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MONTREAL, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1900.

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VERSE AT NOOTGEDACHT MENTS HAD A NARROW ESCAPE FROM CAPTURE.

London, Dec. 18.—Lord Kitchener, in a despatch from Pretoria, dated Dec. 17, reports that all the British wounded in the engagement at Nootgedacht have arrived there and are doing well.

THE PEKIN AGREEMENT. CONFERENCE AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hay had a conference for a short time this morning with Lord Pauncefoot, the British ambassador, devoted solely to the Chinese situation. The result was to clear up, so far as that can be accomplished in Washington, some obscurity as to the Pekin agreement.

SITUATION IN CHINA. TUNG FUH SIANG TERRORIZING THE DOWAGER EMPRESS.

London, Dec. 18.—A Pekin despatch to the 'Pall Mall Gazette,' dated Dec. 17, says: 'The situation has not improved by the reports of the powers having reached an agreement, as the scope of the negotiations is limited and the effect is neutralized. The allies have neglected to close the arsenals and factories at Hankow and Shanghai, and have failed to check the transmission of supplies of ammunition of the Chinese.'

MURDERED AT TAIYUANFU. Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Mr. J. H. Farthing, of Millwood, Man., has received information which goes to show that his brother, the Rev. G. B. Farthing, M.A., of the English Baptist mission, together with his wife and entire family of three children, and a number of other missionaries and their families, were massacred on July 9, at Taiyuanfu, province of Shansi, North China.

AMERICAN BREADSTUFFS. AGRARIAN PARTY IN GERMANY ANXIOUS TO PROHIBIT THEIR IMPORTATION.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Agrarian party in Germany, having successfully brought about a law at the last session of the Reichstag prohibiting in effect the importation of American canned meats, is now using its powerful influence to increase heavily the import duties on all grains entering the Empire, notably on wheat, reports the United States consul at Bremen, Mr. Deidrich, to the State Department. The aim of the Agrarians, according to the consul, is to make Germany entirely independent of all countries for its breadstuffs and food supplies.

WANT AN INCREASED GRANT. Messrs. D. A. Ansell, A. Goldstein, T. Rubenstein and W. H. Baker, of the Baron de Hirsch Institute, waited upon the members of the government this morning to ask that the annual grant of \$187,500 given them be increased to at least \$500,000.

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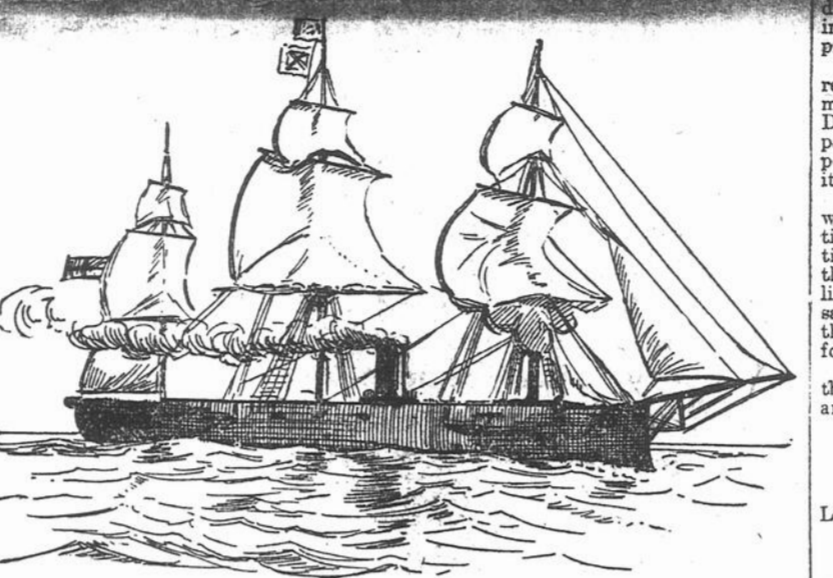
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KING'S COUNTY RECOUNT. St. John, N.B., Dec. 17.—Judge Wedderburn gave his decision in the King's County recount to-day, declaring Mr. Fowler elected by 180 over Col. Donville, or ten votes more than the returning officer made the majority. The judge admitted all ballots the marks on which he did not consider intended made for purposes of identification. The Court, while rendering its decision, was possibly unofficially unaware of the fact that Mr. Fowler's election would be protested by Col. Donville.

THE FRENCH CHAMBER. THE PREMIER SUSTAINS A VOTE ON THE AMNESTY BILL.

Paris, Dec. 17.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, during the debate of the amnesty bill, M. Merville, Radical, proposed an amendment excluding forgers and false witnesses from its provisions. The Premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, replied that the effect of the amendment would be to stir up the whole Dreyfus affair again and the Republican party would find itself confronted by perils it has already overcome and which it would be unpardonable to resuscitate.

INSTALLED RECTOR. LORD STRATHCONA'S RECEPTION BY THE STUDENTS OF ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.

London, Dec. 18.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Canadian High Commissioner, was installed to-day as lord rector of Aberdeen University. He met with a demonstratively cordial greeting from the students. In his rectorial address Lord Strathcona dealt with the unity of the empire. He referred to the gratifying growth of the Dominion of Canada, the federation of Australia, and the similar federation of South Africa, to follow the war. The speaker did not altogether favor an imperial parliament. He thought a consultative imperial council would meet all the needs.

DANVILLE BANK ROBBER. BROOKS SENTENCE FIFTY YEARS IN PENITENTIARY.

A despatch from Dover, N.H., dated Dec. 17, says that Williams, alias Brooks, known in Canada as one of the Danville bank robbers, was, on that date, condemned to fifty years' imprisonment in the penitentiary for their committed at Lawrence, Mass. It will be remembered that he was one of the men who escaped from Sherbrooke jail a few months ago.

SWALLOWED A NAIL. Brockville, Ont., Dec. 18.—Yesterday a child named McNaull, aged two years, had a most miraculous escape from death by strangulation. In playing around the floor it came into possession of a nail two and a half inches long, which it swallowed head first. A crook on the other end fortunately caught in the wind-pipe, thus preventing it from going all the way down. The child was noticed strangling, but the mother and other members of the household were unable to relieve it. A doctor was on the scene in ten minutes, and after much difficulty succeeded in removing the obstruction with the aid of a pair of forceps. By this time the child showed no signs of life, but the doctor eventually brought it around again all right.

SHOT A WHITE MOOSE. Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The young Indian, near Grand Rapids, Lake Winnipegosis, who recently shot a moose almost entirely white, and considered sacred by Indians, was tried by a council of medicine men. As a result he will have to undergo a series of punishments of a most cruel character, which may cause death.

TYPHOID IN MICHIPICOTEN. Toronto, Dec. 17.—From a letter received at the parliament buildings, it appears that a serious state of affairs exists in Michipicoten. Typhoid is said to be raging, and some 125 patients are reported to have been taken from the place, while other cases exist there now. Several deaths are reported. The Provincial Board of Health state that they have received no reports from Michipicoten.

NEW CANADIAN RAILWAY. Plattsburg, N.Y., Dec. 17.—After many delays, caused principally by snow-storms, freight is being handled on the new branch of the Rutland-Canadian Railway, extending from Burlington to Rouse's Point, N.Y., a distance of 42 miles. Passenger traffic will not be begun for two or three weeks yet. The Chateaugay Railway has decided to continue next spring the laying of a third rail on its road from Cadyville to Danmore, thus making it a standard gauge as well as a narrow gauge road, from Plattsburg to Danmore, a distance of eighteen miles.

VCTER'S REGISTRATION. INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT FACTS.

Persons desirous of registering on the electoral lists now being compiled in this city have no time to lose, as registration will close on Thursday next, Dec. 20, at five o'clock p.m.

MOVEMENT ON FOOT FOR SECURING A PROHIBITORY LIQUOR LAW.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 18.—Steps are being taken by the temperance bodies of Halifax to introduce a prohibitory liquor law in the Provincial Legislature at the approaching session. The temperance people say they think this an opportune time, for it will likely be the last session of the legislature before dissolution and a general election.

PARIS FAIR AWARDS. CANADIAN'S CARRY OFF MORE PRIZES THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—The Hon. John Dryden to-day received a letter from Mr. George Jardine, Canadian commissioner to the Paris exhibition, stating that the final jury have given an additional five grand prix, twenty-five gold, fifteen silver and five bronze medals to Canadian fruit, the Canadian, Ontario and Quebec. Ministers of Agriculture being among the prize winners.

SNOW AND SLEET.

Toronto, Dec. 18, 11 a.m.—Victoria, 30; Kamloops, 33; Winnipeg, 35; 18; Ft. Arthur, 36; 33; Fanny Sound, 24; 14; Toronto, 32; 24; Ottawa, 5; 10 below; Montreal, 4; 2 below; Quebec, 2; 6 below; Halifax, 28; 14; East to south wind; fair, turning milder, Wednesday, comparatively mild, with light falls of snow, sleet.

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1840 and 1842 Notre Dame st., Montreal, Dec. 18, 1900.—Readings by Hearn & Harrison's Standard Barometer at noon.
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STEAMER 'ALPHA' LOST.

Went on the Rocks on Vancouver Island in Saturday Night's Gale.

THE CAPTAIN, FOUR OFFICERS AND THREE OF THE CREW PERISH.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 18.—The famous steamer 'Alpha,' which led the Cape Nome fleet to Alaska this year, went to the bottom of Union Bay, Vancouver Island, on Saturday night. The same storm that made her founder swept the whole coast, and telegraphic communication has not yet been established. The news was brought to this city by the steamer 'Czar,' which came direct from Union Bay, the large coaling station of Vancouver Island, and that vessel barely succeeded in weathering the gale on the way across the Gulf of Georgia. The captain, four officers and three of the crew were drowned, including the managing director, Mr. Sam Barber, an American, who had lately resided in Vancouver.

The 'Alpha' was trying to make Union Bay on her way to coal, but was forced by the gale to go on the wrong side of the Yellow Island lighthouse. She could not free herself, and five minutes later ran high against the rocks, which smashed her to atoms in a few hours. She had the full force of the gale against her, as the hurricane blew down the gulf. One member of the crew displayed great heroism by swimming ashore with a life line, and over this twenty-five of the thirty-four members of the crew found safety. It was two hundred feet through the breakers.

Capt. York, an old mariner, was swept overboard. His body has since been found. Mr. Barber was also swept away, and neither his body nor that of the purser, Mr. White, has yet been recovered. The engineer, Matterson; the second engineer, Dunn, and the third engineer, Murray, were all drowned through sticking to the engine room to the last. Sullivan, an able seaman, was drowned, and his body has been recovered. Crosby and an unknown stowaway were drowned likewise. There is not enough of the wreck left to be rendered visible in the storm.

All day Sunday the shipwrecked people stayed on the island. Early yesterday morning they were landed by a small steamer. Others of the crew will, possibly die from exposure.

The 'Alpha' left Vancouver two weeks ago with a cargo of salt salmon for Japan. She had 700 tons aboard, and was three days at sea when she began leaking. She put back to Victoria, and there her chief engineer and all the crew deserted. They alleged that she was unseaworthy, but it was proved that the engineers opened the sea-cocks to make a scare. The steamer got a new crew, was pronounced safe by the provincial

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inspector, and left Victoria on Saturday to resume her voyage to Japan. The steamer was thirty years' old, worth \$50,000, and her cargo was valued at \$80,000. Her insurance was \$60,000, and her Vancouver agent is Mr. A. L. Russell.

A NEW ORGAN

IS TO BE PLACED IN THE CHURCH OF THE GESU.

For some time past negotiations have been going on between the authorities of the Church of the Gesu and Messrs. Casavant Brothers, of St. Hyacinthe, for the erection of a new organ in the Bleury Street Church. The terms and specifications have been agreed upon, and the contract has only to be signed. The new organ will cost \$12,000, and it is expected to be in position some time next fall. It will contain 52 speaking stops, 15 couplers, and 27 automatic hand and foot pistons, and will embrace four manuals and pedal organ, the details of which are as follows:

Great organ—Diapason, 16 ft.; diapason, 8 ft.; principal, 8 feet; salicional, 8 feet; stopped diapason, 8 feet; prestant, 4 feet; Harmonic flute, 4 feet; twelfth, 2-2-3 ft.; piccolo, 2 feet; mixture, 5 ranks; trumpet, 8 feet; clarion, 4 feet.
Swell organ—Bourdon, 16 feet; principal, 8 feet; clarabella, 8 feet; Zemusora, 8 feet; Bourdon, 8 feet; Viol de Gamba, 8 feet; celeste, 8 feet; flute octavante, 4 feet; fagura, 4 feet; octave, 2 feet; cornet, 5 ranks; bassoon, 16 feet; trumpet, 8 feet; hautboy-bassoon, 8 feet; vox humana, 8 feet; clarion, 4 feet.

Choir organ—Principal, 8 feet; melodia, 8 feet; dulciana, 8 feet; flute, 4 feet; viola, 4 feet; piccolo, 2 feet; clarionet, 8 ft.; English horn, 8 ft.
Solo organ—Quintadena, 16 feet; violoncello, 8 ft.; Doppel fute, 8 ft.; harmonic fute, 4 ft.; piccolo, 2 ft.; tuba mirabilis, 8 ft.

Pedal organ—Double open, 32 feet; open diapason, 16 ft.; violone, 16 feet; Bourdon, 16 feet; fute, 8 feet; violoncello, 8 feet; Bourdon, 8 feet; fute, 4 feet; trombone, 16 ft.; trumpet, 8 ft.

The new instrument will be provided throughout with electro-pneumatic action.

NOTES ON THE FASHIONS.

There seems to be a marked determination that the princess redingote shall win a prominent place in fashionable favor this winter, and hardly a day now passes without bringing to light some new and distinctively ladylike and elegant form of this style of costume. Perhaps the most youthful and attractive form of the princess overdress is that which is cut away on the shoulders, with a guimpe inserted of panne velvet, satin matelasse, Persian brocade, etc., with either undersleeves to match this guimpe or else, a long close coat sleeve of fabric like the princess dress and a cap piece, and revers-cuffs of panne or brocade. These handsome additions transform the plainest costume into one fit for almost any occasion, especially if fine kid-finished cloth or French broadcloth is used for the gown.

Fashionable dressmakers, both here and abroad, are making most liberal use of very beautiful artificial flowers, so true to life that it is almost impossible to distinguish them from natural blooms. These are used for opera and theatre headresses, to decorate evening toilets and hats; and not a few corsages are almost covered with half-blown roses and foliage. Large, soft bunches of carnations, orchids, violets, geranium blossoms, etc., wholly without foliage, are deftly arranged on full-dress toilets; and ball-gowns and demi-trained frocks for bridesmaids are garnished with trailing rose garlands and fine foliage; or, the blossoms alone are set in empire clusters down each side of the skirt-front.

COLORS IN DRESS.

Special favor is shown to black in gowns, costumes, cloth and velvet wraps, gloves, and simple elegant millinery for the winter.

A touch of brilliant cherry red in velvet or satin is an accessory that is very prominent in winter millinery and on fancy waists and low bodices, for evening wear. Entire gowns of bright red crepe de satin, Muscovite silk, crepe de Chine, or mousseline de soie over satin Sultan, are worn by English bridesmaids. These are relieved with jetted, girdles, hand trimmings, short bolero jacket-fronts, vests, etc., and large black velvet picture-hats, also jet trimmed, the final touch being a single cluster of vivid scarlet-velvet gladioli set among the full black ostrich plumes.

FOLDED STOCKS.

Stylish young women are again wearing with their shirtwaists of silk, satin, or cloth in cream-white, old-rose, various shades of red and blue and other fashionable colors, the folded stock of our Revolutionary ancestors seen in miniatures and larger portraits. The style is repeated not quite literally but effectively in black satin or velvet to wear with every sort of waist. Also in black and white effects and in gay color melanges, with gray, tan, fawn-color, and similar waists of neutral tone. The ends are in scarf form carried twice around the neck and tied in a bow in front above the high stock which is stiff enough to keep the folds of the scarf in place.

For the spring season, the ruling Parisian designers are again divided in opinion regarding the prominence of the overdress among dominating modes. One of the great French authorities, however, has recently declared that while many other effects will vie with it, the overdress will take its place as a factor among other styles, particularly suited to tall, slender women.

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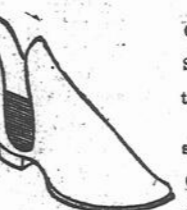
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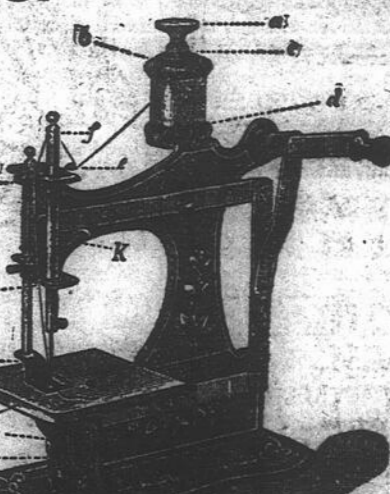
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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. Dominion Square. Rev. Professor Ross. Speaks on TUESDAY EVENING at 8.15 o'clock on "THE PROPHECY OF SAMUEL: THE TIMES OF THE KINGS".

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19. County of Hochelaga AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. The Annual Meeting of the members of this Society will be held at twelve o'clock NOON, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th December, 1900, at the Riveau Hotel, 53 Jacques Cartier square, Montreal.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20. MOUNT ROYAL CEMETERY CO., MONTREAL. The Annual General Meeting of the proprietors of the Corporation will be held at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Room 70, Canada Life Building, on THURSDAY, the 20th Dec., 1900, at 3 p.m.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH. RECITAL. WILL BE GIVEN BY THE MEMORIAL ORGAN BY Mr. Percival J. Hilsley, B. Mus. (Organist of St. George's). THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 20TH, 1900, at 8.15 o'clock.

ALIENS MUST GO. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 18.—Mr. Edward Williams, Dominion alien labor officer, has seen to it that the order of deportation in the case of an employee of the Hamilton Brass Manufacturing Company has been carried out, and he has ordered the deportation of several aliens in another case.

A NEW CHEVALIER. Mr. Emile Galibert, one of the oldest and most prominent members of the local French colony, has just been made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the French Government.

Calendar table for DECEMBER 1900. Columns: S, M, T, W, T, F, S. Rows: 1-31.

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The Daily Witness. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1900.

Tennessee stands third in the list of tobacco-producing states, yet its legislature passed a law restricting and regulating the sale of cigarettes. The constitutionality of the law was contested in the Supreme Court of the United States, but a decision just given confirms the right of the state to pass such laws.

Now that a movement is on foot to sell vacant city lots belonging to the corporation, which are of no use to the public, but the purchase money of which would go to relieve the burden of interest on the city debt, the report is revived that certain institutions intend to have bills introduced at the coming session of the legislature to transfer two of the most valuable of the properties to them for nothing.

The time of retribution has come, however. The walls of ignorance behind which hitherto been shut out from the American people have been pierced by war and by rapidly developing foreign interests, as well as by growing intercourse. The Senate has been called upon to pronounce upon a treaty every part and clause of which is a concession to the United States, and which includes practically everything in the way of concession which the McKinley Government asked for.

THE TREATY SMASHER. A more unsatisfactory way of making treaties with other powers than that which the United States constitution demands could hardly be devised. A British government has power to make treaties. Only after they are made need it be responsible to parliament.

their treaties, the government still knows with an assurance of a hundred chances to one that its actions will be sustained by parliament. British governments are responsible to parliament. They cannot exist without command of a majority in parliament. As government acts, parliament acts, for government is essentially a committee of parliament. It is entirely different in the United States. Foreign treaties are made by the administration, and have to be ratified by the Senate. The administration and the Senate are separate creations of the people.

The irresponsible recalcitrancy of the Senate is largely due to the fact that the United States people have been from the birth of their federation the most isolated of all the powers. On a continent apart, with a continent to subdue, with a multiplicity of states to weld into an empire, with a multiplicity of peoples to fuse into a nation, it has been the best of policy on their part to follow the advice of Washington, made superlative by Jefferson, by shutting themselves up within themselves and shutting out all foreign interests and issues.

Even that, however, would do Great Britain no harm. It would in no way hurt Great Britain if the United States did enrage all Spanish America by making this canal United States territory. It would do her no harm if the United States should be its exclusive owner, with a sad lack of revenue and a great hungering for British traffic. It would do her no harm if the United States should stand before the world as the Senate wants to have her do, as a country with which it is impossible to negotiate on any but disadvantageous terms. In all these things it is the United States that would be the sufferer.

OVERLOADING HORSES. (To the Editor of the 'Witness.') Sir,—The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals having taken up the question of heavy loads being sent out on bad roads, and up steep hills, with insufficient horse power, will you allow me to suggest that the public could very greatly assist in putting a stop to the practice by declining to deal with merchants who countenance the abuse, either directly or by employing inhumane carters.

A LOVER OF ANIMALS. Montreal, Dec. 17, 1900.

AN INTERESTING PROPOSAL. SCHEME TO ESTABLISH LARGE SOUTH AMERICAN COLONY UNDER FRENCH PROTECTION.

London, Dec. 18.—There is an interesting scheme on foot to establish a government over a region of a hundred thousand square miles in the heart of South America, to be christened Amazonia, and to be placed under French protection. The matter is really a serious one, and as it directly involves the Monroe doctrine it deserves the attention of the Washington authorities.

treaty by the Senate does Great Britain no harm. It is the United States that is the sufferer. It is the McKinley administration that is snubbed. It is the American nation that is discredited and whose eyes are now sufficiently open to realize this. How it is to escape, however, from a repetition of such humiliations it is hard to see. There will always be the administration living in the very presence chamber of the nations, with a responsible sense of the proprieties and the courtesies due between people and people, and there will always be in the Senate the quintessence of the nation's clownishness, members vying with each other to make national names for themselves by mischief-making and defiance of decency in international dealing.

In reproaching these unreasonablenesses, however, we have to keep in mind that the law of nations still is that he should take who has the power, and he should keep who can, and that the Senate, in throwing aside every question of right or honor in dealings, is merely asserting in a blunt way a fact which cannot very easily be denied that the United States is a giant and impregnable power that can demand pretty much what it likes, as no one proposes to quarrel with it.

It knows perfectly well that Great Britain will not, if it can possibly help it. And we Canadians, who have no choice as to our neighborhood, will act the part of wisdom to take a leaf out of Great Britain's book in the matter. We may as well remember that the American people are bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh; that what they are is exactly what we would be in the same circumstances, and that whatever good there is in us is also in them, to be made the best of. Just as we should live as pleasantly as we could with a brother or sister in the same household, so it is to our interest, as well as the highest righteousness, as much as in us lies to live in peace and love with them. As for the treaty which has been practically repudiated, it may be followed, if senators have their way, by the denunciation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. That is the only logical issue to the course the Senate has pursued.

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THE NICARAGUA CANAL. UNITED STATES SENATE TO VOTE ON THE QUESTION NEXT THURSDAY.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Just before adjournment late this afternoon the Senate gave its consent to a fixing of a definite time to vote upon the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Senators Money and Mason had occupied the time of the executive session in making speeches upon the treaty, and when Mr. Mason, who was the last speaker, concluded, Senator Lodge renewed his request to take a vote next Thursday. No voice was raised in opposition, and the unanimous agreement was recorded. The understanding is that the voting shall be on the amendments at three o'clock, and that the Senate shall continue in session until the treaty itself is reached. Senator Money talked for two hours, contending for the right of the United States to act in this matter independently of other nations. Senator Mason spoke in support of his suggested amendment, authorizing the United States to defend the canal as it may deem proper in case it constructs the canal.

FEELING IN ENGLAND. London, Dec. 18.—If the British people were bent upon taking a serious view of the Nicaragua canal question, as apparently they are not, they would be confused by the contradictory views of the New York correspondents of the 'Times' and 'Standard,' which are as far apart as the north and south poles, and are utterly unreconcilable.

The 'Westminster Gazette' last night took the 'Standard' correspondent as the better guide, and sought to interpret the action of the Senate for the benefit of its English readers. It has reached the conclusion, with the most benevolent possible motive towards the United States, that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty cannot be abolished simply by being described as inconvenient or out of date, and that the only practical method of settling the vexatious canal question is that of arranging some kind of compensation for an abrogation of the convention of 1850.

The Alaskan boundary question is named as a quid pro quo, and the Foreign Office is urged to take up this method of adjusting all outstanding issues with the United States. This suggestion is made by the friendliest English journal in response to a long and lucid defence of the attitude of the United States Senate by its only advocate whose cable tolls are paid by any English journal. The best thing that the friendliest critics now have to offer is an omnibus settlement, in which the abrogation of the treaty of 1850 is a single treaty, with ample offsets to balance the account. The 'Standard,' in referring to the Nicaragua canal question, thinks it would be a pity if the good understanding between Britain and the United States should be weakened. Much has happened of late, it says, to warn Americans, as well as Englishmen, that they may have to rely upon each other in future for mutual assistance, and to strengthen the bonds of race, language and common culture which link them to one another.

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TORONTO POLICE FALL OUT. Toronto, Dec. 18.—Last Friday morning two constables, named Sanderson and Welch, were on their way home on their bicycles, when Welch called to Sanderson, who was ahead, to wait for him. Sanderson slowed up, and Welch's front wheel came in contact with Sanderson's rear wheel, throwing Welch to the ground. Sanderson came back to see if his comrade was hurt, and was attacked furiously by his brother constable. He was knocked insensible with a blow from a 'billy,' and fell to the ground under a shower of blows and kicks from his infuriated companion. Eye witnesses, with the additional assistance of Constable Charlton, pulled Welch away from his victim. Sanderson is now under the doctor's care, and it is almost certain he will lose the sight of one eye. The police commissioners will investigate the affair.

DR. PARKER'S PAPER. THE HEIR TO THE THRONE CRITICISED.

London, Dec. 18.—The Rev. Dr. Joseph Parker, pastor of the City Temple, who has assumed for a week the editorship of the London 'Sun,' in to-day's issue of the paper, under the heading 'Betting and gambling forecasts,' hits at the Prince of Wales and Lord Rosbery as follows: 'Woe to any country in which the heirs to the throne and prime ministers favor the race course as it exists among us to-day. If princes are guilty it is a poor consolation for us to rebuke peasants. If the premier can blaspheme he has no right to rebuke riddly upon the street. I would rather have a premier a man of solid character than one of brilliant mind addicted to habits that may have the effect of a pestilence upon the rising generation.'

MR. TARTE AT HAMILTON. Hamilton, Dec. 17.—The Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Minister of Public Works, was in Hamilton to-day, accompanied by Engineer Coste, Major Gray, and his private secretary, Mr. Hains. The party arrived in the minister's private car, and at once went to Hamilton Beach on a special radial car with Messrs. A. T. Wood, Mayor Teetzel, Captain Fairgrieve and other interested parties to examine the piers leading from Lake Ontario to the bay. The government has been requested to deepen the canal in order that deep draught steamers can pass through, and also to lengthen the piers on the lakeside. Mr. Tarte looked over the ground carefully, and noted the suggested improvements. He was afterwards dined at the Hamilton Club, and left this evening for Walkerville.

WOMEN'S CLUB. Owing, no doubt, to the extra calls on one's time just before Christmas, the departmental meetings of the Women's Club were not so well attended as usual yesterday, and the discussions lacked somewhat of their usual vim. Mrs. Sparling presided over the social science department, and a short paper was read by Mrs. Southwell on 'How far may it be needful to sacrifice the object of life in getting the means of life?' The subject was discussed from the standpoint of the utilitarian school—the greatest good to the greatest number, and the perfectionist school—the utmost development of the individual.

C.P.R. DIRECTORS' MEETING. The Board of Directors of the C.P.R. held a meeting yesterday afternoon, which had been adjourned from the previous month. Sir William Van Horne was in the chair. The actual business transacted was of a routine character, but the following resolution was passed in relation to the death of the late Senator McInnes, who was a director of the board.

NATURAL CAUSES. Yesterday afternoon Coroner McMahon investigated the death of Noel Lapointe, who was taken suddenly ill while shovelling a Commissioners street sidewalk yesterday morning, and died before the General Hospital ambulance could come for him. It was found that death was due to heart disease, from which the deceased had been suffering for some time. Lapointe lived at 68 1/2 St. Urbain street, where he leaves a widow.

ANNEXATION COMMITTEE. Another step in the slow progress towards the annexation of the suburbs of Montreal was taken yesterday, at the meeting of the Annexation Committee, when it was decided by a majority of one to prepare by-laws for the annexation of St. Henri and St. Cuneonde.

ON A TOUR OF INSPECTION. Mr. D. McNeill, superintendent and general manager of the C.P.R., left last evening for Quebec on a tour of inspection over the lines. He was accompanied by Mr. Whyte, manager of the C.P.R. lines west of Lake Superior.

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NEW OFFICERS.
 Rushbrook Lodge, No. 3, A.O.U.W., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Bro. F. Frith, master workman; Bro. G. Noel, past workman; C. E. Hunt, treasurer; W. Basham, recorder; J. Berthelme, financier; H. Allan, receiver; T. W. Rider, guide; T. John Moisey, inside watch; Thomas Telling, outside watch; auditors, Bros. E. R. Ramsay, J. P. Hartley and J. Berridge; medical examiners, Bros. Dr. Griffith and Dr. J. S. Allan, re-elected; trustees, Bros. T. Telling, J. P. Hartley and A. Tattersall.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.
 Arrivals at the Place Vigor Hotel—P. E. Leno, N. Fisher, New York city; R. H. Conroy, Aylmer; T. G. Dechese, Jules Tessier, Adolard Turgeon, J. G. Scott, of Quebec; Henry Ayles, W. J. Byre, T. C. Gordon, Ottawa; F. A. Gendron, Hull; J. E. Vallette, Buckingham; Camille De Montigny, St. Jerome; W. H. Lower, Vancouver.

CITY ITEMS.
 By a new rule of the arts faculty of McGill, the results of the examinations now in progress will not be given out until after the beginning of the next term.
 The house surgeon of the Notre Dame Hospital, Dr. Henri Choquette, has resigned, and will start practicing at Shawenigan Falls. Dr. Victor Chapdelaine has been chosen to succeed him.
 The Ladies' Guild of the Belcher Memorial Church will hold a sale of useful and fancy articles this evening and tomorrow evening in the mission room, corner of Church avenue and Wellington streets, Verdun. The object of the sale is to raise money towards the furnishings of the new church, now nearing completion. Music and refreshments will be provided.

MONTREAL BASEBALL CLUB

Important Announcement Made Regarding the Coming Season.

THE LATEST REPORTS OF LOCAL AND GENERAL SPORTING NEWS.

Mr. J. A. Clarke, secretary of the Montreal Baseball Club, who has been in New York for several days last week, returned to the city on Saturday night. During his sojourn in the American metropolis,



MR. J. A. CLARKE.

he met a number of the magnates of the different leagues, and with them discussed the present conditions in the baseball arena.

Speaking of the Eastern League, in which Montrealers are mostly interested, Mr. Clarke said that there would be no change unless Springfield wished to drop out. He was not prepared to say anything as to the standing of Hartford, which team, through the instrumentality of Mr. Barrie, was kept running for two years at a financial loss. While the club paid up its guarantee, and the other teams had no fault to find, it was hardly able to meet the expenses of running an Eastern League team.

"As for Syracuse," said Mr. Clarke, "I understand their situation is more hopeful. Indications pointing to a complete financial reorganization." He thought it a pity that the support of that city had fallen off. Referring to our own team, he said, when we found it necessary to strengthen it, the management was unable to do so owing to lack of funds.

"As you already know, we have practically reorganized our board of directors, and trust that the names of the gentlemen elected will suffice as a guarantee that strict business methods will be adopted next season. I do not mean by that to cast any reflections on the gentlemen who have resigned from the board. The directors have decided to look after the financial end, while Mr. Dooley will attend to the composition of the team. We feel confident that a team well worthy of representing Montreal will be on the diamond next season. It is a recognized fact that Mr. Dooley has no superior in the Eastern League as a judge of players, and to bring out all the playing abilities they possess."

Mr. Clarke was asked regarding the situation in New York, agent the National and American leagues, to which he replied: "I hardly think it possible from what I can learn that a war will ensue. While the American League is possessed of the idea that they are the whole business, you can depend on it that the National League will naturally have something to say in the matter. There are fortunes invested in the big league, by the magnates, and they do not intend to allow any encroachments on their rights or interests."

"baseball," have you not?" Mr. Clarke was asked.
 "Yes; I have been associated with the game for many years. I played ball in the early sixties. I have seen the game grow from unskilled pitching, and catching flies on the bound, until now, when you can readily see for yourself that it is a thoroughly scientific game."
 "Was there any difficulty encountered in establishing professional baseball in Montreal?"

"Yes; we had considerable difficulty in establishing the Eastern League game here on a sound basis. With the trouble in soliciting subscriptions and meeting expenses, the management had a pretty hard time. However, we are satisfied with our efforts, as it has been the means of bringing Montreal prominently before the American public. There is no question of its advertising value. No matter what part of the United States you visit, the press is noting the doings of our city."
 "What is your private opinion as to the playing of Sunday games?"

"To that I can emphatically reply," said Mr. Clarke, "that my private feelings and opinions are decidedly against Sunday baseball being played in our city, and had it been in the form of the Eastern League constitution, claiming Sunday playing as a condition of our admittance into the league, the management would have acted very promptly towards its suppression. Now that we are on a pretty sure footing, I have no doubt that before the opening of next season's games, you will have large headlines above an announcement: 'Montreal decides to have no more Sunday ball.'"

SEVERAL CLUBS IN MONTREAL.
 "Indoor Baseball" is the title of the December number of Spalding's "Athletic Library." Since the introduction of this popular form of the game a few years ago, it has made very rapid progress as a winter amusement, and clubs are now to be found in all the large cities. This issue of the library contains a full account of the game, with pictures of the leading ball clubs throughout the United States, playing rules and directions for forming clubs. The game has already been introduced in Montreal, and no less than three teams at the present time comprise a city ball league.

YACHTING.

'CANADA' CUP RACES.
 Toronto, Dec. 17.—Local yachtsmen, although not altogether satisfied with the date (Saturday, Aug. 10), selected by the Chicago Yacht Club as the first day of the contest for the 'Canada' cup, have agreed to accept it. They were notified to-day of the choice of date and place of sailing, the Chicago harbor or Lake Michigan being selected. They would have preferred a week earlier.
 The winner of three out of five races will be declared the winner of the cup. The great races will be on Monday, Aug. 12, and the others the following days till the race is decided. There is great activity here in yacht building for the coming contest.

HOCKEY.

McGILL TO BEGIN PRACTICE.
 Everything is about ready for the opening of the hockey season at McGill, and the students are anxiously awaiting the time, when they can get on the ice and prepare for the regular season's inter-faculty and arena matches. The greatest interest prevails among the students, and the same keen competition in their matches is evident.
 The McGill College hockey team has secured the Victoria rink for practice, and it is stated that several new men, who have come to college recently, will be found on the team when it lines up for the first match of the season. Matches have already been arranged with Queen's, Toronto University, and several American college and city clubs.

OTTAWA UNIVERSITY CLUB.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Though the Ottawa University Club will not be entered in any of the league this season, the institution will have some good material on the blades. For some years past the faculty of the college has objected to having the hockey club enter any league for a set schedule of matches, as it feared that too much time from studies would be lost. The college, however, has a good yard rink and matches between teams selected from among the students, will be a feature of the winter's sports.

CEDAR HOCKEY CLUB.

The Cedar hockey Club's last practice at the Victoria rink was the best this season, both as regards the number of the players that turned out, and also as to the quality of the saize.
 The following players were among those who put in an hour of fast practice: Whitely Greene, G. Bain, Geo. Cummings, J. Hughes, J. E. Wain, Mattinson, G. Wood, S. Ward, Lorne Nash, J. Lanning, J. McCrory, C. Macdonald, J. Simpson, W. Hodges, Ben. Burland, H. McCallum, Eugene Harbourer and R. McNiece.
 The next practice will be held from 7 to 8 o'clock this evening.

CURLING.

ST. LAWRENCE CLUB DEPLORES LOSS.
 Members of the St. Lawrence Curling Club held a meeting at headquarters last night under the chairmanship of the president, Mr. Johnston, at which the following resolution was adopted:
 "That the directors, officers and members of the St. Lawrence Curling Club, have learned with great sorrow of the sudden decease of their late comrade, Mr. William Ryan, with whom several of them had the pleasure of playing on the very night of his death. The club puts on record the high esteem in which Mr. Ryan was held by his brother curlers, who had the best opportunity of knowing his kind, manly qualities."
 It was only recently that Mr. Ryan had been appointed one of the skips of the St. Lawrence Club for the coming season.

SNOWSHOEING.

HOLLY SNOWSHOE CLUB.
 The above club held its weekly tramp last night. Twenty-five members left the city club rooms at 8.30 sharp, and tramped around the mountain up to their club house, where a very pleasant evening was spent with recitation, singing, etc. Refreshments were passed round during the evening.
 At 10.30 the presiding officer gave the command to fall in, when all tramped back, arriving home about 11 o'clock, well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.
 Owing to the very short notice given last week about having a photograph taken of the members in blanket costume on the mountain top, there were not as many out as the committee desired, so they decided to postpone it till next Saturday afternoon, when it is hoped that every member will turn out.

CURLING.

PLAYERS ON THE ICE.
 Preliminary matches were played last night at the rinks of the Thistle, Heather, Montreal and Caledonian Clubs, where good sheets of ice had formed. The outlook for an enjoyable season of curling was never brighter.

THE GUN.

WESTMOUNT CHALLENGE CUP.
 Search for the Westmount challenge cup last Saturday afternoon was between Mr. C. Strangman and Mr. J. F. Hansen, and was won by the former on the last shot, so that it proved very exciting.
 The scores:
 Strangman 14
 Hansen 13

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THE FEMALE JAIL.

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AN IMPORTANT DELEGATION WAITS UPON THE PROVINCIAL MINISTERS.

On the occasion of the visit of the provincial ministers to this city, an important delegation of members of the Ministerial Association and of the ladies connected with prison work, waited upon them at noon, in connection with the improvement and reforms needed for the Protestant section of the female jail.

The delegation were introduced by the Rev. Dr. Hill, who explained their object. He remarked that the Protestant female jail was lacking in almost all the essentials of a well managed modern prison. It lacked the necessary reformatory methods. Society was no doubt bound to protect itself against crime, but while doing so it should at the same time look to the reform of criminals.

Mrs. O. C. Edwards was the next speaker. She said that the prisoners had no complaint to make about their treatment, but those engaged in the work of prison reform felt that the government and citizens had something more to do than see that culprits were properly punished. Their future reform should be kept in view. Mrs. Edwards said that if even if only three prisoners were in the institution, the difference of age and condition might require their separation, for experience went to show that girls entering the jail in a state of comparative innocence came out contaminated, and returning there periodically afterwards, were noticed to become lower in degradation each time. Isolation,

proper occupation and physical exercise were absolutely needed.

The Rev. Dr. Williams followed, and strongly emphasized the need of a reformatory.

The Rev. Messrs. McManus, Pedley, George, Webb and Huxtable also supported the views expressed by the first speaker, and Mr. Bickerdike said that the movement had his full sympathies.

Upon the invitation of the Premier, Mr. Elliott said a few words. He did not fully agree with all the views expressed, and thought there were exaggerations. Some of Mr. Elliott's remarks brought a protest from some of the gentlemen present.

Premier Parent promised that the whole matter would be investigated at once and the necessary reforms dealt with without delay.

After thanking the ministers for their kind attention, the delegation withdrew.

A REMARKABLE DISPLAY. HOW TO SOLVE THE GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT PROBLEM.

The Christmas shopper, busy with the annually recurring problem of what to buy for husband or brother, wife, daughter or friend, can solve it satisfactorily by a visit to the great store of Messrs. John Murphy & Co. An hour or two spent in a tour of the various departments will reveal something to suit every age, circumstance and taste. The aisle at the left of the entrance is devoted to dainty neckwear, laces and other feminine adornments. Among the laces are pieces of beautiful Irish point and Irish crochet, the products of the industry revived by Lady Aberdeen. Handkerchiefs of the finest linen and Irish point, Honiton and Limerick laces appeal straight to the heart of dainty femininity. So do delicate perfumes, such as La France Rose, and the 'Golf Queen.' Dressing cases, purses, in alligator, monkey or seal, with initial or monogram; fans, shopping-bags, boxes of fine paper, novelties in sterling silver, gloves in pearl gray, white, café au lait, and all the newest shades; jewel cases in opal and gold-plated wares are among the numerous things that one 'can make no mistake in buying' for one's lady friend.

On this floor, too, are numbers of articles that supply the want of 'something suitable for a man.' Leather goods—travelling cases, collar and cuff boxes, writing cases, paper cutters, pearl-handled and silver mounted; ebony-backed military brushes; umbrellas, with handles of gold or silver mounted; silk mufflers, dressing gowns and smoking jackets, etc. A charming novelty is a small bed-room clock, with a tiny electric light attached to the stand, so that one may 'press a button' and ascertain the time at any hour of the night.

In other departments can be found linen, rugs and carpet squares; dainty fascinators, fur-lined cloaks, evening frocks in all shades, silk kimonas, and 'frou-frou-y' silk skirts—all especially suited as gifts for the festive season.

Toy-land is a revelation of mechanical skill and ingenuity, in miniature. Trains with brakes run on tracks provided with switches; engines start machines into motion; kettens mew, sheep bleat, horses prance about, boys drive donkeys. There are drums, bugles, cornets and every sort of noise-making contrivance; battle games and racing games, 'toy cannons, whole regiments of soldiers—in fact the military idea has pervaded toy-land this year to an unprecedented degree. Soldier suits in khaki, with cartridge belt,

rifle and knapsack complete, are selling 'like hot cakes.' For the girls there are dolls of every size, dolls that fan themselves, dolls that dance, dolls that swing, sweet-toothed baby pianos; washing sets; doll houses, in an elaborate style of architecture; doll furniture in white enamel, and all upholstered; sewing machines, that really sew; lovely 'tea sets,' with books, picture puzzles, etc., etc., for boys and girls of all ages.

PIERCE, WATTS & CO. THE BIG LIVERPOOL LUMBER MERCHANTS HAVE FAILED.

Advice has been received announcing the failure of the important and long-established Liverpool lumber firm of Pierce, Watts & Co. In Ottawa local dealers are interested in the failure, but not very seriously. The same may be said of firms which have branches in Montreal and in Quebec, all will be more or less affected by the failure of the great firm, but not to any detrimental or serious extent. So far as Canada as a whole is concerned, the direct losses are expected to fall heaviest upon houses in the Maritime Provinces, but all the large exporters will be affected indirectly by the slump in the English market, especially in spruce lumber. One large exporter connected with Liverpool received the following cable shortly after the one, announcing the failure: 'Immediate desire to curtail operations, market very much depressed by failure, with marked declining tendency.' It is not possible to determine at this instant what the direct losses will be in New Brunswick, and the full extent of them will only be learned after correspondence with Liverpool by letter has taken place.

BEAUHARNOIS' CONTESTED. A protest was lodged at Beauharnois yesterday against the return of Mr. George H. Loy, Liberal member-elect for that county. Mr. Poirier, of Valleyfield, is the petitioner.

ALD. LAMARCHE SAFE. The proceedings to annul the election of Ald. Lamarche have been finally abandoned, and both the plaintiff and intervenant having declared that they had no proof to offer, Judge Mathieu this morning rendered the formal judgment dismissing the action.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN. Peter Gagnou, ten years of age, was struck and fatally injured by a Grand Trunk train at noon to-day, at the Hibernia street crossing. He was going home for lunch from the Lorne school to his home at 66 St. Charles street, and to do so had to cross the track. He did not notice in time the train that was coming, and was thrown between the rails, and the train passed over him, inflicting fatal internal injuries. He was taken to the General Hospital in an ambulance.

A CHRISTMAS TREE. The Christmas tree in connection with the West End French Methodist Church, will take place, not on Friday, but on Thursday evening next, at 8 o'clock. The parents and friends of the day and Sunday schools are all invited to attend with their children.

LOCAL STOCKS.

CONSIDERABLE BUSINESS DONE, BUT MARKET NOT SO STIFF.

WITNESS OFFICE, Dec. 18, 1900.

On the local stock exchange this morning considerable business was effected, the sales altogether amounting to nearly 5,500 shares in the general list and to 3,500 mining shares, but the market was not quite so stiff as yesterday. Gas stock was most active, about 1,600 shares selling between 208 and 208 1/2, closing at 208 1/2. C.P.R. was steady at 88; Twin City was fractionally higher, between 70 and 70 1/2, as was Toronto Street, between 109 and 109 1/2. Richelieu was a little stronger and Cable was a trifle weaker. The mines were very dull.

Can. Pac.—125 at 88. New M.S.R.—20 at 264. Com. Cable—25 at 169 1/2, 12 at 170 1/2, 25 at 169 1/2, 50 at 169. M.S.R.—200 at 275, 100 at 274 1/2. Toronto Ry.—75 at 109 1/2, 3 at 109, 500 at 109 1/2, 25 at 109 1/2, 75 at 109 1/2, 15 at 109 1/2. Republic—1,500 at 61, 1,000 at 62. Virtue Co.—500 at 31. Montreal Gas—3 at 278, 150 at 208, 3 at 208, 625 at 208, 20 at 208, 150 at 208, 25 at 208 1/2, 1,575 at 208 1/2, 50 at 208 1/2. Twin City—50 at 70 1/2, 125 at 70 1/2, 5 at 70, 100 at 70 1/2, 50 at 70 1/2. Laur. Pulp Co.—75 at 114, 50 at 114. Payson Co.—500 at 207 1/2. Royal Electric—75 at 207 1/2, 25 at 207 1/2, 50 at 207. Dom. Cotton—50 at 88, 25 at 88 1/2, 75 at 88. Rich. & Ont.—50 at 103 1/2, 25 at 103 1/2, 50 at 103, 10 at 103, 25 at 103 1/2, 50 at 103 1/2. Molsons Bank—45 at 191, 21 at 192. Intercolonial Coal Co.—25 at 80. Bank of Montreal—10 at 256, 11 at 255 1/2, 1 at 256, 3 at 255 1/2, 25 at 99.

Reported by Messrs. Nichols & Marler, Stock Brokers, 1134 Notre Dame Street.

AFTERNOON BOARD.

Stocks Sellers Buyers Stocks Sellers Buyers. Can. Pacific 88 57 1/2 Com. Cable 168 167 Duluth Com. 224 224 Richelieu 109 1/2 109 1/2 Do. Pfd. 17 16

STREET RAILWAYS.

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BANKS.

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BONDS.

Dom. Cotton 101 100 Com. Cable 101 100 H. H. & L. 100 100 Col. Cotton 100 98 H. H. & L. 100 100 Bell Tel. Rgt. 100 98 N. W. Landgrd 51 47 Dom. Coal 110 110 Halifax Ry. 104 100 R. & O. N. Co. 110 110 W. L. Trust 100 100 L. & M. Co. 100 95 D. M. G. Co. 70 70 P. H. & L. 45 45 Cable Corp. 70 70 F. & L. 103 103 Laurentide P. 103 103

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mont. Tel. 175 168 Bell Tel. 175 171 Montreal Gas 208 1/2 208 1/2 H. H. & L. 100 98 do. new stock 108 108 Windsor Hill 100 100 P. H. & L. 45 45

COTTONS.

Mont. C. 85 85 Dominion 88 87 W. L. Trust 85 85 Merchants 127 127 Monty C. Co. 85 85

MINES.

War Eagle \$1.07 \$1.03 Payne Min. 85 79 Pacific 35 30 North Star 92 1/2 90 Laurentide Pulp Co.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

(Furnished by J. R. Meeker.) Opening and Closing Prices—10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes Atchafalpa, Atchafalpa pfd., Canadian Pacific, etc.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

The following table shows the range of prices in Chicago to-day, and the closing quotations as compared with those of yesterday.

Table with columns for commodity names (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork, Lard) and price ranges.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Earnings Dec. 8 to Dec. 14, 1900: 1899 \$4,451,188; 1898 \$4,517,378; Increase \$32,810.

NOTES AND NOTICES.

Pianos as Christmas Gifts—A piano is undoubtedly the best Christmas gift. It will be appreciated equally by your wife, your mother or your daughter, and will be a constant delight to yourself. In deciding which make of piano to purchase, there are several important points to decide: Quality, tone, style, durability and cost. No piano stands the test of all these requirements as does the Morris piano, for which Mr. W. H. Leach, St. Catharine street, is the Montreal agent. The Morris piano is one of the newer makes of Canadian pianos, yet it has been on the market long enough to prove that its artistic merit is lasting and that it is made for something more than 'just to sell,' as too many instruments are made nowadays. Mr. Leach has on hand just now a large stock of these celebrated pianos, which were especially manufactured for the holiday trade. There are all styles, in mahogany, walnut and all the popular woods. As to price, Mr. Leach is able to make a satisfactory arrangement with every customer for keeping down expense and having no agents' commissions to pay, he is enabled to give the purchaser the advantage of a substantial cut in the real value of what is in every respect a first-class instrument.

A BAD FAILURE.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—The failure of William Levanck, the big cattle dealer, whose estate is now being wound up, turns out

to be one of the worst in the history of the trade. Mr. Levanck had liabilities of between \$50,000 and \$100,000, owing largely to Old Country firms, and large nominal assets in real estate. It is found that much of the real estate is heavily mortgaged, and that the assets will not be over \$1,800 or \$2,000. The highest possible dividend will be two cents on the dollar.

MINING EXCHANGE.

Reported by A. W. Morris, Mining Broker, Canada Life Building, Montreal.

MINING BOARD.

Table with columns for mining stock names and prices. Includes Payne, War Eagle, Republic, North Star, etc.

UNLISTED STOCKS.

Deca 3 1/2 Dom. Consolidated 4 1/2 Oregon 16 1/2 Granby Smelter 16 1/2 Pacific 10 1/2 White Bear 4 1/2 Grey Eagle 12 1/2 Certainty 12 1/2

MORNING SALES.

Virginia—1,000 at 4 1/2. White Bear—500 at 4 1/2. Montreal and London—500 at 6 1/2, 500 at 5 1/2. Virtue—1,000 at 31, 300 at 30. Oregon—1,000 at 16 1/2.

Montreal Wholesale Markets.

HAY—Trade is fairly active, and prices are firm. We quote as follows:—No. 1, \$10 to \$11; No. 2, \$9 to \$9.50; clover, \$8 to \$8.50 per ton in car lots on track.

PROVISIONS—Trade continues fairly active and values steady. Dressed hogs rule very firm. Dressed hogs are quoted at \$7.25 to \$7.75; bacon, 12c to 14c; hams, 11c to 14c; heavy Canadian short cut mess pork, \$18 to \$18.50 per barrel; pure Canadian lard, 10 1/2c to 11 1/2c per lb.

Liverpool advices quote lard at 38s 3/4; bacon from 44s to 46s 6d; pork, 72s; tallow at 26s 3d to 27s.

Receipts to-day were 1,831 dressed hogs and 9 pigs masts.

EGGS—Receipts continue small, and values are very firm in consequence with upward tendency. Strictly new laid are quoted at 24 cents; Montreal, 15c to 16c; western, 14c to 15c.

Receipts to-day were nil. CHEESE—Buyers and sellers continue apart in their ideas as to value, and our quotations are largely nominal.

We quote, nominally, finest Western September, 11c to 11 1/2c; October, 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c; finest late September, 10 1/2c to 10 3/4c; undergrades, 10c to 10 1/2c.

Liverpool cable quotes 51s 6d for white and 52s 6d for colored. Receipts to-day were 464.

BUTTER—Demand continues to exceed supply of finest goods, and prices are consequently strong. Prices are as follows: Choice creamery, 21 1/2c to 22c; seconds, 21c to 21 1/2c; dairy, 18c to 19c.

Receipts to-day were 89 pkgs. POULTRY—Demand keeps brisk and prices firm. We quote as follows: Turkeys, at 8c to 9c; chickens at 6c to 7c; fowls at 5c to 6c; and geese at 5 1/2c to 6 1/2c, and ducks at 8c to 9c per lb.

PERSONAL.

DIED. ROBERTSON.—At his residence, No. 1 Park avenue, on Dec. 18, 1900, James Robertson, president of the James Robertson Company, Limited, a native of Strathgairn, Scotland, in the 63rd year of his age.

Funeral will take place on Thursday, the 20th instant at 2.30 p.m., at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 100 St. James street, Mount Royal Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

FINANCIAL.

THE ROYAL TRUST COMPANY, MONTREAL.

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TEMPORARY OFFICES—Savings Department, Bank of Montreal, St. James street, Montreal.

BANKERS—The Bank of Montreal. The Company is authorized to act as Trustee, Executor, Assignee, etc., to manage estates, to countersign and issue bonds, to act as judicial surety-security in Appeal, etc., and as Transfer agent and Registrar of shares; and to accept any Financial Agency.

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Kodaks Special Sale.

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Miscellaneous Advertisements.

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PERSONAL.—IF YOU INTEND TO BUY A Diamond don't think of doing so without inspecting our stock. We have a magnificent line in 'up-to-date' Mountings, COCHENTHALER, Diamond Jeweller, 149 St. James street.

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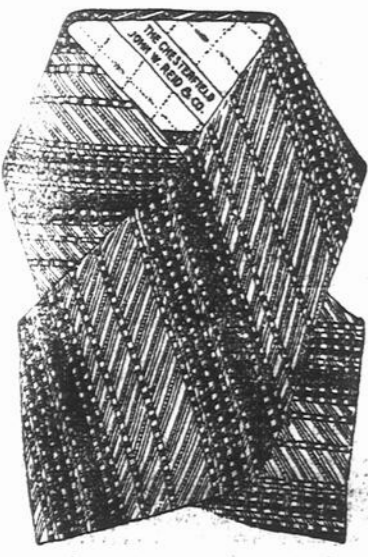
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BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS. Edinburgh, Dec. 3.—Messrs. John Swan & Sons' weekly report on the live stock trade says:—The number of fat cattle on offer this week has been fairly large.

London, Dec. 3.—Beast trade, for both prime and second quality, slow, but rates somewhat firmer, though not notably higher.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—There was little change in the conditions of trade at the Western Cattle market today. The run was fairly large, and there was a good demand for the better classes of cattle.

Cork, Dec. 4.—First, 88s; seconds, 84s; thirds, 80s; fourths, 74s. Mild cured—Superfine, 98s; fine, 88s; choicest boxes, 104s; fresh butter, 98s; in market, 178—Irish, 118; mild, 58; boxes, 1.

Limerick, Dec. 1.—Choicest pure Irish centrifugal creamery butter was officially quoted by the Price Committee at Limerick yesterday at 107s to 111s in casks.

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COUNTRY MARKETS.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The country is experiencing typical Canadian winter weather, but in spite of this however trade has been fair on Byward market during the last week and it is thought that next week will probably be the heaviest market days of the season.

AMERICAN CATTLE MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 14.—Beaves—Receipts, 4,222; slow; good to choice steers barely steady; others lower; bulls and cows about steady; steers \$4.10 to \$5.40; oxen and stags, \$3 to \$4.05; hogs, \$2.80 to \$3.45; extra, do., \$2.50 to \$4.75; cows, \$1.75 to \$3.50; fat do., \$4. Cables quote live cattle steady at 11 1/2c to 12 1/2c; Christmas hogs, 13c; sheep, 12c to 12c; lambs, 14c dressed weight. Calves—Receipts, 244; slow but steady; veals, \$4 to \$4.85; tops, \$8.50; little calves, \$2.50 to \$4; grassers, \$2.25 to \$2.50; fed calves, \$2.50 to \$4; sheep and lambs—Receipts, 4,433; lower; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; fawn \$4.50; culls, \$1.50 to \$2.25; lambs, \$5 to \$6.25; culls, \$4 to \$4.75; Canada lambs, \$5.90 to \$6.25. Hogs—Receipts, 7,036; firm for live hogs at \$5.25 to \$5.60.

CHICAGO CATTLE MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Cattle, receipts, 21,000; including 800 Texans; generally weak to 10 cents lower; good to prime steers, \$5.25 to \$6.10; poor to medium, \$3.75 to \$5.15; and stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.30; heifers, \$2.50 to \$4.65; calves, \$1.75 to \$2.85; Texas fed steers, \$4 to \$4.75; Texas grass steers, \$3.75 to \$4.15; Texas bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.20. Hogs, receipts, 24,000; to-morrow, \$5.00; left over, 2,212; shade lower; closing weak; top, \$4.97 1/2; mixed and butchers, \$4.55 to \$4.97 1/2; good to choice heavy, \$4.70 to \$4.95; rough heavy, \$4.50 to \$4.70.

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AN INSURANCE DEAL.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The Continental Insurance Company, of Toronto, has absorbed the Farmers' and Traders' Life and Accident Company, of St. Thomas. There was some friction in the Farmers' Company, and it was put up for sale. The Continental paid \$1.50 and the Northern, of London, \$1.10.

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WANTED, A GOOD PLAIN COOK; Also, Housemaid; good references required. 236 Stanley street.

WANTED, GOOD GENERAL SERVANT, with references, in a family of two. Apply at 231 Clarke avenue, Westmount. 17

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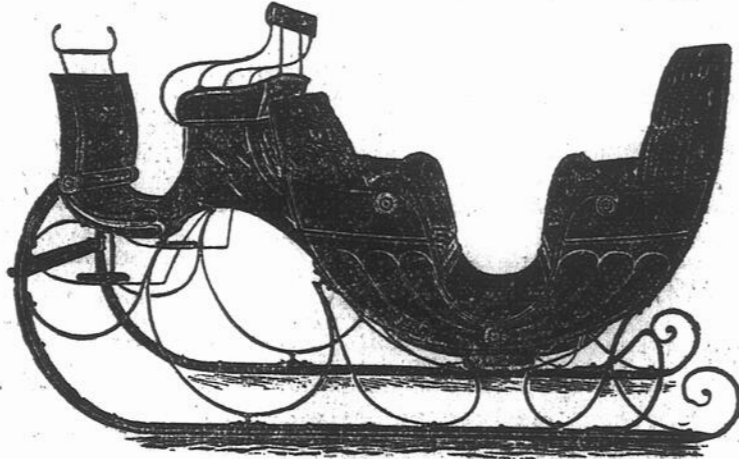
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(Isabel Maude Hamill, in 'Alliance News.')

(Concluded.)

His hand no longer touched her dress, but her right one was gently taken in his as he said the one word, 'Barbara!'

Then silence, born of a great content, fell on them. After a little she told him how for years her heart had been cold and hard, and how she had cherished the memory of the man she loved as a girl.

Long they talked, until Martha, fearing the trout would be spoiled, asked Alice to go and 'tell Auntie that supper was ready.'

'Alice was my good angel. I shall owe her something all my life. Dear girl, and I too, how little I thought when I hesitated about taking her what she would be to me, and that in a way your love would come to me through her.'

'Life is mysterious, and so are God's ways of leading us, darling.'

What a merry supper that was; only one thing puzzled Alice. Auntie Barbara's glass of home-brewed ale remained untasted. It was October, and Barbara was making preparations for her wedding, which was to be on the last day of the month.

When it became known that Barbara Barton was going to marry Graham Howard the surprise was intense, and bets were made on 'Change and in the market as to whether he would induce her to share his narrow prejudices, and the betting was largely against her yielding.

'Barbara! My darling! What is it you say? Is it true? Oh, but the sacrifice is too great for you to make on my account; oh, darling!'

A great sob shook his frame as he spoke, and then Barbara realized with a thrill of joy the reward of her sacrifice. Until that moment she had never realized what it meant to him.

'Graham, where love is we do not talk of sacrifice; it is because I love you better than life itself that I do what you would like me to do, and perhaps some day I may understand better than I do now the truth of those beautiful words you have taught me to love—'

'Measure thy life by loss instead of gain, not by the wine drunk, but the wine poured forth, for love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice, and whose sufferings most has most to give.'

He folded her in his arms; neither of them were inclined for words, and when he said good-night he whispered: 'God reward you, Barbara, for I never can.'

It is Christmas eve, and a large party are assembled in Graham Howard's barn to hear a temperance address, which is to be followed by a supper.

When in the pathway of God's will Thou seemest at a stand, Fretting for wings to scale the hill, And tired of foot and hand,— At blessed Bethlehem leave thy gloom, And learn divine content; By manger, workshop, cross and tomb, Thy Lord to triumph went.

The angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest.' But I look around, and what see I in the wide, wide world? I do not see God honored. I see the heathen bowing down before their idols; I see tyranny lording it over the bodies and souls of men; I see a worldly race pursuing mammon; I see ambition riding like Nimrod over the land.

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It Is a Wonder To Everybody

How Speedily and Certainly the Wretched Itching and Uneasiness of Piles is Relieved and Thoroughly Cured by

DR. CHASE'S OINTMENT!

It seems wonderful that after all these years of investigation and research the physicians are still helpless to relieve and cure one of the most common and most distressing afflictions to which men and women are subject, viz., itching, bleeding piles.



Respectfully, A. H. Chase, M.D.

Prejudice alone keeps the physicians from prescribing Dr. Chase's Ointment in all cases of piles. It has made for itself a world-wide reputation, and is said to cure any case of itching, bleeding or protruding piles; 60c a box, at all dealers, or by mail, from Edman-son, Bates & Co., Toronto.

This letter is but a sample of scores, of hundreds of cases in Canada alone in which Dr. Chase's Ointment has proven a truly magic remedy.

The Rev. S. A. Duprau, Methodist minister, Concession, Prince Edward County, Ont., states: 'I was troubled with itching and bleeding piles for years, and they ultimately attained to a very violent form. Large lumps or abscesses formed, so that it was with great difficulty and considerable pain that I was able to stool.'

'Now, imagine how great and joyous was my surprise to find that just the one box cured me, so that the lumps disappeared, and also the external swelling. I feel like a different man to-day, and have not the least doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment saved me from a very dangerous and painful operation and many years of suffering.'

You are invited to make this test and prove to your own satisfaction the almost magical powers of Dr. Chase's Ointment. Ask your neighbors who have used it what they think of Dr. Chase's Ointment. Use it when you have the opportunity, and remember that it is guaranteed to cure any case of itching, bleeding or protruding piles; 60c a box, at all dealers, or by mail, from Edman-son, Bates & Co., Toronto.



TOPIC

Dec. 23, 1900.

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John i., 1-14.

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BIBLE THOUGHTS

TUESDAY, DEC. 18.

MOSES AND PAUL.

These two were the greatest of men. Conscious of personal sinfulness, they were the meekest, the lowliest and the holiest. Their weakness was in the flesh, their glory, wisdom and might were all God-given.

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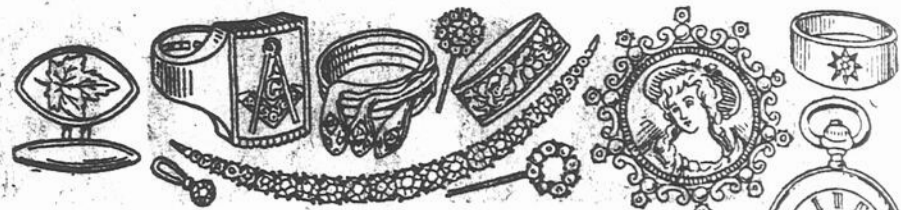
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Make your selection from the following list. Everything in the Jewellery line to be had at our store:

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Our Specialty. The old Low Prices still hold good here, though Diamonds have gone up in the markets of the world more than thirty percent.

- GENUINE DIAMOND SOLITAIRE RINGS \$7.50 to \$325.00
GENUINE DIAMOND HALF HOOP RINGS 20.00 to 150.00
GENUINE DIAMOND RINGS and OPAL CLUSTER RINGS 10.00 to 75.00
GENUINE DIAMOND and OPAL HALF HOOP RINGS 17.00 to 40.00

GOLD JEWELLERY

- GOLD BROOCHES \$2.50 to \$25.00
EARRINGS 1.25 to 10.00
BRACELETS 2.00 to 15.00
SCARF PINS 1.50 to 35.00
CUFF LINKS 2.50 to 7.50
BUTTONS 1.00 to 7.50
COLLARS 1.00 to 7.50
TIEBARS 1.00 to 10.00
LOCKETS 4.50 to 25.00

GOLD CHAINS.

- LADIES' LONG CHAINS \$9.00 to \$30.00
LADIES' LONG GOLD FILLED CHAINS 2.50 to 7.50
LADIES' LONG SILVER CHAINS 1.50 to 3.50
MEN'S GOLD ALBERT CHAINS 11.50 to 30.00
MEN'S GOLD FILLED CHAINS 2.00 to 12.00
MEN'S SILVER CHAINS 1.50 to 7.00

WATCHES.

- LADIES' SOLID SILVER \$3.50 to \$15.00
GUN METAL 3.50 to 10.00
SOLID GOLD 15.00 to 55.00
GOLD FILLED 12.00 to 20.00
MEN'S SOLID SILVER 5.00 to 25.00
GUN METAL 4.00 to 10.00
SOLID GOLD 35.00 to 100.00
GOLD FILLED 15.00 to 35.00

SILVER NOVELTIES.

- STERLING SILVER BONNET BRUSHES \$1.25 to \$3.00
STERLING SILVER MANICURE SETS 75c to 10.00
STERLING SILVER NAIL FILES 25c to 15.00
STERLING SILVER GLOVE HOOKS 25c to 1.00
STERLING SILVER HAT PINS from 25c to 1.50
STERLING SILVER THIMBLES 25c to 1.00
STERLING SILVER SLEEVE LINKS and CUFF BUTTONS 50c to 2.00

GOLD SPECTACLES.

- SOLID GOLD SPECTACLES & EYEGLASSES \$3.50 to \$7.50
GOLD FILLED 2.00 to 3.50
EYES TESTED FREE OF CHARGE.

STICK PINS

- SOLID GOLD \$1.50 to \$15.00
GOLD FILLED 50c to 1.50
STERLING SILVER 15c to 50

SOLID GOLD

- SLEEVE LINKS and CUFF BUTTONS \$3.00 to \$7.00

GOLD FILLED

- SLEEVE LINKS and CUFF BUTTONS 75c to \$2.00

CHILDREN'S RINGS.

Great Variety. Set with Real Gems, Solid Gold, from 50c to \$3.00

OPAL RINGS.

GENUINE OPALS, Solid Gold Setting \$2.00 to \$15.00

Particular attention is called to the fact that the Country is flooded with thousands of Diamonds Rings, made of low karat gold and set with the poorest kind of diamond chips. Such goods are not manufactured or sold by us. Good, honest quality, coupled with lowest manufacturers' prices, has always been our method of doing business.

D. BEATTY, Manufacturing Jeweller and Importer, 137 St. Peter Street.

OPEN EVENINGS DURING DECEMBER.

Our establishment is easily accessible from all parts of the city.



ELECTION PROTESTS.

ALTOGETHER THEY NUMBER ABOUT FORTY.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—The Ontario protests in connection with the general election of 1900 are far below the average in number, and there will probably be little change in the party strength from by-elections.

The Conservative petitions are four in number, one against Mr. Ross, Liberal member-elect in South Ontario; one against Mr. Belcourt, in Ottawa, to offset the Birkett petition; one claiming the West Durham seat for Mr. Thornton, and one claiming Nipissing for Mr. Klock.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 17.—Late this afternoon petitions were filed against the return of William Roche (Lib.) and R. L. Borden (Con.) in Halifax, and also against Tupper and Bell (Con.) for Pictou.

Charlottetown, Dec. 17.—Petitions have been filed in Prince Edward Island against the return of Sir Louis Davies and Messrs. McKinnon, Hughes, Hackett and Lefurcy—the whole island representation in parliament.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—The following protests against the election of Manitoba members were filed to-day by the Liberals: Messrs. N. Boyd, in MacDonalld; Dr. Roche, in Marquette, and R. L. Richardson, in Lisgar.

Regina, N.W.T., Dec. 17.—A protest was entered to-day against the election of Mr. Walter Scott (Lib.), who defeated Mr. N. F. Davin in West Assiniboia. The petitioner is Mr. S. A. Clark.

Washington, Dec. 17.—It is said in the Navy Department that a serious loss has been suffered by the navy in the fire at the Norfolk navy yard yesterday. The money loss is of secondary importance.

New London, Conn., Dec. 17.—The new torpedo boat 'Bailey' made the fastest time on record for a United States vessel on her preliminary trial trip at Newport, R.I., last week.

Ionio Lodge, No. 54, A.F. and A.M., at a meeting held last night at the Masonic Temple, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: W.M., Dr. E. D. Ayles; S.W., F. Baker; J.W., J. W. Demock; chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Scrimger; treasurer, John Dwyer; secretary, J. W. Coo; Tyler, John Lawrence.

Mr. J. B. Bureau, Bout de l'Île, who was in the city yesterday, reported that the ice bridge between Bout de l'Île and Charlemagne had formed, teams having crossed yesterday.

Return of traffic earnings from Dec. 7 to Dec. 14, 1900: \$64,000; 1899 622,000; Decrease 558,000

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Mother, Sister or Sweetheart.

OPEN EVENINGS TILL 10 O'CLOCK.



Handsome Jackets, Scarfs, Caperines and Muffs to choose from.

1864 Notre Dame Near McGill. ALEX. NELSON & CO. 1864 Notre Dame Near McGill.

LIQUOR LICENSES GRANTED. The following licenses were yesterday granted for the coming year by the Liquor License Commissioners: Ovilla, Montmarquette, Edward Brophy, Henri Reynaud, Stanislaus Richard, H. Roy, A. Labelle, Ferdinand Larocque, E. Lemieux, Wilbrod Roy, Louis Blanchette, Andrew W. Welsh, Joseph Phaneuf, David Boud, Thomas J. McCarthy, Lawrence McNeice, Olivier Paquette, William Pearson, Patrick Ryan, Ovilla Tessier, Fabian Therrien, Arthur Martin, Arsene Myre, Henri Blache, Odillon Morin, James Sheridan, Cleophas Vidraire, Adolphe Benoit, Ed-

ward Birmingham, Patrick J. Flynn, Thos. McBratry, Catherine Ryan, Denise Simon, John J. Whyte, Louis Durand, Chas. Genest, Patrick Scullion, Ordo Tremblay, Jos. Pariseau, Calixte Castellet, Joseph Herbert, Amadeo Henri, Honore Laineur, Damase Larose, Edmond Malo, Honore Reynaud, Edilbert Beaudoin, Paul Lalonde, Philip Meehan, George E. Fuller, Herbert Fuerst, Wm. O'Brien, Joseph Bourgeois, Elzear Fortin, Lawrence Power, Louis V. Thoun, Auguste Lebeau, Ovilla Lachapelle, Wm. J. Stillwell and Simeon Charpentier. An application for a restaurant license, made by Joseph B. Wistar, at 1891 St. Ca-

therine street, opposed by the Licensed Victuallers' Association, was held over until after the first day of the new year for consideration by the commissioners.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY. Amongst recent additions to the museum of the Natural History Society is a pair of vipers (Viperavrus), the only British poisonous snake, and the tibia, or leg-bone of a dinosaur, a pre-historic animal. The latter was unearthed from the Alamosaurus beds, Zurasic, near Canon City, Colorado, in 1881, by C. E. Peck, who

was working in the interests of the late Professor C. Marsh, Yale College, New Haven, the well known authority on such matters.

ELECTED OFFICERS. At the meeting of the United Garment Makers' Society, held last night at Blue Label Hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Messrs. Levy, president; Singer, vice-president; Ham, treasurer; Fagleson, secretary; A. Miller, inside guard.

MAISON LABONTE,

GRAND DEPARTMENTAL STORE,

Corner of St. Catherine and Montcalm Streets.

Opening will take place To-morrow morning, at 8.30.

MAISON LABONTE.

On your Entrance you will see Goods that will attract your attention.

Knives, Handkerchiefs, Fichus, Belts, Fancy Pins, Corsets, Ribbons, Foulards, Perfumes, Fancy Stockings, Suspenders, White Chemises, Underwear, and thousands of other articles which we do not wish to see in our Store after New Year's. The consignment is ready. Low prices in all our goods.

DRESS GOODS.

Diagonal Serge, All-Wool, 46 inches for Costumes, assorted colors; that is to say, the prettiest shades, because this is a Job and we wish to make an opening price. We will offer them at 39c

75 PIECES OF PLAIDS

All the imaginable Combinations of Colors, even for Half Mourning. Last week we sold them from 50c to 70c. Opening price 33c, 39c, 42c

BLACK GOODS.

Fancy Broche, three special prices for opening 60c, 72c, 87c
Black Broche, Wool and Silk, 45 inches, 1 pattern, splendid value. Opening price. \$2.50
Japanese Silk for Curtains and Fancy Work. Opening price 25c

CLOAKS CLOAKS!

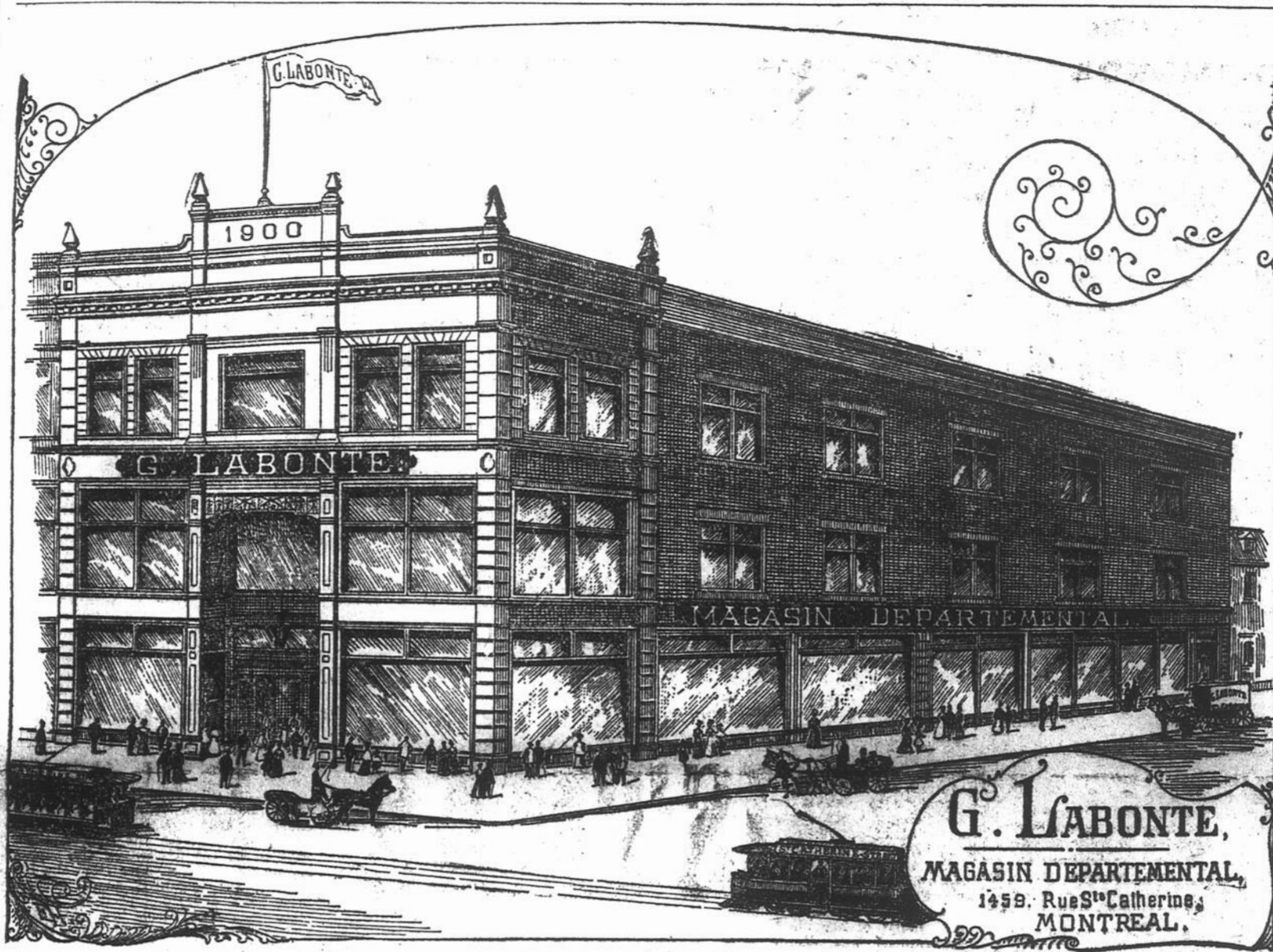
A small lot of Cloaks, Black and Marine Blue. Worth \$4.00. Opening price. \$1.49
Cloaks, in Beaver, all shades of Brown. They are worth \$6.50. Opening price \$3.90
A lot of Cloaks, assorted shades, double and single; some are trimmed. The price was from \$9.00 to \$15.00. Uniform opening price \$6.95

FLANNELETTE EMBROIDERY.

It was late coming. It must be sold without delay. Believe us the prices are low.
The styles are new in all these Night Dresses.

SILK BLOUSES.

Pay good attention to this. No store in Montreal has an assortment which can compare with ours. These Silk Blouses which we offer at \$2.15 and \$3.15 are the styles for the coming spring. They are just the thing for Soirees, Operas, and other fashionable gatherings. The shades are light and very delicate. We have also for Morning Fast Colored Black, the Silk is very fine; others are selling them at \$4.00. Opening price . . . \$3.85 and \$3.95



MAISON LABONTE.

DAMASK TABLE LINEN.

It is hard to speak of the beauty of these Linens. It will give us great pleasure to show them to you.

Here are the Special Opening Prices, 24c, 28c, 35c, 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00.

Table Napkins—a complete assortment.
Linen Thread by the spool, great choice.
Towels, an endless variety.

IN THE BASEMENT.

In this Department will be found everything in use in kitchen, pantry or dining-room.

Glassware, Tableware, Crystal, Granite, Tinware, Lamps, Woodenware, etc., etc.

We desire you specially to visit this Department. Space will not allow a going into detail. We will return to the subject of this Department.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

We have always excelled in this line. We are in a position now to surpass ourselves.

Spring Curtains, Decorated and Plain Linen. New Mountings, from 25c up.

Decorated Curtains, with Fringe or Lace. Opening price 48c

Curtains, with Insertion, Lace or Fringe. Everything of the latest and best. 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00.

Wooden Poles, Wood Ornaments. Opening price 22c
Poles, Accessories for Curtains, Ornaments, etc.

We send experts to residences to adjust and hang Curtains.

Lace Curtains, 2 1/2 yards long at . . . 48c
Another kind, 3 1/2 yards long, at . . . 98c
Beautiful Lace Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, from \$2.50 to \$8.00

Table Covers in Chenille, Jute and Brocade, for small or centre Tables. Not only are the prices low but the assortment is very varied 60c to \$8.00

TOYS, DOLLS, SLEIGHS,

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

For two weeks back the other merchants have been exposing their Goods for sale; naturally their goods have become exhausted, or at least broken into. The ten cases which we have just opened will be sacrificed, owing to the lateness of our inauguration. Before buying your Gifts come and see us and you will economize.

MAISON LABONTE

It is five months since we laid the foundations of a three story building, now finished and in which we are now permanently installed. The above picture is a faithful reproduction of the building. We think we may not be taxed with presumption when we say that it is the largest and most modern in this part of the city. The front is of new design and nearly all glass, affording an abundant light in all the departments. The interior of three flats and basement is finished most artistically. The architecture has been so well executed in all its proportions and details that it makes the whole one of the most beautiful constructions in Canada.

Situated in the centre of the most populous part of our city, in the middle of a population numbering already 175,000, an establishment of this kind is imposing. We are also persuaded that it will be appreciated to its highest value. Attention is another considerable factor in our establishment. We do not aspire to monopolize all the business of Montreal, but we are fully determined that we will not be left behind or surpassed by any other house.

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Unlike other merchants who order you to come early, at certain hours, we tell you to come to our place at any hour, the morning, afternoon or evening. Our store is large enough to hold millions of buyers, our stock is inexhaustible, and our clerks are numerous and quick.

After having given you the information which is of interest to the public, let us now say a word to you to

YOUR OWN INTEREST!

During the building of our store, which has occupied about five months, it goes without saying, that our business has greatly suffered by the want of space, accommodation, etc.

Since we are several months behind in our selling, it is urgent that we replace the time lost. Consequently, we have decided to make every day from now to New Year's SALES, not only at a REDUCTION, but at a SACRIFICE.

It will be necessary to make BIG SALES, if you wish to say so. Our prices will be smaller than you can imagine.

We know that millions of customers are waiting our OPENING with impatience.

At last it has come. To-morrow morning at 8.30 o'clock, we will re-open our doors.

Then will commence a new era of prosperity for us, and a new era of saving for those who patronize us.

G. LABONTE, Prop.

St. Catherine St., Corner Montcalm.

A TRIBUTE FROM BUSINESS MEN.

They Unite to Honor the Retiring Manager of the G. T. R. System.

A SUCCESSFUL BANQUET AT THE WINDSOR HOTEL - SOME INTERESTING SPEECHES BY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS.

Mr. Charles M. Hays, the retiring general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway system, and now president of the Southern Pacific Railway, was honored by the Board of Trade of this city with a banquet at the Windsor Hotel last night.

To the strains of the bagpipe, in the skilful hands of Pipe-Major Mathieson, some two hundred business men fell in to the ladies' ordinary and took their places at the magnificently laid tables.

Mr. Robert Mackay, president of the Board of Trade, presided, and the vice-chairmen were Messrs. Henry Miles and John Macfarlane, vice-presidents of the Board of Trade; Mr. E. F. Craig, president of the Corn Exchange Association, and Mr. Chas. Chaput.

Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, His Excellency the Governor-General, and The President of the United States have been duly honored, Mr. George Hadrihl, the secretary of the Board of Trade, announced letters of regret at inability to be present at the banquet from the following invited guests: Lieutenant-Governor Jetté, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Hon. Mr. Tarte, the Hon. Mr. Fielding, the Hon. David Mills, the Hon. James Sutherland, the Hon. Dr. Borden, the Hon. Mr. Scott, the Hon. Mr. Sifton, the Hon. Mr. Bernier, the Hon. Mr. Davies, the Hon. Mr. Patterson, Sir William Van Horne, Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, Mr. Chamberlin, of the Canada Atlantic Railway, and Col. McNaught, of the Great Northern Railway.

The president announced the toast of the evening, 'Our Guest.' Mr. Hays, he said, came to Canada five years ago and in that short time had done great things for the Grand Trunk. Double tracks laid, great bridges built and new offices erected were amongst his minor achievements.

Mr. E. F. Craig was the first to respond. He felt unable to do justice to the toast. Mr. Hays came to Montreal as a young man and was leaving not much older. He had had opportunities and had taken due advantage of them. Besides his own executive ability he had shown sagacity in the selection of his assistants. He had achieved success not only in the railway world but also in the commercial world which must be recognized by the directors and stockholders of the company.

Mr. Hays brought conscience to bear on all business questions. He realized his responsibilities towards both directors and employees and the fulfillment of divergent demands was not always an easy task. While regretting Canada's loss all would congratulate Mr. Hays on the honors which had come to him.

Mr. Hays arose to reply amid much cheering and waving of handkerchiefs. He heartily thanked those present for

the evidences of their good will. The period of his residence in Canada had been one fraught with affairs of such moment to the Grand Trunk Railway; they had occupied him so constantly; he had been away from home so much, and when he had been at headquarters, they were so remote from the business centre of the city that he had not had the opportunity he could have wished for of closer social relationship with the business men.

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The Hon. Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, responded. He was pleased to be present to express his admiration for Mr. Hays and appreciation of his abilities. No monument was needed to mark the period of Mr. Hays's stay here. During his regime the Intercolonial Railway had been extended to Montreal and the improvement was of mutual benefit to Montreal and the east.

The Hon. Sidney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, responded on behalf of the government. The people evidently had confidence in the new parliament and the most of the members were very well satisfied with the way things were going. The new parliament was about to enter the new century with serious responsibilities on its shoulders, first, because Canada to-day was emerging from her trials and was springing forward, with the full confidence of a new nation, on the sea of the future in which she had such an important role to play.

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There were obstacles between Montreal and the sea which would have to be removed. He had experienced these disabilities when arranging for shipping hay from Canada to South Africa. The cost of shipment from Montreal to St. John was out of all proportion to the cost from St. John to Capetown, owing to insurance, etc.

Regarding Mr. Hays, he thought he had set a good example to all persons who had the management of the English language. He had made the English bondholders feel better towards Canada than ever before. This would help other investors. While working for the directors and employees the interests of the patrons had not been neglected.

OTHER TOASTS. The Hon. Senator Casgrain briefly responded on behalf of the Senate. Mr. Hays would not be forgotten while the Victoria Jubilee Bridge and the McGill street offices should stand. He had given Canada five years of his life and in that time had done more for the Grand Trunk than any one else had ever done. There was no harm in the exchange of capital and brain that was con-



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tinually going on between Canada and the United States. If Mr. Hays must return he would carry with him the best wishes of the business men of Canada.

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'A dozen railways may cross Canada within the next half century,' he declared, 'for what has been done must, necessarily be duplicated and triplicated in ever so distant future.' Some people thought the government should not give so much aid to railways, but not to do so would be to prevent the country from advancing. Canada was entering upon a period of growth not dreamed of in the past. It was our natural right to bring the products of the west, on both sides of the line to the seaboard. Montreal he thought, would see, within a reasonable time, the realization of the best hopes of her business men. The government was deeply alive to the transportation question and was moving, he believed, in the right direction.

Mr. G. B. Reeve, the successor of Mr. Hays, also spoke briefly. He considered the interests of commerce and the railways to be identical. He believed every word of commendation spoken regarding Mr. Hays was deserved. Owing to Grand Trunk investments were the subjects of suspicion, now, thanks to Mr. Hays's economical management, they were safe. He would like to say good-by to Mr. Hays as Sir Charles Melville Hays, as he might have done if the latter had chosen to qualify, but he loved his own country too much. The man was the same for all that. (Cheers.)

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BOERS IN CAPE COLONY.

Seven Hundred Cross at Aliwal North.

MORE ABOUT THE PART PLAYED BY CANADIANS IN THE FIGHT AT BELFAST.

Capetown, Dec. 17.—Seven hundred Boers have crossed from the Orange River Colony into Cape Colony near Aliwal North, and have reached Kaapstad.

Capetown, Dec. 18.—The Boers who crossed the Orange river into Cape Colony, west of Aliwal North, on Saturday, encountered the Cape Rifles and Brabant's force, who retired with loss.

DE WETT'S ARMY.

STEYN SAYS HE HAS STILL NINE THOUSAND MEN UNDER HIM.

The Hague, Dec. 16.—Mr. Kruger has received mail advices from former President Steyn, of the Free State, which say that Generals De Wett and Hertzog still have 9,000 followers.

DEATH OF CHALMERS.

FELL WHILE WARNING ONE OF HIS MEN OF DANGER.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Lieut.-Col. T. D. B. Evans, commanding the C.M.R., sends the following report, dated at Belfast, to the adjutant-general at Ottawa, of the death of Lieut. Chalmers in action on Nov. 2: 'On Nov. 1, at 7 p.m., a column under Major-General Smith-Dorrien marched from Belfast south towards Komati Valley to co-operate with a similar column moving parallel and to the west. Rain was falling heavily, and the column halted at 12.30 a.m., till about 3.30 a.m. The advance guard on Nov. 2 consisted of sixty of my men under command of Major Saunders. The advanced party, second troop C squadron, was commanded by Chalmers, and was accompanied by a guide, who appears to have given them the wrong directions; when the advanced party came into touch with the enemy the main column had branched off to the right, and was nearly two miles away. About fifteen of the enemy were first seen emerging from a house in the valley, and thirty more came from a house about one mile west. These occupied a ridge to the west of our position. The advanced party moved up the slope to some trenches which had been constructed by the enemy. Other parties of the enemy now appeared from the east, and were engaged by the flankers of the support. Expecting early assistance from the main column, the advanced guard, although in a most dangerous position, held its place under severe rifle fire. At about 5 a.m. an order came from the G.O.C. to retire.

The retirement of the advanced party to the support was conducted by Lieut. Chalmers in a most skilful manner under a very severe fire. During the further retirement, which was carried out steadily by successive groups, Corp. Schell's horse was killed and fell upon him, injuring his ankle. Sergt. Tryon gave him his horse, and Major Saunders, noticing Sergt. Tryon dismounted, rode back to him and took him on his horse, and while rejecting the retiring line, the saddle slipped, and threw Major Saunders and Sergt. Tryon to the ground, the horse bolting. Major Saunders was slightly wounded in the left side, while taking cover, and partially stunned by the fall from his horse. Lieut. Chalmers then went to Major Saunders and endeavored to bring him back with him, but was unable to do so. He then rejoined the firing, and sent Private G. G. Smith back with a spare horse for Major Saunders, but the latter was unable to mount. Lieut. Chalmers would not retire any further until he could bring Major Saunders with him, and while taking steps to secure men from the support to enable them to carry out this intention, he was shot through the body and died a few minutes later. When Lieut. Chalmers was shot he had just left good cover to warn an orderly who was coming towards him to dismount as it was too dangerous to come over the ridge mounted.

Lieut.-Col. Evans pays high tribute to Lieut. Chalmers's excellent management of the troops in his last engagement, as well as to his splendid services throughout the campaign. The following are also mentioned in the report for bravery in action: Major Saunders, Sgt. Tryon, Pte. Hutchinson, Corp. R. R. Eaton, Corp. S. Herchmer and Pte. G. G. Smith. Lieut.-General Smith-Dorrien highly praised the work of the advanced guard. Privates Northway and F. G. Pratt were wounded.

MAJOR HURDMAN'S DIARY.

Major W. G. Hurdman, of D Battery, in his diary, from Oct. 17 to Nov. 4, mentions that 371. Sergt. Belford, had been reduced to the rank of corporal for refusing to obey an order given him by Sergt. Stinson. On Oct. 17 Gr. Bolton had gone to hospital, with enteric. Lt. Van Duijl left on Oct. 22 to take a position under Col. Girouard, director of military railways. On Oct. 26, 293. G. Gokey, had been sent to hospital with enteric. Major Hurdman had been advised on Oct. 27, of the awarding of commissions in the Royal Artillery to 279. Sergt. Ross, and to 302. Gr. Russell. On Oct. 31, he reports: 206. Sergt. Stinson, 371. Corp. Belford, 293. Gr. Crowe, and 279. Gr. Alexander, were this day tried by E.G.C.M., on the charge of breaking into and stealing stores. Result of court-martial, Stinson and Belford were reduced and each received 84 days' imprisonment with hard labor; Gr. Crowe was awarded 84 days' imprisonment with hard labor; and Gr. Alexander, 42 days'

BOXERS INACTIVE.

Pekin, Dec. 17.—The Russians have purchased \$700,000 worth of rice, which is being given to destitute Chinese. General Chaffee, the American commander, is also having a large amount of rice issued.

While a number of German officers were dining, they narrowly escaped death by asphyxiation in the fumes from a Chinese stove. Four out of seven were partly insensible for more than half an hour.

The railway from Pekin to Taku is now completed. To make the trip of eighty miles it generally takes twenty hours. General Chaffee, desiring a thorough investigation of the reports from Hosiwi to as to Boxer activity in that district, has sent a troop of the Sixth United States Cavalry and 50 members of Company E of the 9th Infantry there to quell any disturbance caused by Boxers or bandits. Neither General Chaffee nor Sir Alfred Gaselee, the British commander, believes that there is a large body of Boxers anywhere near under arms, although some reports represent the Germans as seeing Boxers every day.

field imprisonment No. 1. Major Hurdman adds: 'With reference to the above punishments, under the circumstances, I consider that the court dealt justly with the culprits.'

A TRYING NIGHT MARCH. On Nov. 1, the right section, consisting of two columns sent by Lieut. General Smith-Dorrien, with a view to surrounding Belfast. The rain came down in torrents, accompanied by a very cold wind, at times a regular blizzard. As the columns were operating to surround each other at several miles intervals, the water could turn back. The larger water could at daybreak, and the Boers were completely surprised. The inclement weather prevented Smith-Dorrien from following up his advantage, the men being drenched and pinched with cold. The casualties were very heavy. 100 Boers' horses falling. This was the position in which Capt. Chalmers was killed and Major Saunders (C.M.R.) was wounded.

With reference to the Boers, the men, Major Hurdman reports that on Nov. 4 there were 24 men in hospital and in convalescent camps; two of these were in a serious state, 303. Bolton, Major Moore, and 297. Gr. Bolton. Ten men had been invalided home. The report of Col. Drury, commanding the artillery, indicates that all the invalids of the division are returning on the 'Roslyn Castle.' He has arranged for the sale of all the Canadian horses, transport waggons and stores to the imperial army.

PRaise FROM GEN. HUTTON. Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Col. Lessard, commanding the Canadian Mounted Rifles, transmits to the department a letter which he received from Gen. Hutton on Oct. 14, previous to the general's departure for England. In this communication Gen. Hutton says he cannot leave South Africa without offering a few words of congratulations upon the success which has attended the campaign while under his command in the late campaign. Canada, he thinks, has good reason to be proud of the manner in which the regiment has upheld the reputation of the Canadian troops. They had shown what the type of colonial mounted rifles could accomplish in conjunction with the imperial mounted infantry. He realizes that the colonies can hereafter be counted upon to put into the field a force of mounted men of the utmost value. The general says that it was a source of constant pleasure to him to note how excellently the regiment had profited by its opportunities, and he congratulates and thanks the men for the good work they have performed.

AN ONTARIO MAN'S PRIZE. London, Ont., Dec. 17.—Captain Stuart, of this city, who went out with the first Canadian contingent to South Africa, has received from Sir Alfred Miles a judicial appointment in South Africa, at \$3,000 a year, with a residence, and other perquisites, the district to be named when the war is over.

THE 'LAKE CHAMPLAIN.'

STeamer WILL TOUCH AT HALIFAX. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—A cablegram received at the Department of Militia states that the S.S. 'Lake Champlain' will arrive at Halifax, land the mails and a few tons of freight there, and then proceed to St. John. It is understood that by this arrangement the men with Col. Otter who belong to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will land at Halifax and proceed direct to their homes by rail. Those from New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and the west will continue on the 'Lake Champlain' to St. John, and there disembark to take the Intercolonial Railway for home, after the civic welcome.

THE VOYAGE FROM CAPE TOWN.

The South African mail brought to the Militia Department reports from several of the officers commanding the Canadian corps. Lieut.-Col. Otter, commanding the 2nd Battalion, R. C. R., forwards his diary for the period between Nov. 10 to Nov. 23, when the corps was on its way home. He mentions that the men suffered a good deal from the heat during the night, though all possible space was afforded them on deck. At St. Vincent the officers only were permitted to land by order from England. They enjoyed a cricket match with the telegraph company employees, and were defeated by 68 to 50. There were complaints made as to the indifferent cooking, lateness of meals and lack of water for ablutionary purposes. On the eighth day out from Capetown the electric lighting plant had given out, and the men had to content themselves with candles. Little or no sickness had occurred on the voyage, though 7498. Sergt. Hulme, was suffering from a laceration of the jaw caused by dentistry at Pretoria, and Col. Otter feared he would have to be sent to hospital in England. Lieut. Cosby, of the 1st Middlesex Regiment, was also on the sick list on the date of writing (Nov. 24) with strong symptoms of fever, and he expected would also have to go to hospital.

GASPE NOMINATIONS.

Perce, Que., Dec. 17.—Messrs. Horatio Leboutillier, Gaspe Basin (Liberal), D. N. Labrie, of Perce (Liberal), and Dugall and Frederick Eugene Dougal, both of Montreal.

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