand, the bitulithic pavement, which the council calls for, is laid by only one company, the Warrens. If the Clarence street ratepayers are playing into the hands of a monopoly, so is the council, though no one questions the motives of either.

The rivalry of the pavement companies has been of some benefit to the city. Their agents have worked up petitions for permanent improvements which would not have been forthcoming if the ratepayers had not been vigorously canvassed. There are temptations to corruption in the activity of all corporations looking for franchises or favors in a municipality, and the city council will do well to leave no room for reproach. In the present state of affairs, no alderman can be too careful of his relations with any company which profits by the expenditure of public money. The fact that an alderman had been in the receipt of money from one of these companies, no matter whether the service rendered by him has been a legitimate one, would compromise him in public esteem. The probity of the city council, as a body, is above suspicion, and it may be depended upon to deal rigorously with any such case, if it exists.

The Docking of Horses.

Our neighbor, the Free Press, has worked itself into a state of excitement over Dr. Routledge's bill to prevent the giving of prizes to docked horses at fairs and exhibitions. For some days the subject has quite overshadowed all other topics in its editorial columns and it has shown a degree of horse lore, if not horse sense, which would do credit to the most seasoned patron of the turf. Most people have been under the impression that the operation of docking a horse inflicted suffering on the horse. They will be glad to learn from the Free Press that this is not the case. In fact they would infer from our contemporary that the horse rather enjoys the process of chopping off his caudal appendage and often goes out for a trot in the afternoon when he has been relieved of his tail in the morning. Docking, our neighbor tells us, makes a horse more tidy, stylish and salable. Perhaps the consciousness of this reconciles the noble animal to the loss of nature's protection against flies and insects. There are many horsemen, however, who do not share this view. Dr. Routledge is credited with knowing something about horses and believes docking is a cruel and unnecessary practice. He could have no other motive in bringing in his bill. The Free Press attacks and derides him and says his plea of humaneness is a pretense. It asks why, if he is such a foe to cruelty, he does not seek to legislate against the docking of lambs. The comparison will be amusing to any practical farmer. The lamb is docked at a very early age when its tail is soft and pulpy, and can be removed with the infliction of little or no pain. The appendage is worse than useless. In the first place it is uncleanly. In the second place, a lamb or sheep, unlike a horse, is protected against flies and insects by its coat of wool. The docking of a horse's tail is the amputation of the vertebrae and is sometimes followed by tetanus or lockjaw. The Toronto World says that 30 per cent of the horses thus mutilated die of tetanus, but we have seen no statistics to confirm this. In Massachusetts legislation has gone to the utmost limit. The section reads:

"Sec. 72. Whoever cuts the bone of the tail of a horse for the purpose of docking the tail, or whoever causes or permits the same to be done upon the premises of which he is the owner, lessee, proprietor or user, or whoever assists in or is present at such cutting, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than three hundred dollars. If a horse is so found with its tail so cut and with a wound resulting from such cutting unhealed upon the premises of any person or in the charge or custody of any person, such fact shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of the provisions of this section by the owner or user of such premises, or the person having such charge or custody, respectively."

Humanity didn't wince when the Japs docked the tail of the Russian bear.

On off-days the war correspondents can always sink a few warships at Port Arthur.

If the Empress Tsi Ann is really dead it may solve the vexed problem. "How old is Ann?"

The Czar remains an enigma. The world is undecided whether he is a swordfish or a jellyfish.

While telephone competition would be an inconvenience, the threat of competition may be a good thing by inducing the Bell Company to keep its rates down.

The rates offered by the new telephone company seeking a franchise here are \$20 for house phones, \$36 for business phones, and \$50 for a house and business phone to one subscriber. This will explain the error in yesterday's edition.

Great Britain, Germany and Italy, by the decision of The Hague tribunal, get a first mortgage on Venezuela's customs receipts. Uncle Sam is ordered to act as bailiff. That is all the glory he gets out of the assertion of the Monroe doctrine.

The charge that Americans are hiring English writers to run down the Chamberlain scheme is as absurd as it would be to say that Canadians, who want a higher duty against British goods, are in the pay of the United States. Yet the raising of the Canadian tariff wall is a more effective way of killing the Chamberlain scheme than writing it down in the English press.

Shakespeare observed with a touch of his philosophic melancholy that if it were not in mortals to command success it was at least better to deserve it.—Toronto World.

The scholarly editor of the World should know that Shakespeare never observed anything of the sort.—Hamilton Herald.

This is a reminder that the lines from Addison's "Cato," which the World had in mind—

"Tis not in mortals to command success,
But we lie on our backs, Sempronius, we'll deserve it."

are the only two in the poem which the world (not the Toronto World) will not willingly let die. And get, this stately tragedy was deemed immoral when it first saw the light. So much for contemporary judgment.

NOT THAT SORT.

[Kincaid Review.]
Well, one thing is dead sure, and that is that the Japanese will never call him a smart Alexieff.

LOST GLORY.

[Sam Klier.]
I am gazing at a picture
Of a girl and of a boy,
Of a guileless youth and awkward
And a maiden rather coy.
Let me see? Who—ah, I have it!—
I remember now—I know—
'Tis a tintype we had taken
At a picnic, long ago.

There's her hand upon my shoulder;
'What a silly looking-gee!
See that way that hair is plastered—
Is it possible that's me?
Yet I thought I was a wonder,
She said, too—she told me so
Where we had our tintype taken
At that picnic, long ago.

MR. MONK'S RETIREMENT.

[Montreal Witness.]
Mr. Monk has retired from the leadership of the Conservative party in this Province. He ascribes his course to the condition of his health, but some criticisms of his in these columns of the recent course of the party suggest that one reason may be because he had lost control of it. This is in no way to the discredit of Mr. Monk. He would seem to have been eclipsed by Mr. Tarte, just as Mr. Cleveland, one of the finest and most massive figures in United States history, was eclipsed by Mr. Bryan and his fat silver folly. Mr. Bryan was spoken of as a magnetic statesman. So eminently is Mr. Tarte. Magnetically he consists in drawing into oneself the crude convictions of the people by whom one is surrounded, and giving concentrated voice to them. To do this constitutes greatness of a sort, but it is more the greatness of the tossing wave than of the granite crag. Mr. Monk's leadership is very real loss to the Conservative party. It is true, he is not a Tarte, but he is high-minded and stable, and one whose personality conferred a dignity upon the party which without him it is in danger of losing.

FEMINE FINESSE.

[Town Topics.]
When ladies meet with kiss and rush,
And longingly embrace, "Tush!"
We cynics often murmur, "Tush!"
And fancy 'tis a case
Of overdone passion, planned
The outlooker to show
How sweetly each is builded, and
How peaceful life doth flow.
But if when they are parted each
Continues in this strain,
With kindly and admiring speech,
We recognize the twain
With some weird secret do engage.
Hence mutual praises sing—
Perchance each knows the other's age,
Or some such sort of thing.

THE EASTERN AFFAIR.

The Russian fleet is said to be bottled up in the harbor of Port Arthur which supports the general belief that the Japs are cokers.—Hamilton Herald.

In putting herself on a war footing Russia shouldn't forget to lay in a supply of running shoes.—Toronto Star.

The Russian battleships should certainly be assessed as scrap iron rather than as going concerns.—Toronto Star.

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—Ottawa Free Press.
Russia will be claiming that the torpedo attack was unfair, because they hit her warships below the armor belt.

—Ottawa Citizen.
The office pessimist sees a facial resemblance between the Russians and the Boers, and doubts whether a nation can win which runs so much to whiskers.—St. Thomas Journal.

MASCULINE INTUITION.
[Detroit Free Press.]
Charles—My wife's handwriting is awful! Just look at that letter.

His Friend—How do you manage to read it?
Charles—I don't. I just send 'em checks.

PANAMA TREATY RATIFIED
The Vote in the United States Senate 66 to 14.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24. — The Senate yesterday ratified, without amendment, the treaty with Panama for a canal across the isthmus by a vote of 66 to 14. The result was a foregone conclusion, the interest in the matter being only in the division of the vote on the ratification. The treaty, which was not known definitely until the roll was called, all the Republicans being for ratification. Fourteen Democrats voted for ratification and fourteen against.

A SAN DOMINGO BATTLE
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St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, Feb. 24. — The United States cruiser, which left San Domingo, Monday, arrived here yesterday morning and will remain in these waters eight or ten days. She confirms the Washington report that severe fighting occurred Feb. 16 and 17 outside San Domingo city. The insurgents were completely routed, losing two field pieces, quantities of ammunition and provisions, and four generals, and many other officers killed, wounded or made prisoners. San Pedro de Macoris is now the Dominican insurgents' last stronghold.

WHAT CANAL IS THIS?
Americans Say Canada Is Building Waterway Which Injures Them.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 24. — A convention of Milk River Valley residents at Chinook has addressed a resolution to President Roosevelt and the Secretary of the Interior, calling their attention to the fact that the Canadians are building a great canal which will divert the waters of Milk River in Northern Montana. Thousands of dollars have been expended in irrigation works, which would be of no value if the Canadians secured the water. The President is urged to act promptly.

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As a ratepayer and one interested in our street-paving, I would ask you to publish the cost or the actual assessment of the different pavements, also the length of guarantee, particularly on Talbot street, Dundas street, King street, Princess avenue and Dufferin avenue. Are the ratepayers notified of the actual cost before the streets are laid, and does their assessment correspond with this actual cost?
I have asked the city officials how my assessments are made up, but without result; consequently (as other ratepayers), I have paid my taxes, and asked no questions.
As Alderman Cooper is alleged to have said in his letters to the Barber Company that he would look after their interests, it strikes me that by the action of our city council in prohibiting citizens from petitioning for the pavement they desire, they are merely helping Alderman Cooper to carry out his ideas in the matter of paving contracts and are not considering the interests of the ratepayers.
Would it not be much better to have the actual cost of the pavement specified in the petition, instead of having the price so elastic as was the case of the Talbot street pavement?
I would also ask how the city council could throw out the Clarence and King street petitions, and pass the Wellington street petition, when they each specify the kind of pavement wanted? To my mind it looks as though they were interested in one company to the detriment of others and to the petitioners in general.
A VICTIM.

JOHN MITCHELL TO QUIT?

Labor Leader Refuses to Explain Address to Miners.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—In an address that was construed by his listeners as his farewell, President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, said to the delegates to the Illinois district convention:

"I do not know how many years it will be my privilege or wish to preside over your organization. For six years I have had the position, and they have been eventful years, full of strain and anxiety, and I do not know that I would care for six more like them. Whether I am to continue as your president, or to return to the ranks, or to take up some other position, I shall ever be grateful to the miners of my own state for the support they have always given me."

In convention and out, Mr. Mitchell refused to make explanation.

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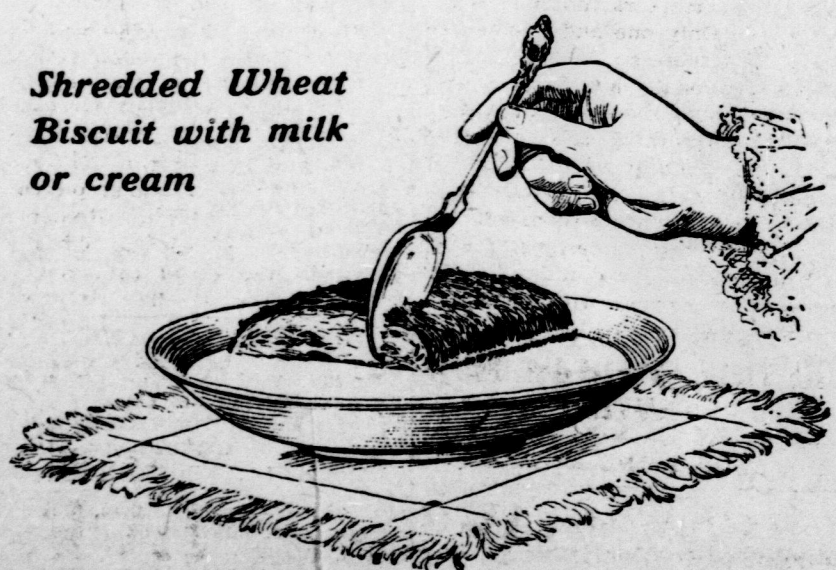
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OFFICERS WERE ELECTED

Meeting of Sunday School and Lay Workers of Middlesex.

Rev. Canon Smith, of This City, Elected President of Former.

The Sunday School and Lay Workers Association of the Denary of Middlesex met in convention yesterday at the Memorial Church. There was a large representation, large numbers attending both sessions.

The afternoon meeting was opened at 3 o'clock and was given over to business. The reports of the various branches were very satisfactory. Mr. R. M. McElhennan, secretary of the board of education, delivered an address on "Preparation for Teaching," and Principal Walker, of Huron College, gave a paper on "Reduction to Unity." The address of the afternoon was given by the Rev. T. A. Wright, of Brantford, after which the election of the Sunday School Association took place, resulting as follows:

President—Rev. Canon Smith.
Vice-President—Mr. C. H. Armistead.
Secretary—Rev. E. S. W. Howard.
Treasurer—Miss Kirkpatrick.
Executive Committee—The rector and superintendent and two teachers from each school, together with the officers.

Mr. J. K. H. Pope is the president of the Lay Workers Association.

In the evening Prof. Tamblin of the Western University, spoke on "Methods and Experiences of Sunday School Teaching," and his ideas have been eventful years, full of strain and anxiety, and I do not know that I would care for six more like them. Whether I am to continue as your president, or to return to the ranks, or to take up some other position, I shall ever be grateful to the miners of my own state for the support they have always given me."

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. T. J. Sullivan has been to New York and Scranton, Pa., on a business trip.

—Miss Ethel Greer, of Toronto, is visiting her mother, Mrs. T. A. Greer, 391 Oxford Street.

—At the Foresters' concern in Dresden this evening, Miss Myra Pickard, of this city, will sing.

—Mr. James McCormick, who has been connected for a number of years with Messrs. R. C. Struthers & Co., has accepted a position with the firm of Spital, Sablin & Co.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

After the Cole charge had been heard and judgment reserved, the police court resumed yesterday at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, when the charge against Frank Watson, breaking into the Dominion oatmeal mills was heard. Magistrate Love also reserved his decision in the case until Friday.

CHURCH CONCERN.

The Epworth League of the Empress Avenue Methodist Church gave a concert last evening. The programme consisted of readings, solos and instrumental music, and was very much enjoyed by a large audience. The choir was taken by the pastor, Rev. T. E. Harrison, and the following took part: Miss Walker, Alma College; Miss Wilson, Miss C. Wilson, Miss McBroom and Mr. Ernest Monie.

FAAREBURG DAY.

Saturday is Faareburg Day—an occasion to be commemorated by all Canadians. There is no reason why it should be left to the military people to do all the celebrating. It is altogether likely that the day will be celebrated by the school children of the city. Friday, of course, will be observed, when flags will be seen in profusion and the afternoon will be given over to patriotic exercises; while on Saturday, of course, will be observed, when flags will be seen in profusion and the afternoon will be given over to patriotic exercises; while on Saturday, of course, will be observed, when flags will be seen in profusion and the afternoon will be given over to patriotic exercises.

DR. DRUMMOND IN LONDON.

Dr. Drummond is already assured of a large audience to hear him on his first appearance in this city at the Collegiate Institute this evening. Crowded houses greeted him on several successive evenings in Toronto, and those who are most anxious to hear him tonight are those who were fortunate enough to have heard him elsewhere. It is interesting to note that Dr. Drummond is only a French-Canadian by adoption, and is really a genial Irishman from the old sod. The presence, also, of Miss McCoy, soprano soloist of Dundas Center Church, and of Mr. Hewlett, so well known to the citizens of London, is sufficient guarantee that the programme this evening will be one of the best combined musical and literary events of the season. Doors will open at 7:30.

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SOLE AGENT.

The Shooting of Wilson Done in Self-Defense

The Act of Detectives Nickle and Egerton Justified.

Finding of the Jury in the Case of the Dead Burglar.

Revolvers Show That One Shot Was Fired by "Billy"—Several Witnesses Called.

That the shooting of "Shorty Billy," the burglar, by Detectives Nickle and Egerton was justified, was the verdict brought in by the coroner's jury empaneled to inquire into the circumstances of the shooting. The inquiry lasted something over four hours, and at its conclusion the verdict exonerated the detectives was brought in, the jury being out but a few minutes. Six witnesses and the physician who made the post-mortem examination, were sworn. They were James McCormick, in whose house the shooting took place; Mrs. Richardson, her wife; Detectives Nickle and Egerton; P. C. Down and Ralph, and Dr. Kingsmill.

The testimony of the latter showed that death was caused by the bullet, which entered the burglar's chest, the wound behind the ear not being a fatal one. The evidence, as a whole, proved to be even more in favor of the officers than the stories which had previously been given out concerning the shooting, and went to show that the detectives had not shot before they had reason to do so. On all points the jury was in agreement. The coroner's jury was practically the same. In the course of Mrs. Richardson's evidence it was brought out that, burglar though he was, "Shorty Billy" had his weaknesses, and just a few minutes previous to the shooting he had been seen to be a good fellow.

His partner, "Texas," was stirring the taffy on the stove when the light began to flicker. "Shorty Billy" was outside cutting the wood with which to keep the fire going to boil it.

The jury were Messrs. John I. Hunt (foreman), J. G. Platt, John Garner, G. W. Kent, John Treblecock, Harry Struthers, Richard Bland, T. E. McCormick, James A. Mack, and Robert Whitton and A. G. McLeod.

THE MAN OF THE HOUSE.

The first witness called was James McCormick. He lived at 381 Ridout street and was a brass molder. He had known Wilson since a short time before Christmas. He wouldn't swear just when it was he first knew the deceased. He had made no inquiries regarding Wilson or as to what he was doing at the time the shooting took place.

Wilson had made the working at 6 o'clock.

Wilson was on board with witness wife. In the evening he had sat and talked with Wilson, though he had never asked him his name. He was told Wilson's name by his (witness) wife. Wilson was always at the house when the witness returned from work at 6 o'clock.

"You didn't suspect he was doing what he shouldn't do?" asked the coroner.

"No, sir. I didn't have any idea of anything of the kind," replied the witness.

The witness said his boarder was in the habit of going out in the evenings to the skating rink, but always returned again before he (witness) went to bed. This would be about 10:30 or 11 o'clock. There was nothing in Wilson's actions to make the witness suspicious.

"You were surprised when he was shot?"

"Yes, sir."

Witness, continuing, said he reached his home a few minutes after the shooting. The body of Wilson was lying on the front room floor. He was dead. To Mr. McKillop the witness stated that Wilson and "Texas" had been at his house a week or more after Christmas. Then they were away for a couple of weeks. Witness did not think they went away again after the shooting.

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VISIT OF LEAGUES.

Thirty members of the Epworth League of the Lambeth Methodist Church paid a visit to the league of the Colborne Street Church Monday night, and were very pleasantly received by Rev. A. G. Birks, the pastor of the Colborne Street Church, extended a welcome to the visitors, and the many kinds words uttered were replied to by Rev. A. G. Birks, of Lambeth, formerly of the Centennial, East London. Music, recitations and readings made up the programme. It was some portion of the human body. After the programme refreshments were served. The Colborne Street and Lambeth leagues have visited each other for several years past, and the occasions have always been the source of much pleasure to both.

AROUND THE WORLD.

"Around the World in Eighty Minutes," is the title of a very interesting illustrated lecture given by the Roberts Entertainment Company at Elizabeth Street Christian Church last evening. The views shown were very good and were appreciated by a large audience.

"Just as soon as they went in."

"Where were you then?"

"In the room opposite."

"How many shots did you hear?"

"Three."

"Did you go into the room then?"

"No. I ran out the front door. The boy (Wilson) was lying outside, head to the wall. I tried to raise his head, but I saw he was dying."

Eligah, who said her son, Billy, was leaning over the body of "Billy" also at that time and she cried: "Oh, poor Billy's dead!"

Eligah took the revolver out of Billy's hands, and threw them away. She was so excited she did not know where the weapons went. She held Wilson's head up between her hands and the detectives came out with "Texas" and she cried again, "Oh, Jimmy, poor Billy's dead!"

Two young men happened along, and they assisted her to carry the dying man to the house. He was dead before he was laid down on the bed. This concluded Mrs. Richardson's evidence.

THE TALE OF ELIJAH.

Elijah Maudsley, son of Mrs. Richardson, was the next witness. He was a wood-finisher by trade, but since last September he had been unemployed. He slept at home, and said Wilson was always at home at night. Wilson had told the witness he was buying grain for a big elevator. He always appeared to have plenty of money. "Jimmy" (Texas), said he was selling jewelry, but never said for what house. Neither had he ever shown the witness any samples. On the day of the tragedy Elijah was at home, reading. While Mr. Egerton was in the room to search his brother's room, witness talked with Detective Nickle in the parlor. "Billy" came in the room while they were talking. "Jimmy" was there also. "Billy" asked "Jimmy" if he would help him saw some wood, and "Jimmy" answered yes. Detective Nickle asked if they both sawed together, and "Billy" answered yes. Then "Billy" asked the witness to help him. Witness agreed, and went outside. When outside he heard cries, and a voice shouting, "Billy, Billy, Billy." At the time "Billy" and "Jimmy" were sawing the sawhorse. The voice crying "Billy" was Jimmy's. "Texas" voice was raised very loud—more of a cry than a shout. Perhaps it was repeated more than three times. The cries were close together.

Witness then ran into the house, to where the scramble was, but didn't get in. He just got to the door of the kitchen. The door was shut but he opened it and looked in. A gun was pointed at his head. He was ordered out by Detective Egerton. Witness then ran outside again, and Billy opened the door and witness went in. "What happened then?"

"He looked in."

"How close were you to him?"

"What did 'Billy' do then?"

"I was around the corner of the house, and couldn't see, but I heard shots fired."

"How many?"

"Five or six."

"I am sure there were five."

"Are you sure there were five shots?"

"Yes, perhaps there were but four."

When witness reached the front door Detective Nickle was standing in the hall by the kitchen door, pointing a revolver toward the front door. The gun was pointed at the witness. The detective shouted to him:

"Get out, or I'll shoot you."

THREW THE GUNS AWAY.

Witness turned and went to go around to the back, but saw Billy staggering toward the tap. At the tap, "Billy" did not fall, but lowered himself as if he was trying to get out. Witness hurried to him. "Billy" did not speak to him, however. Witness grabbed the hand in which he held the pistol. Witness never knew that "Billy" or "Texas" had weapons on their persons. He knew, however, that both had pistols.

He had seen them in their suit cases. He saw two in Billy's one day, and two in Jimmy's another day. Some were in the suit cases, and some were in the pockets. He didn't think they were queer characters to own so many pistols.

Mr. McKillop witness said that when he and "Billy" went outside, he heard "Billy" at the shutters. This was before the fight occurred, and was at the time he (witness) was putting on his hat to go out to help cut the wood. When he saw Billy running toward the tap, he had two pistols in his hands. He took the pistols from him, and he fell. He dropped one pistol, keeping the other in his hand. When the witness threw the pistols away, he lost the other until 10 minutes after the shooting. The constable asked him where the pistols were and he showed him. The two pistols were the ones "Billy" had in his hands.

To the coroner, the witness said he never told anyone that "Billy" shot first.

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Witness—No, sir. I did not.

"You don't remember telling me that?"

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