

The Weather.
Maximum and minimum temperatures—Montreal, 12.26; Quebec, 20.28.
Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Continued cloudy and moderately cold. Light local snowfalls at night.

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QUEBEC, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1906.

ONE CENT.

MURDEROUS TRAMP In Jail for Killing a Farmer —Will Likely be Lynched.

Las Animas, Col., Dec. 26.—A mob is now at work battering down the walls of the jail here to lynch Lawrence Leberg, a tramp who yesterday murdered Henry Lavenmeyer, a farmer, near here. Alighting from a freight train yesterday at Robinson station, Leberg begged a meal from a farmer named Purvis. Leberg demanded lodging, but was refused because of abusive language. Leberg left the farm, but soon after started towards Purvis' place, evidently bent on revenge. He set fire to a haystack belonging to Henry Lavenmeyer, probably thinking it was the property of Purvis. Lavenmeyer took Leberg into custody, allowing him to ride behind him on the horse. When Lavenmeyer dismounted to open a gate Leberg struck him repeatedly on the head with a hammer which he found tied to the saddle. Leberg then cut Lavenmeyer's throat and tried to scalp him. The burning haystack attracted neighbors who found the mutilated body. Leberg was caught riding Lavenmeyer's horse. When arrested he boasted that he had drunk the blood of his victim. Leberg was brought here and placed in jail. Today Sheriff Brown started for Pueblo with his prisoner, but was met by 300 persons who protested against Leberg's removal and he was again placed in jail. To-night a mob of several hundred men and boys appeared at the jail, but were refused admittance. Almost immediately they began the attack on the jail.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE IN CHILI

Santiago, Chili, Dec. 26.—Half of the town of Arica, in the province of Tacna, has been destroyed by an earthquake and other towns in that neighborhood have suffered more or less severely. The seaport of Iquique, 120 miles south of Arica, was not damaged. With the recollection of the August disaster fresh in their minds, the people in the earthquake zone are greatly alarmed.

THE ROOSEVELT UNLUCKY.

New York, Dec. 26.—Ever since her return from the Arctic, misfortune seems to have attended Commander Peary's steamer Roosevelt. On her way to her present anchorage off West 44th street on Christmas Day, she ran afoul of the ferry boat Atlantic. To-day 15 would-be visitors to her narrowly escaped death when their launch, which had started for the ship, was caught by ice floes and jammed against the ferry-rack at West 42nd street. The ice stove a hole in the boat and she began to fill. The water was almost up to the knees of the boat's occupants when a tug saved the party.

POLICE LAUNCH MISSING.

New York, Dec. 26.—Police launch No. 6, a small boat of the naphtha pattern, with three patrol men aboard is missing to-night and it is feared that she and her crew are lost. She left Canarsie police station, Brooklyn, early this morning for Sheepshead Bay with patrol men Jno. Walker, Frank Ford and William H. Walker aboard. She was last seen about noon off Sheepshead among the ice floes apparently trying to make the open water. The police patrol steamer now searching for the launch had not found her late to-night. It is thought that she may have been crushed by ice and sunk, or may have blown up.

SAVED HIS LIFE FOR ANOTHER.

Morristown, N.J., Dec. 26.—George Davis lost his life to-day in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue John Arke, a boy, from drowning. The boy went out on the ice in the Rockaway River and fell through thin ice. Davis and his wife saw the accident and went to his aid. Davis cut down the clothes line in his yard and tied one end about his waist, gave the other end to his wife and went out to the boy who was floundering about in the broken ice. Lying down, Davis grabbed the boy and shouted to his wife to pull the rope. She drew her husband back from the hole until the boy was out of the water and on the ice but when she pulled again the rope broke and man and boy slid back into the hole and sank. Their bodies were not recovered.

BELL REINSTATED.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 26.—The National Baseball Commission to-day granted the application for reinstatement of George G. Bell who was carried on the reserve list of the Brooklyn National League Club for 1906, but who refused to sign the contract tendered him, or report to the club during the past season. Bell's reinstatement is conditional upon his paying a fine of \$200.

JAPANESE ENTERING TEXAS

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 26.—Japanese are flocking to the Rio Grande border to get into the United States. Most of them are said to have been discharged from the Japanese army. Yesterday 54 were refused admission here. Later a number were smuggled over at Fort Hancock, Tex. To-day they were recaptured by immigration officials who are patrolling the entire border.

HEARD AT OTTAWA Fashionable Wedding—Gov- ernment House at Yukon Burned—Mr. Blair's.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 26.—All Saints' Church was the scene of a fashionable wedding to-day when Miss Geraldine Fitzgerald, daughter of the late Capt. Fitzgerald, of the West Indies, and Grand daughter of the late Chief Justice Sharpe, also of the West Indies, and sister of Mrs. Gerald Fitzgerald and Mrs. E. Drew Ingall, Ottawa, was united to Lieut.-Colonel A. Leonard Jarvis, of the G. G. F. G., son of the late Mr. Geo. Jarvis, of the Finance Department. Rev. A. W. Mackay, Rector of All Saints', officiated and Mr. Edgar Buch presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Charles Fitzgerald, Montreal, wore a smartly tailored costume of pale grey chiffon broadcloth, with a lace blouse, also a picture hat, trimmed with chiffon and feathers. Only the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting couple were present. After the ceremony Colonel and Mrs. Jarvis left for the West enroute to New Zealand where they intend to remain three months. On returning they will take up their residence in Ottawa. Word was received at the Department of Interior this morning that the Government House at Dawson, in the Yukon, had been entirely destroyed by fire last night. Nothing was saved from the building, but the officers of the department cannot estimate the amount of the loss. Governor McInnes, who has been absent for some days, is at present on a visit to New York.

Hon. A. G. Blair left this afternoon for St. John, N.B., to attend the Liberal convention which meets there to-morrow. Mr. Blair will, in all probability, be a candidate in St. John City at the next general election.

Among a batch of reports received to-day at the Department of Trade and Commerce was W. T. R. Preston's first epistle to the department, as its trade representative in distant lands. Mr. Preston wrote from South Africa pointing out that Imperial sentiment and the conviction that the Dominion would only export the best class of products were the most important factors in building of trade between the two countries. Mr. Preston is on his way to China.

IMPERIAL PAPER MILLS CO.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—John Craig, receiver for the Imperial Paper Mills Co., of Canada, Ltd., has entered an action for a declaration that the Quebec Bank has no title to the assets of the company as against the receiver.

FIRE AT BRANDON.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 26.—The Yukon block situated on Rosser avenue, in the heart of the business section of the city, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The first is still raging as this despatch is sent and there is a big chance that the adjoining building, the Confederation Life block, may also be wiped out or at least badly gutted. The fire originated from a furnace in the basement. The Yukon block is valued at \$25,000 and the Confederation Life at \$20,000. Both are well insured. The Yukon block was occupied on the ground floor by the store of the Kelly Hardware Co., with a stock valued at \$40,000, well insured, and the Howey Clothing Co., with a stock valued at \$20,000, almost entirely destroyed. Insurance, \$7,000.

WANT A FREE PORT.

New York, Dec. 26.—A petition and resolutions signed by a large number of boatmen and masters, operating on the Erie canal were forwarded to-day to Governor Hughes, asking greater consideration of the present Erie and other canals. The petitioners urge that it will take years to complete the large canal under construction and that when it is finished, it can never wholly supersede the present canal in usefulness to the State as many people erroneously imagine; therefore, all moneys judiciously expended thereon in the enlargement of locks or repairs, improvements and its terminal facilities at New York, Buffalo or elsewhere, will be returned to the people of the State many fold. It is contended that the slothful care and management of the State canals is reflected in data showing how wide-awake competitors in this nation and Canada have greatly profited by New York's supreme indifference displayed toward her own indispensable waterways of trade and commerce, and her terminal facilities. The canal interests also set forth that not only exigencies of the times demand that the canals shall be placed in first-class condition and repair to hold the ebb and flow of commerce through the State and port of New York, to and from the markets of the world, but also that the grain elevators and store houses and other terminal facilities at Buffalo shall be owned and operated by the State, free from all charges to users thereof, to hold as well as to attract business to New York; also the docks, piers and wharves, bulkheads, slips and basins at the great port of New York in simple justice to the people should be declared free by the legislature of all wharfage, dockage, and dock rentals, to trade and commerce, including all classes of shipping, as are the public streets.

HEAVY SNOW-STORM In Great Britain Interferes with Holiday Making—Vessels Wrecked on Coast.

London, Dec. 26.—Christmas, 1906, will be memorable in the United Kingdom for the heaviest snow storms it has experienced in many years. In the northern counties of England and in Scotland the snow was accompanied by great gales. There was a snow fall of 4 to 6 inches which drifted badly and worked serious hindrance to locomotion of all kinds and inconvenience to holiday makers. It snowed again to-night, but not so hard except in the Liverpool district, where a blizzard is raging. The indications are that the severe weather will continue. There were many small wrecks along the coasts, but no serious loss of life is reported. The crews of nearly all wrecked vessels were rescued by lifeboats. Almost all the shipwrecked men had terrible experiences. The steamer Haulziene struck a rock and sank off Haulzhey. Lifeboat men succeeded in rescuing the crew after an exciting experience. Another lifeboat made a similar rescue of the crew of the schooner Ringleader wrecked off Dungeess. The minor inconveniences of to-day include the abandonment of hundreds of football and golf matches. The discomfort, however, did not greatly dampen the ardor of London's pleasure seekers. The popularity of the pantomime seemed to be increasing. Not less than a dozen theatres in London and its suburbs, headed by a splendid production of "Sinbad, the Sailor," at the Drury Lane, gave pantomime, and all report full houses.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY In a Jail at Elmira, N.Y.—Man and Woman Commit Suicide.

Elmira, N.Y., Dec. 26.—The Elmira County Jail was the scene of a double tragedy to-night. A woman named Bessie Wells occupied a cell in the woman's dormitory, awaiting sentence on January 3rd for abducting a young girl and harboring her for immoral purposes. A man named Frank Delaney, possessing a power of attorney from the woman, and who is said to have been her lover, called at the jail and, stating that he wished to obtain the woman's signature to some papers, was shown to her cell by a guard who stood close by while he conversed with her. Suddenly Delaney passed a bottle of carbolic acid through the bars and pressed a second one to his own lips. The guard sprang upon the man but was not quick enough. Both died before a physician could be called. Delaney was 29 years old and was a railroad man. He comes from a respected family.

THE VATICAN AND FRANCE.

Rome, Dec. 26.—Despite denials of the French government that it has replied regarding the Vatican's protest to the powers relative to the expulsion from France of Mgr. Montagnini, until recently Secretary of the Papal nunciature at Paris, the Vatican has been positively informed that M. Pichon, the Minister of Foreign Affairs for France, has made verbal statements to this protest to several diplomatic representatives at Paris, who telegraphed the minister's communication to their respective governments. According to the Vatican's authority, M. Pichon said that Mgr. Montagnini had no diplomatic standing; that the papers requested at the Nunciature were unimportant, the import documents having been removed previously and that the French government had not allowed Mgr. Montagnini to correspond with the French bishops.

TRAINS MOVING ALL RIGHT

Houston, Tex., Dec. 26.—Reports to the headquarters of the Atlantic system of the Southern Pacific lines to-day that the lines are experiencing little difficulty in operating trains on account of the strike of the locomotive firemen. Traffic Manager C. K. Dunlap has issued notices at all points to accept both local and through freight for transportation over the lines of the company. At Lobo, near El Paso, an engineer is reported to have been assaulted by a brakeman and so severely injured that he could not continue the run. H. E. Will, assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, says that his organization is thoroughly satisfied with the situation and all its members are going to do all possible to maintain their contract with the railroad company and to keep the trains moving.

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BOMB EXPLOSION

Barcelona, Dec. 26.—A bomb exploded to-day in the Rambla, one of the principal thoroughfares of this city. One man was wounded. Three anarchists have been arrested in connection with the affair.

FRENCH TROOPS FOR MOROCCO

Toulon, Dec. 26.—The transport Lanive, left here to-day for Algiers, where she will embark 1,000 men and 200 horses and take them to Tangier, Morocco.

OCEAN ARRIVALS.

December 26th, 1906.
SS. Haverford, at Philadelphia, from Liverpool.
SS. Baltic, at Queenstown, from New York.
SS. Merion, at Liverpool, from Philadelphia.
SS. Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, at Hamburg, from New York.
SS. Garmanion, at Havre, from St. John, N.B.

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New Year's Shopping is Now in Full Swing.

ARE there some friends to be remembered for New Year's? Better let us help you decide on a suitable gift. Have you received some unexpected Christmas remembrances from friends you had forgotten this Christmas? There is no better opportunity to reciprocate than during the New Year Season. Good thing Christmas and New Year's come so close together—isn't it? Gives you a chance to repay your obligations while they are fresh in your mind. Here are a few suggestions for New Year's Gifts—there are plenty more in every department which you may see when you come.

- Framed Pictures**
150 only. Framed Pictures, color subjects and steel engravings, sizes 16x20, 20x24 and 10x16, new and very desirable. Price each..... 75c
- Fancy Frames**
To frames of various sizes, a splendid range of finishes and styles, from the plainest to the most elaborate in gold leaf and Roman gold. Prices..... 15c up
- Ladies' Desks**
Ladies' Fancy Desks, in Oak or Mahogany, richly hand carved, with British bevel plate mirror, what could be more acceptable, and the price is only..... 9.50
- Reed Rockers**
Large Reed Arm Rockers, very comfortable, nothing could be more acceptable for a New Year's Gift and the price is very attractive too. Each..... 2.75
- Fancy Chairs**
A large assortment of Reception Chairs, Mahogany-finished frames, beautifully upholstered in silk, splendid value at our Special Price. Each..... 3.50
- Center Tables**
Solid quarter cut oak or Mahogany finished Centre Tables, size 24x24 inches, highly polished, matchless value at our Special Price, each..... 2.25
- The 'Paquette' Shoe**
THE Dainty 'Paquette Shoe' for Women, is daily growing in popularity among those ladies of taste who demand a stylish and perfect-fitting shoe. The quality is unsurpassed at any price. You may buy this shoe only at this store. One Price Only..... 3.50



- Taffeta Cloth**
Black Wool Taffeta Cloth, 40 inches wide, firm, smooth finish, unusual value at this special price, per yd..... 45c
- Blankets**
100 pair, Mixed Wool Blankets, size 72 x 90 inches, white with pink borders. Special price, per pair..... 3.69
- Black Alpaca**
Wool and dyed by the best maker the best wearing qualities, width 40 inches of these goods in Bradford, England, inches. Prices per yd. 30c. and..... 45c
- Bed Spreads**
30 only, Colored Bed Spreads, size 80 x 100 inches, pale blue and white. Special Price, each..... 1.49
- Sheets**
50 pair, English Cotton, bleached, size 72 x 90 inches, extra quality, made with two-inch hem and hemstitched. Price per pair..... 2.29
- Pillow Shams**
White Swiss Pillow Shams, size 32 x 32 inches, embroidered and open-work designs. A splendid choice ranging in price from 25c. each to..... 1.35
- Handkerchiefs**
Men's White Silk Handkerchiefs, size 20 x 20 inches, hemstitched, fancy initial in one corner, packed in neat box. Price each..... 75c
- Fancy Embroidered Silk Handkerchiefs**
white with handsome designs, embroidered in colors. Special Price, each..... \$1.50
- Colored Tweeds**
Colored Dress Tweeds, all wool, very newest mixtures and colorings for this season, 40 to 48 inches wide. Prices per yard 50c. to..... 75c
- Comforters**
Eiderdown Comforters, size 60 x 72 inches, fancy satin covers with plain border and frill. Price each..... 13.50
- Table Napkins**
Full Bleached Damask Linen Table Napkins, hemmed, very best qualities at the prices which range all the way from 70c. per doz. to..... 7.50

- Ribbons**
Taffeta Silk Ribbon, 6 inches wide, colors sky, black and white. Special Price, per yd. 25c. or 2 yds. for 40c
- Pure Silk Baby Ribbon**
black, sky, white, and all the leading colors, sold by the piece only, regular price 35c. per piece. Special, per piece..... 24c
- Manicure Sets**
A large assortment of Manicure Sets, comprising the best lines of these goods in Quebec. Prices range from \$1.50 to..... 5.00
- Prayer Beads**
A large assortment of Prayer Beads, both plain and elaborate, at special prices ranging from 25c. to..... \$15.
- Work Boxes**
Ladies' Work Boxes, silk or mercerized linings, celluloid and various other covers. Prices range from \$1.00 to..... 5.00
- Ladies' Belts**
Ladies' Silk Belts, black or colored, all sizes, matchless assortment at prices ranging from 25c. to..... 3.00
- Pocket Books**
Pocket-Books, assorted colors, priced at from..... 5.00
- writing Paper**
Note Paper and Envelopes, put up in fancy boxes, a great variety of styles and qualities. Prices per box 35 cents to..... 1.50



- Dolls' Carriages**
Our showing of Dolls' Carriages in the Basement is the largest and best in Quebec. The prices range from 25 cents to..... 1.75
- Mechanical Trains**
Every boy is interested in these mechanical trains which run by clock-work on real tracks. The prices range from 25 cents to..... 2.25
- Automobiles**
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Walking Sticks.....	.50	30.00	
Roman Pearl Necklets.....	.50	20.00	
Ebony Military Brushes.....	1.50	6.00	
Ebony Cloth Brushes.....	.90	3.00	
Ebony Hair Brushes.....	.75	3.00	
Ebony Velvet Brushes.....	.60	1.50	
Ebony Mirrors.....	1.00	2.50	
Fancy Gift Clocks.....	2.00	9.00	
Bronze Clocks.....	25.00	150.00	
Carrage Clocks.....	8.00	70.00	
Penholders.....	.60	3.00	
Pencils.....	.40	8.00	
Fountain Pens.....	1.25	15.00	
Baby Rings.....	.75	4.00	
Rattles.....	.50	4.00	
Pap Spoons.....	1.00	3.50	
Child's Brush and Comb.....	1.25	5.00	
Child's Knife Fork and Spoon.....	3.10	10.00	
Child's Silver Mugs.....	4.00	10.00	
Child's Pap Bowl and Spoon.....	10.00	20.00	
Turquoise Rings.....	3.00	20.00	
Opal Rings.....	2.00	50.00	
Pearl Rings.....	3.10	300.00	
Diamond Rings.....	25.00	1000.00	
Gold Brooches.....	2.00	25.00	
Pearl Brooches.....	3.00	170.00	
Diamond Brooches.....	25.00	1300.00	
Diamond Cuff Links.....	10.00	50.00	
Ladies' Watch Chains.....	11.00	80.00	
Gentlemen's Watch Chains.....	10.00	50.00	
Fine Gold Locketts.....	2.00	30.00	
Silver Chain Bags.....	3.00	27.00	
Silver Muff Chains.....	1.25	7.00	
Silver Necklets.....	.50	3.00	
Silver Locketts.....	.75	5.00	
Silver Scarf Pins.....	.15	1.00	
Silver Brooches.....	.25	3.00	
Silver Bracelets.....	.30	5.00	
Silver Belt Pins.....	1.35	6.00	
Silver Girdles.....	20.00	25.00	
Silver Cuff Links.....	.40	2.00	
Silver Mirrors.....	4.00	21.00	
Silver Brushes.....	2.00	14.00	
Silver and Glass Colognes.....	1.70	13.00	
Silver and Glass Perfumes.....	.25	10.00	
Silver and Glass Puff Boxes.....	1.00	7.60	
Silver and Glass Vaseline Pots.....	.40	5.00	
Silver and Glass Inks.....	.50	13.00	
Silver Manicure Instruments.....	.50	1.00	
Gun Metal Match Boxes.....	1.00	5.00	
Gun Metal Cigarette Cases.....	2.50	20.00	
Gun Metal Cigar Cutters.....	1.25	1.25	
Gun Metal Cigar Holders.....	5.00	5.00	
Gun Metal Stamp Cases.....	1.50	1.50	
Gun Metal Pocket Knives.....	1.00	4.00	
Gun Metal Memo Tablets.....	2.10	3.50	
Ladies' Silver Watches.....	4.50	20.00	
Ladies' Gold Watches.....	15.00	150.00	
Gentlemen's Silver Watches.....	6.00	30.00	
Gentlemen's Gold Watches.....	40.00	200.00	
Gold Scarf Pins.....	1.25	10.00	
Pearl Scarf Pins.....	2.00	150.00	
Diamond Scarf Pins.....	35.00	300.00	
Gold Necklets.....	3.40	25.00	
Pearl Necklets.....	16.00	100.00	
Flexible Bracelets.....	14.00	50.00	

Gold Bangles.....	\$ 5.00 to \$ 25.00
Gold Nethersoles.....	5.00 to 20.00
Bracelets Set with Stones.....	11.00 to 150.00
Amethyst Pendants.....	2.50 to 100.00
Pearl Pendants.....	4.00 to 100.00
Diamond Pendants.....	90.00 to 1500.00

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A TIMELY DISCOVERY.

These are iconoclastic days from which nothing is old enough or sacred enough, or long enough established to obtain protection. The old faiths are shaken, the old beliefs shattered, the old habits denounced, and the old saws fitted with new versions and new applications; we don't live in the same way as our forefathers, and we don't even die in the same way, for the old reliable diseases have vanished, and others, not less effectual it is true, have been established in their stead, and supplemented with "successful" surgical operations. The old fogey, the laudator temporis acti will sigh over all this change, and the more youthful portion of this generation will regard it as a proof of progress, as no doubt, it is, but behind all is the doctrine of compensation, and it is probable that if we knew everything and could form a perfectly accurate judgment we should find on striking the balance that we have not gained more than we have lost, or lost more than we have gained.

As an example take the item of food. Inch by inch we have been driven from all our most cherished ideas. We have had little left us to eat with safety, and nothing at all to drink, for alcoholic liquors are snares of the devil, tea and coffee are nerve shatters and breeders of indigestion and suicide; milk is the purveyor of typhoid and diphtheria, and water has more bacteria and bacilli in the square inch than the heavens, so far as they can be gauged, contain stars; canned meats are the covering of all manner of horrors; preserves and jellies singly and in combination are analagous to dyes, and the complaint of the modern lives of the strenuous life.

"All things are taken from us and become portions and parcels of the gloomy past."

And in compensation for it the rapid march of the age leaves us no time for reflection, and we live on more or less joyously without knowing that we are, or ought to be, dying of hunger and thirst.

And, just in the nick of time comes a new discovery; the discovery of the perfect food in an article that we have long been taught to view with suspicion, and to partake of with fear and trembling for future consequences, or with a reckless disregard of them. The British doctors have just been investigating the effects upon the human system of plum pudding, and they come to the conclusion, which they publish in the Lancet, that the Christmas plum pudding is not only all right, but is one of the very best foods that man, or boy, can eat. The Lancet says:—

It is accused of indigestibility, but a syncretical consideration of all the events would indicate the reverse to be the case. For an individual enjoying average health, the ingredients of plum pudding should offer no physiological stumbling block. The Christmas pudding is a meal for a hungry man, for it is hardly possible to conceive more complete food.

This is something worth knowing; and now if the doctor can only discover something equally pleasant and safe to drink with our plum pudding there will be hope for the human race yet.

LORD GREY'S TOURNEY.

Our readers are aware that the Governor-General, with a public spirit beyond all praise has instituted a musical and dramatic tourney to be held in Ottawa on the 28th instant, to which the different cities of the Dominion are invited to send competing teams, and for which he has provided prizes in music and drama. The stimulus thus given to these musical and dramatic tastes of the people of Canada, and the effect it is likely to have on, not only public entertainments, but the pleasure of the home circle, cannot be too highly estimated, and the public owes a deep debt of gratitude to Lord Grey for his thoughtful consideration of it. There is no doubt that the Ottawa tourney will call forth the best efforts of the Dominion, and the winners of the prizes will secure great credit both for themselves and for the cities they represent.

We are happy to learn that Quebec will make an effort to secure the musical prize, and that the Symphony Club will send up a team of forty-five members to represent our city. The club has a high reputation with the music-loving portion of our citizens, that is to say, with nine-tenths of the population, and the entertainments given by it have been models of excellence and high artistic taste. Quebec is justly proud of it, and may reasonably indulge in hopes that it will be successful in its present venture, and be certain that in any case it will be an honor to the city. We understand that \$1,000 will be required to meet the necessary expenses, of which a part yet remains to be raised, and we would urge our citizens to lose no time in extending a liberal helping hand to an enterprise which will certainly place Quebec in a high rank before the Dominion public, as the fosterer of such experiments of the divine art.

Kent House Slides are now open and in perfect order. dec24x3

WORK FOR EVERYONE.

In years gone by there was an exodus every fall from all the counties of the District of Quebec, of men seeking employment in the lumber camps of the west. Thousands of men from the Saguenay, from Charlevoix, Montmorency, Valcartier, Lorette and other places in this vicinity were obliged to go from home to find a winter's work. To-day, all this is changed. Our laboring men need no longer go away. The lumbering operations in the vicinity of Quebec, and especially along the line of the Lake St. John Railway, are so extensive that it is with difficulty that men enough can be had to carry them on. Even at our very doors, the valley of the River Jacques Cartier, where until quite recently there was thought to be no merchantable timber, is the centre of lumbering operations on a very large scale. The Bayliss Paper Co., of Binghamton, N.Y., have recently acquired the timber limits on this river and the mill at St. Gabriel on the new Gosford branch of the Lake St. John Railway, and are now making no less than 300,000 logs, to cut up which the mill is being remodelled and enlarged. These immense operations, together with those of Mr. Harold Kennedy and of Mr. J. A. Rousseau, M.P., on the same waters, give employment in the woods this winter to eleven hundred men. And yet they represent only a small proportion of similar operations elsewhere on the line of the railway. Colonel B. A. Scott, at Roberval, has eight hundred men in the woods; the Chicoutimi, Jonquiere, Outaouche, Belgo-Canadian and Peribonca Pulp Companies, and the St. Raymond Paper Co. are also lumbering on a large scale, and so is the Hon. Richard Turner for his four mills and Mr. Harold Kennedy for his five mills on the same railway, and several others. If to this we add the operations of the lumber camps on the St. Maurice above La Tuque, now being made tributary to Quebec by the branch line just completed, we can form some idea of the army of men employed in our immediate vicinity, and of the benefits, which our city and district are receiving from these immense expenditures and the employment of our own people. If Quebec is prosperous to-day we can thank the plucky local capitalists, who twenty years ago risked great sums of money in building a railway to Lake St. John. Few people in Quebec realize what is going on in our own back country.

THE INDUSTRIES AT LA TUQUE.

There is a feeling of very great satisfaction throughout the community at the successful outcome of the recent negotiations which have resulted in the signing of contracts by which a powerful syndicate has purchased the great water power at La Tuque, the land grant of the Lake St. John Railway and a large area of timber limits on the Upper St. Maurice. The new purchasers, who are the owners of the Berlin Mills in New Hampshire, one of the largest and most prosperous paper industries in the United States, will operate here as the Quebec & St. Maurice Industrial Company, under a charter obtained from the Legislature of the Province two years ago, with a capital of \$3,000,000, and have undertaken to spend a very large sum in the development of the water power within a short delay. Their intention is to manufacture "crossed" pulp wood, pulp, paper and saw lumber, on a very large scale, and to ship all their output to the Port of Quebec, and over the new Quebec Bridge, to the New England States. So that our city will benefit by the handling of all this immense volume of goods, and our railways by its transportation. Sir William VanHorne, a year or two ago, in his short and concise way, emphasized the importance of this, when he said—"sixty per cent. of all the freight earned by a railway is spent in the country where the traffic is handled, in the payment of train crews, officials and materials expended in earning it." We can hardly estimate the importance which we shall receive from these industries at La Tuque. And we understand that this is not all, because negotiations are now in progress to establish three other industries at the same point, the railway company having wisely acquired and reserved suitable and sufficient land there for that purpose.

The Saguenay and Lake St. John districts have been made tributary to our city by our having the control of our own railway, and the prosperity which Quebec is enjoying to-day is due in a great measure to the monopoly of the trade of that rich country. The good citizens of Quebec who are the promoters of that railway have gone further, and by means of the branch to La Tuque now about completed, they have had the foresight also to reach out westward and to secure for Quebec the control of the great lumber traffic of the Upper St. Maurice and of the industries above mentioned. There are 12,000 miles of timber limits on the Upper St. Maurice above La Tuque, and the operating of them means the employment of thousands of men who have to be fed, clothed and paid, and who will, thanks to this railway, draw their supplies from Quebec. And yet there are people in Quebec who are silly enough to think that if this railway were in the hands of a larger corporation, and not under local control, we should be as well or better off. They should remember the fable of the dog who thought he saw

a larger bone in the shadow. Where would Quebec be in the matter of the control of the St. Maurice territory and of these new industries if other railways and other centres had been allowed to get possession of the trade of the Upper St. Maurice? There is nothing like having people interested in a city in a position to direct trade to it, and there has been good generalship in our favor in this important crisis.

PRESS OPINIONS.

CANADIAN PLUCK.—If any proof were necessary of the confidence of financial and mining men of Canada in the future of the Cobalt mining field it has been amply provided in the purchase by a syndicate of the mining rights to the bed of Cobalt Lake from the Provincial Government at a figure exceeding one million dollars, as was announced on Saturday. This transaction also clearly proves that the Canadian investor is not lacking in pluck or daring. That in the short period of ten days so big a project should have been financed would, previous to the Cobalt boom, have been considered incredible, but we find that not only was there no difficulty in securing the capital needed, but the subscriptions poured in so fast that by the date fixed for receiving them, the amount required had been greatly over-subscribed.

It is likewise gratifying to observe that the tender price is almost altogether made up of Canadian capital, only 10 per cent. of it being money of foreign investors. This would seem to indicate that there is no disposition to permit Americans to get control of the best properties. It also establishes proof of the faith of Canadians in themselves to undertake great projects associated with the development of the country. In this respect alone the deal is one which will help establish more firmly abroad the impression that Canadians have every confidence in their country's future through the development of its great resources.—Ottawa Free Press.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

What is in many respects the most informing and significant paper issued by any life insurance company during the present year has just appeared over the signature of John R. Hege-man, President of the Metropolitan Life. While the communication is addressed to the Company's agents, and is in the nature of a review and announcement covering matters chiefly interesting to the field force, it deserves attentive reading by every one who holds or intends to secure a life insurance policy.

It appears that the Metropolitan Life has for some time been engaged in the preparation of new "mortality tables" based upon its own experience. By comparison of given periods in recent years with corresponding periods in former years, back to 1890, the fact is established that among the Company's policy-holders there has been sufficient improvement in mortality (that is, a smaller average of deaths at various ages) to warrant certain changes affecting future premiums and benefits, all directly in the interest of those insured in the Company. With characteristic thoroughness and frankness these results and changes are specified in minute detail, not put

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One noteworthy passage relates to the Company's liberal policy of distributing dividends and benefits not contemplated in its contracts with policy-holders. President Hageman asks his agents to note that "this year the Company has been disbursing the enormous sum of about two millions of dollars in voluntary dividends upon non-participating Industrial policies, bringing the total amount of unpromised dividends in twelve years to about ten millions of dollars to Industrial policy-holders in the form of dividends on premiums, dividends on death claims and increases of benefits upon existing policies."

Other matters discussed in the announcement are no less interesting than those referred to in this brief review. The entire paper is commended as an educational and timely contribution to insurance literature.

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Quebec, 15th December, 1906. By order, H. J. J. B. CHOUINARD, City Clerk.

NOTICE. A request shall be made to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec at the next provincial session by the fiduciary proprietors of the primary school founded at Beauport, during this year, to be incorporated under the name of "Les Syndics de l'Ecole St. Edouard, a Beauport."

Quebec, December 15th, 1906. PH. V. CHALOUIT, Atty. for Fid. Props.

Superior Court, Quebec. No. 54. Alice Plante, of Quebec, wife common as to property of Orphir Legare, of the same place, joiner, and duly authorized to ester en justice, Plaintiff;

vs. The said Orphir Legare, of the same place, joiner, Defendant.

An action for separation as to property was instituted in this case on the eleventh day of December, nineteen hundred and six.

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XMAS BOOKS.

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It was fought from the first tap of the gong until the Point St. Charles boxer was knocked down and out in his own corner at the opening of the seventh round. There was more fighting in the six rounds the fight lasted—the seventh only going eight or ten seconds—than is usually seen in an ordinary fifteen-round bout, and the referee had to count over both men a couple of times before the end came.

MATCH FOR STANLEY CUP. Montreal, Dec. 26.—Russell Bowie has been chosen to referee the matches for the Stanley Cup between Wanderers and New Glasgow, and the first match will take place to-morrow night.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an Order-in-Council was passed by the Privy Council of Canada at Ottawa on the 8th November, 1906, approving of the following regulations for the operation of the railway swing bridge over the River St. Charles at Quebec, and these regulations are now in force.

"The Swing Bridge over the St. Charles River will be in operation for one and one-half hours before, and for one and one-half hours after the time of high water, as given in the Tide Tables for the harbor of Quebec, during the season of navigation."

"During the above stipulated three hours, the railway swing bridge will be opened at such times or intervals as will not interfere with the passage of regular passenger trains; but in any case, and notwithstanding the above, the swing bridge must when required for the passage of vessels, etc., be opened during the three hours time of operation, at intervals aggregating together not less than one and one-half hours."

"Vessels, etc., wishing to pass the bridge must hold themselves ready to do so on the opening of the swing and must then make the passage without delay."

"All vessels whether under sail or steam shall carry proper and visible lights at night, when approaching the bridge."

"No sailing craft will be allowed to pass unless in tow of a tug."

Owners of steam and sailing vessels will please note and be governed accordingly. Quebec & Lake St. John Ry. J. G. Scott, General Manager. Quebec Railway, Light & Power Co. Edw. A. Evans, General Manager. Quebec, 29th November, 1906. l.a.w.-th3

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Imported Handkerchiefs, Lace, Embroidered and Hemstitched in Linen and Lawn.

New Neckwear (just in) in Finest Embroidery and Fancy Silk. Hosiery in Silk, Thread and Cashmere, fancy colours and embroidered. Fine Whitewear, Fancy Kimonos, Bedroom Slippers.

Belts in Silk, Kid and Elastic, plain and mounted in genuine cut steel. Umbrellas (just in) finest quality, mounted in Sterling Silver and Gold Plated, a very acceptable present. Prices \$2.90, \$3.25 and \$3.65

Purses all new stock. Fancy Silk Hose Supporters and Fine Imported Spun Silk Undervests, fancy and plain tops.

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Maybe you think you are sick, but you aren't. You need one of two things—exercise or better food, or both.

It may be impossible for you to get the exercise. It's the easiest thing in the world to get the right kind of food. Ask your grocer for Malta-Vita.

This famous food is the whole of the wheat thoroughly steamed and cooked in absolute purity and mixed with finest malt extract, a powerful digestive agent, which quickly converts the starch of the wheat into maltose—malt sugar. Maltose is great food, and the weakest stomach digests and assimilates it without effort. The malted wheat, rolled into little flakes, is baked under such intense heat that when it comes from the great ovens, every flake is crisp, brown Malta-Vita—the most delicious food in the world. Always ready to eat.

A perfect breakfast is impossible without Malta-Vita and it's good three times a day. All grocers sell it. Now 14 cents per package.

NEW VICTORIA HOTEL

This hotel, so well known by the travelling public, is now open under new management.

The new proprietors, Messrs. Ed. S. Bois, Commercial traveller of this city, and J. H. Lessard, Theiford Mines, will neglect nothing to give satisfaction to everyone and at regular prices.

Commercial travellers will find at this Hotel splendid spacious sample rooms. To give more accommodation to commercial travellers the proprietors have decided to construct other sample rooms.

The staff has been specially selected and irreproachable and prompt service is assured.

Commercial travellers who are specially invited to visit this hotel where you may be sure to have all the comfort of home.

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A WONDERFUL WOMAN.

She Has no Fingers, Elbows or Knees—She Sews, Writes and Does Things Which Others Think Hands are Necessary to Do.

Miss Kleinginne is one of the most respected women in Mohanville, Pennsylvania, where she was born 38 years ago. She was born without hands or knees, though her sisters and brothers are all perfectly formed. Still, she says, she never missed her hands. All there is of her arms are stumps, about eight inches long, the right arm being the longer of the two. She neither has elbows nor knees. Her feet are attached to the legs where the knees ought to be, and each foot has but three toes.

She resides in a pretty little home, which is situated on a hill surrounded by enchanting farming scenery; and here she has lived a wonderfully comfortable home life, having made the very best of her misfortune.

After her parents had decided that they would relinquish farming, they moved to this little townhouse, which was afterwards bequeathed to Miss Kleinginne. She then remained here with a brother for a time, until he moved away. Then she decided that she was able to keep the place in good repair, and that even though her physical condition was, perhaps without a parallel, she would be able to support herself. She has been alone for nearly a year, and her efforts have been successful and she enjoys the comforts of life, and the friendship of every person in her town.

Charitable people help her along in many ways; but she sells lots of fancy work from her needle, which she uses with her teeth and toes. She has hundreds of photos of herself, also which bring a quarter of a dollar from every visitor, and with some other assistance from kind neighbors she is able to live in comfort and keep her home in good repair, a perfect model of neatness.

She believes in the old Pennsylvania German saying, "Early to bed and early to rise," and is always downstairs before 6 a.m., and dresses herself without hands? Is the question thousands have asked. It is a simple matter. Her dresses are buttoned on the back and with the stumpy arms she slips a gown over her head, the open side front. She then raises it to her mouth with the stumps, and with the teeth the dress is buttoned. Next she slips the dress around her body to the desired position and slips her stumps into the sleeves.

The Season for Croup and Colds

BUT SERIOUS RESULTS CAN BE AVOIDED BY THE TIMELY USE OF

DR. CHASE'S SYRUP OF LINSEED AND TURPENTINE

With the return of wintry weather there comes again mother's anxiety for the health of her little ones—wet feet and chilled bodies and then croup or severe colds. And what is to be done to prevent serious trouble?

Because it is pleasant to the taste, composed of simple ingredients of proven value, and positively free from anything of an injurious nature, Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine is especially suitable as a treatment for children, and its popularity is due to its wonderful success in the prevention and cure of croup, chest colds and bronchitis.

In the hour of emergency you can depend on Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine to loosen the cough, aid expectoration, allay inflammation and bring speedy relief and cure.

This well-known preparation is not a mere cough mixture, but a medicine having thorough and far-reaching action on the whole system and hence its remarkable success.

Miss Ada O'Brien, Cape Cove, Gaspe Co., Que., writes:—"Eight months ago I was taken with a severe cough which lasted three months and though I had tried all sorts of medicines they failed to me any good. A friend advised the use of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine and I was completely cured by two bottles. I can recommend it as a splendid medicine."

Don't take anything said to be "just as good." There is no throat and lung medicine just as good as Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine. Remember this when buying, and insist on having Dr. Chase's, the portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every bottle. 25 cents a bottle. All dealers or Edimanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

she puts on her stockings, and in like manner laces her shoes. Her toilet complete, she comes downstairs, carrying a large coal oil lamp, which she snugly holds between her breast and one of the stumps. She takes great care in handling the lamp, and never has had an accident. In lighting it she simply takes the lamp globe with one of her stumps, places a match between her teeth and strikes it, and the next moment the wick is burning a nice light. She has never burned her lips, though she lights a lamp with exceptional speed. As the town has electric lights, her friends are thinking of installing them in her home to avoid all danger.

Miss Kleinginne wears her hair short and combs it herself daily. She fastens the comb to one of the inside shutters of her house between the lower edge of the shutter and the window sill in such a manner that the teeth of the comb protrude. She then places her head against the comb in a short time she has her hair parted and combed as nicely as any woman could do with two hands.

She is now ready to prepare her breakfast. Usually for this meal she prepares eggs by boiling or frying. When she fries them she places the eggs between her right stump and her cheek, and cracks the shell by pressure until the yolk drops out into the pan over which she leans. She is soon ready to eat, and this she does in a most remarkable manner. She cuts her meat and bread by holding the knife between the right stump and her cheek. Afterward she balances the knife on the stump, and on this balanced knife carries the food to her mouth.

Sweeping, she takes her broom handle and places it between her right cheek and right stump, and thus cleans her kitchen floor with ease. When she scrubs the porch with the broom, the top of the broom handle rests on her right stump and the left stump bears upon the broom handle farther down. When she scrubs the floor with a brush she has the latter fastened to one of her feet, and in this way she blackens her stove.

Miss Kleinginne is a good scholar and has many friends with whom she corresponds, and writes letters? "You say. Certainly, and easily, too. She opens her own letters and if a reply has to be made she procures a sheet of paper, places a lead pencil between the stump of her right arm and the cheek and proceeds to write almost as rapidly as any other person would do with the right hand. She can also write by holding the pencil with her toes, but she is using the first method mostly.

She makes her own garments, and is especially adept with scissors. The thumb she places between her teeth, and with the right stump she works the part intended for the fingers, and in a short time is able to cut out a pattern for a dress. The cutting accomplished, she starts to baste the dress. She procures thread and placing one end in her mouth, makes a knot with her tongue. The needle is fastened into the table cover, and the thread in her teeth is inserted. When it peeps through the eye of the needle she grasps it with her teeth and pulls it through. She also occasionally holds the needle between her toes, and sews either with these or her teeth. With wonderful rapidity she also operates the sewing machine. She makes dresses, fancy-work and crazy patch-work, for days at a time, without getting tired, knowing that by so doing she is able to earn her living.

She does not spend all her time in doors, as she delights to be among the flowers, birds and nature. She keeps her own yard in a neat condition. She has remarkable flowerbeds and potted plants, and her Mohanville neighbors say she has finer ones than any other woman in the town. They claim she has a secret of her own to make the flowers grow and bloom.

In her home stands a nice organ. Hundreds of visitors have wondered who plays upon it, and when the question is asked of Miss Kleinginne she answers it by going to the instrument to play a tune herself, which she does by taking two pieces of prong-shaped wood, held in her feet, and then the melody comes.

She seems to do things by intuition, and when she is asked how, she often feels that she is unable to answer. She says God has given her gifts that others know nothing about.

She is three feet and eleven inches tall, enjoys good health, is a good cook, is famous for baking good custards, and a good entertainer. She devotes a good deal of her time in reading—the daily papers, the Bible and magazines. She speaks both the Pennsylvania German and English languages.

A woman never is more grateful for the love of a man than when she thinks some other woman is about to get it.

Do you know about the fortunes that have been and are being made with these machines and others which we manufacture? Wouldn't you like to establish a business of your own that would yield big profits right from the start?

We have started over 10,000 people in business in the United States of America and Canada, every one of them is now independently wealthy.

THIS IS ONE OF OUR PLANS

START AN ARCADE. To do this, rent a shop in the business part of your city with a front on the most prominent thoroughfare. Then purchase a number of different kinds of our automatic amusement machines, place them in this shop, and start one of the musical machines playing at the entrance. This will draw the people to the entrance, which shall be broad and level with the sidewalk. They will then see the line of strange and beautiful machines inside, and come in to examine them. When they find that a small coin placed in any one of these machines will give them a delightful entertainment, they will drop in a coin, enjoy the particular attraction presented, and pass on enthusiastically to another machine. It is astonishing how rapidly your Arcade becomes popular throughout the city and how the habit grows with the populace of frequenting your place and seeing the new features, which you can constantly change at almost no expense. The number of coins each machine absorbs in the course of a day, and the consequent profit to you, is really remarkable. Every one who has adopted this plan has made a lot of money. Write us for full details and figures of profits.

OTHER PLANS. We have a variety of plans some of which will exactly suit you, no matter how slender may be your present means and by which you can make money fast with our coin operated machines.

We make 250 different varieties to suit coins of any country. The following are some of our exclusive productions.

- Phonographs,
- Illustrated Songs,
- Automatic Bag Punchers,
- Lifting Machines,
- Picture Machines,
- Electric Medical Machines,
- Weighing Machines,
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Mills Novelty Company, Jackson Blvd. & Green St, Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.

Write at once for catalogue 21, describing Amusement Machines and Arcades.

On Friday morning at 8 o'clock we will commence the distribution of our calendars. It is needless for children to come unless accompanied by their parents.

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EVERYTHING IN LEATHER.

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Ornament your house with a few splendid portieres which Messrs Latouche & Lemay are selling at a sacrifice at their large stores, 93-95 St. John street.

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Novel Papeteries,
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Antiquedad,
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J. S. Murias,
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Our assortment comprising Cadbury's, Fry's, Rontree's, Lowney's lines, is larger than ever. Crochery filled with the highest grades of Chocolate, is in vogue.

TOM SMITH'S
Xmas Stockings, for Boys and Girls, to suit everybody's purse.

TABLE RAISINS.
In 22 lbs. boxes of different prices. Also in 1 lb. packages, pasteboard and tin boxes, the latter of a very attractive appearance.

ASSORTED NUTS.
Grenoble Walnuts, Targona Almonds, Sicilian Filberts, English Filberts, Louisiana Pecans, Bon Ton Peanuts, the largest and freshest, Shelled Valencia and Jordan Almonds, Shelled Walnuts, Shelled Pistachio Nuts, etc.

CANDIED FRUITS.
Angelica, Assorted Fruits, Crystallized and Glaces Cherries, Melon, Citron, Orange, Lemon.

FRUITS IN SYRUP.
Strawberries, Raspberries, Cherries, Pears, Peaches, Apricots, Pink Apple, French Chestnuts (vanilla flavored) prove to be a favorite delicacy.

CADBURY'S DAIRY MILK
Chocolate is our best seller. Once tried always wanted.

CHESTNUT JELLY.
Eaten with a plain cracker or cake, makes a recherche dessert.

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS.
of all prices. For young and grown up people.

A large consignment of Japanese Kid Glove Oranges have arrived, 35c. a dozen.

A. GRENIER

DROLET—On the 25th Dec., 1906, Joseph Eugene Drolet, eldest son of the late Gaspard Drolet.

Funeral will take place Friday, the 28th inst., leaving his late residence, No. 91 St. Joseph street, at 8.45 o'clock for St. Jean Baptiste Church and then to Belmont Cemetery.

New Advertisements.

- Reduced Rates—Canadian Pacific Railway.
- Reduced Rates—Quebec & Lake St. John Railway.
- Reduced Rates—Grand Trunk Railway System.
- No Bluffing—Ed. Belanger.
- Review and Announcement—Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
- General Servant Wanted.
- A Good Cook Wanted—Mrs. Ogilvie.
- Property for Sale—Felix Turcotte.
- Carriage for Sale—Felix Turcotte.
- Auditorium—Vauville.
- A.O.H.—T. J. Breenahan.
- Quebec Snowshoe Club—Septimus Barrow.
- Information Wanted—Arthur Pearson.
- Notice—Lapointe & Stein.
- La Banque Nationale—P. Lafrance.
- Simmons's Scotch—Hudson & Orsali.
- Hiawatha Mineral Water—H. Beauty.
- White Port—A. Grenier.
- New Year Presents—Gaspard Huot.
- Fashion-Craft—Roy & Roy.
- Start an Arcade—Mills, Novelty Co.
- A Happy New Year—Lixie Cigars.

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ALL THIS WEEK
VAUDEVILLE

Clark's Dog and Pony Circus, Mackay and Great Richards, Original Nickerson, Adair and Dahn, Nellie Turnwall, Ches and Fannie Van, John and Bertha Rich

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Quebec Snowshoe Club. LADIES' TRAMP

Members and their lady friends will tramp to-night, leaving St. Louis Tonn Gate at 8 o'clock. The Appalachian Mountain Club of Boston will accompany us on Shoes. A large muster requested.

SEPTIM'S BARROW, Acting Hon. Sec'y.

HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS
Being one of the largest importers in that line, we can offer a bigger assortment than any one else in town. Our newest kinds are: Banquet (mixed) Gelata Wafers for making Ice Cream Sandwiches, Sponge Biscuits (to be taken with wine), Mediterranean H. & P. Biscuits, Shortbread cannot be excelled.

WINE AND LIQUORS.
Barton Stons, Cucumbers, Radishes, Lettuce, Celery, Sweet Potatoes. English Plum Pudding in 1, 2, and 3 lb. tins. You may be able to make just as good, but not better. All orders that you shall entrust us with shall have our best attention. All our goods are guaranteed to be of the best quality, and you are welcomed to return them if not satisfactory.

GREEN GOODS.
Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Radishes, Lettuce, Celery, Sweet Potatoes. CROSS & BLACKWELL.

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CHRISTMAS BOX FOR POLICE.
G. A. Grondin, the well-known Bauda street tobacconist, thoughtfully sent a couple of boxes of cigars to the Central Station as a Christmas box for the police.

NO MOKE TURKEY RAFFLES.
The Provincial Police paid a visit on Monday evening to places where turkey raffles were supposed to take place and gave instructions that in future such raffles were to be stopped.

MEETING OF CREDITORS.
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A.O.H.

A regular meeting of Div. No. 1, A.O.H., will be held in Tara Hall this (Thursday) evening, at 8 o'clock. General business, Euchre, etc. L. J. BRESNAHAN, Rec. Sec'y.

MISSING FRIENDS.

Information is desired as to the address of relatives of Arthur Pearson, a Canadian, who died in Cape Town, 21st October last. Communication should be addressed to the Executor 131 Long street, Cape Town, S.A.

NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that the town of Fraserville will apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at the next session thereof, for the passing of a law amending the Statute in force, chapter 69, relating to the powers of the said town to contract loans, and for other purposes of general administration. Fraserville, December 24th, 1906. LAPOINTE & STEIN, Attorneys for the Petitioner. dec. 27x31.

LA BANQUE NATIONALE

On and after Friday, the 1st of February next, this Bank will pay to its shareholders a dividend of one and three quarters per cent. (being at the rate of seven per cent per annum) upon its capital, for the quarter ending on the 31st of January next. A transfer book will be closed from the 17th to the 31st of January next, both days inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors. P. LAFRANCE, Manager. Quebec, 26th December, 1906.

MIDWEEK THEATRE NOTES.

The Keith Vaudeville at the Auditorium seems to have caught the popular fancy. Nothing but praise is accorded to this first show, inaugurating a new policy which aims to keep the Auditorium open matinee and night for an indefinite period. It is held to be heard to name any particular act on this week's programme scores the biggest success—these are all excellent, and are being received with uniform applause by the audiences. The dogs and ponies are a course favorite with the little folks. Quigg, Mackey and Nickerson are well received. They play a great variety of instruments well and furnish much of good comedy. Adair and Dahn, the expert wire walkers; Richards, with his beautiful novelty act; White and Simmons, black-face comedians; Jack Bertha Rich, dancers; Charles Fannie Van, singers and comedians; Nellie Turnwall, and the wonderful kinetograph with the best motion pictures ever shown in Quebec, all go to make up a fine programme. Next week will find eight new vaudeville acts at the Auditorium. In fact there will be a complete change of programme every Monday matinee. Coming next week is the Little League Company in an intensely interesting dramatic sketch; Morris and Morris, eccentricities direct from the Alhambra Music Hall, London; The Three Juggling Bannans, Fields and Hanson, comedians and musicians; the Columbian Comedy Four, Cherry and Bates, sensational trick bicyclists, and other set of fine moving pictures. The programme will of course be a popular crowd matinee every day for the ladies.

For Holiday Refreshment drink Beauport Lagers. It is the best.

HURT BY FALLING ICE.
An aged woman named Catherine Du was badly hurt about the head by ice falling from a roof in St. Francis street yesterday. The woman was unconscious for some time, but was eventually recovered and was taken to her home by her daughter.

Boy's Sleighs, with or without cushions, large or small, at Chinie Hardware Co.'s branch store.

IN AND ABOUT TOWN

QUEBEC CARTAGE CO AT HYMAN'S ALTAR

Organized, Stock Subscribed and Act of Incorporation to be Applied For.

The Quebec Cartage Co., exclusively referred to by the Chronicle some weeks ago, has been thoroughly organized and all the stock subscribed for, and an act of incorporation will be regularly applied for at the opening of the Legislature.

This innovation is a far more important enterprise in the interest of Quebec than generally supposed. The company will do business on the same lines as the Shekton Transporter Co., of Montreal, which annually declares big dividends for its shareholders, and is further enlarged in this city. Besides being a regular transporter accommodation for the public to haul freight from one end of the city to the other, and move railway and steamboat freightage, the company will also have a carriage service at tariff rates that will give general public satisfaction, a bus service, etc.

Kant House Slides are now open and in perfect order. dec24x3

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IGNOLEE COLLECTION.
The Ignolee collection by the Commercial Travellers this year was very successful, nearly double the amount cash collected last year being received. While detailed figures of the total are not yet available, it can be stated that the cash returns will reach over \$2,000, and in addition to this, a very large amount of gifts in kind was also received. The amount collected in the Upper and Lower Towns will be divided among the French and Irish Catholic and the Protestant charitable institutions.

A NEW GALLERY.
Work has been started on the erection of the new gallery in the Legislative Assembly for the newspapers. The design for the new structure was made by Mr. Eugene Tache, and promises to prove a most artistic addition to the chamber. The panels will be artistically decorated and will bear the arms of many cities whose names are interwoven with events in American and Canadian history. Under the gallery, and to the right and left of the Speaker's Chair, will be a number of special seats for distinguished visitors.

CONCERT AT R. C. R. BARRACKS.
The concert and dance at the St. Louis Barracks last evening, to inaugurate the week of amusements and sports for the members of the R. C. R., was a very successful event. A number of well-known local entertainers took part in the concert programme. The dance, which followed, was attended by many civilian friends of the R. C. R., and the evening throughout was a most enjoyable one. Major Fages and other officers were present, and entered heartily into the evening's amusement.

PARTNERSHIP NOTES.
Jos. Eugene Julien and Napoleon Vezina, both merchants, Quebec, have dissolved the partnership of Julien & Cie by mutual consent, and intend henceforth to carry on business as merchants, and dealers in grain, flour, hay, provisions, etc., at Quebec, in partnership, under the firm name of Julien & Vezina. Mr. Julien is married under the regime of separation as to property. Mr. Vezina under that of community of property.

The partnership which has existed between E. Lamontagne and Dame F. Garneau, as timber merchants, at St. Apollinaire, has been dissolved by mutual consent.

Alphonse Legare, of Quebec, cigar-maker, carrying on business at Quebec as carpenter and contractor under the firm name of Ophir Legare & Cie, has ceased carrying on business as carpenter and contractor.

THE LATE EUGENE DROLET.
Among the death notices in to-day's issue of this paper, is that of Mr. Joseph Eugene Drolet, eldest son of the late Mr. Gaspard Drolet, for a number of years Provincial Auditor. After completing his classical course in the Quebec Seminary, the deceased entered Laval University where he followed the law course, being subsequently admitted to the Bar of this Province. After practicing his profession for a few years in this city, Mr. Drolet entered civil service, and for several years held a position in the Provincial Treasurer's Department, but owing to ill health had to retire on his pension and after a lengthy illness died on Tuesday night last. Deceased, who was 53 years of age, was very much esteemed by a large circle of friends who will regret to learn of his death.

PLACING GARBAGE ON THE STREETS.
There are quite a few housekeepers in this city who make it a practice of throwing their house sweepings on the street instead of burning the same or having it carted away to a dump, while others throw garbage on the street as the shortest way to get rid of it. Yesterday morning when the merchants of the Lower Town wended their way down Mountain Hill, they were disgusted to see a pile of feathers and offal that had been placed on the sidewalk at the corner of the hill and Notre Dame street, that remained there all day. The police should keep a close watch on persons contravening the city by-laws in this respect, and report them to the Recorder's Court, where they should be summoned to appear and heavily fined. The streets of Quebec are not a repository for offal or sweepings, and the sooner the example is made to teach a salutary lesson the better for the health of the public, and the cleanliness of the city's streets.

UNQUALLED, "Royal Cream" Coffee, J. Savard's Grocery Store

Mr. Philip Jomini and Miss Miriam Hull United in Bonds of Matrimony.

In the presence of a large number of their relatives and friends, Mr. P. Jomini of Winnipeg, and Miss Miriam Hull, daughter of Mr. Henry Hull, of this city, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at Trinity Church yesterday morning, the Rector, Rev. I. M. Thompson, tying the nuptial knot. The bride, who was given away by her father, was handsomely attired in a dress of ivory crepe de Thibet, trimmed with applique, Russian net and baby ribbon, with a becoming white hat with ostrich feathers and carrying a beautiful shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and white roses, with streamers. She looked very pretty. Miss Lilly Hull, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and was neatly dressed in a gown of coronation hopsack, tailor made, with ivory lace waist and coronation hat. She carried red roses. The groom was supported by Mr. Harry Hillier as best man. As the wedding party was leaving the church, Miss Ruth Handley, organist, played with much taste, a wedding march. As the happy young couple entered the sleigh to drive to the residence of the bride's parents, they were subjected to a perfect fusillade of rice from their friends. After a recherche wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's parents, which was decorated with chrysanthemums, etc., Mr. and Mrs. Jomini left by the C.P.R. for their future home in Winnipeg. On the way they will stop over a few days with the groom's parents. Mr. Jomini is travelling in a tailor made suit of gold red velvet corduroy, with trimmings of cream cloth and gold Russia braid. She wore a toque of shaded red plume. The young couple received many beautiful wedding gifts among which was a gold watch to the bride from her parents. The bride's gift to the groom was a solid gold watch chain. The groom gave the bride a solitaire diamond ring, the bridesmaid a four-leaf clover brooch, set with pearls and emeralds, and the groomsmen a pearl necktie pin.

A really new idea in jewellery is the square cut semi-precious stone. There are opals, amethysts, sardonyx, lapis-lazuli, and tourmalines set in bracelets in plain box settings. These bracelets are to be seen at Seifert's.

Q.A.A. RINK.
One of the most popular resorts this winter, is the Q.A.A. rink, which is continually patronized by a very large number of skaters. Every fine night this week a band will perform from 8 to 10 o'clock and also on Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 p.m. On New Year's afternoon a special band will be in attendance. Beta skates, straps, etc. can be rented on application at the club-house.

LADIES' TRAMP.
The members and their lady friends of the Quebec Snowshoe Club will tramp this evening at 8 o'clock, at which hour they will leave the St. Louis toll-gate. The Appalachian Mountain Club of Boston, who will be entertained at the club house by the Quebec Club, will take part in the tramp on snowshoes. A pleasant trip is in store for all who take part in it.

SKATES.
The best assortment in town at Chinie Hardware Co.'s stores.

CHRISTMAS AT THE BLANCHARD
The following menu was offered to the guests of the Blanchard Hotel on Christmas Day: Soupe Potage a la Bourgeoise Poisson Saumon frais bouilli, sauce au persil Vol-au-vent aux poulets Paules des bois aux chaux Rotis Boeuf roti au raifort, Oie farci, sauce aux pommes LCgumes Patates a la creme et bouillies Haricots verts Celeri Salades Betteraves Entremets Plum pudding, sauce au brandy Tartes aux fraises Desserts Creme a la Glace au rhum, Gateaux Pommes Oranges HOTEL BLANCHARD, Jos. Cloutier, Prop., Quebec.

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Hot water kettles with or without stands in a variety of prices at the branch store of the Chinie Hardware Co.

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Contributions to the Xmas tree either in the form of money or suitable gifts for male patients will be thankfully received up to Dec. 28th.

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Annual Meeting. The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of Price Brothers & Co. Ltd. will be held at their office, Union Bank Building, 26 St. Peter Street, Quebec, on Thursday, the 3rd day of January, 1907, at 2.30 p.m. for the reception of the Annual Report, Election of Directors for the ensuing year, and other business. Quebec, December 24th, 1906. H. E. PRICE, Secretary-Treasurer.

Superior Court District of Quebec. Dame Delina Dubois, wife of Jules Gagnon, of St. Luce des Caps, laborer, has this day instituted an action for separation as to property from her said husband. Quebec, December 13, 1906. CHOQUETTE, GALPEAULT & FRANCOEUR, Attys. for Plaintiff. dec.15x1m.

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LATEST SPORTING NEWS

SEEN ON THE SIDE THE STANLEY CUP

Ottawa Hockey Team Off to the West—Kenora's Chances. Twentieth Contest for the Trophy Commences Tonight.

The Ottawa hockey team, which is to play a series of matches at Winnipeg, left for the west at noon Christmas Day. The team left without Pulford, LeSueur and McGee, of the regular seven, and consequently will line up as follows:—Hague, goal; Moore, point; Spittal, cover-point; H. Westwick, rover; Harry Smith, centre; Alf Smith, right wing; and Shore, left wing. Jack Williams, the star half-back of the Rough Riders, went along as spare man, also Paddy Baskerville, Trapsuer, and George Brown, trainer. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, parents of Alf and Harry Smith, were also aboard. They are enthusiastic lovers of hockey and intend to witness the matches. The players looked in good shape and were given a hearty send off. The Ottawas will meet Winnipeg, Victoria and Kenora and expect to return during the early part of next week.

Jimmie Gardner left for Pittsburg Monday night and Montreal will not see this popular, Smoky Town idol in a Wanderer uniform. Gardner had a little chat with the officials of the Wanderer club, and as it seemed highly probable that he would not catch a place on the team, he was allowed to go. He was willing to stay if needed and he left with the best wishes of the Wanderer men. Gardner intended to join the Pittsburg team at Soo where they played last night.

The hockey season opened at Cornwall Christmas night with a match between Montreal and Cornwall, and although the Factory Town team was handicapped by the absence of two of its best players, it won out by a score of 4 goals to 2. The amateur epidemic which has struck Montreal made the knights of the winged wheel rather scantily about playing against out and out professionals, and while they stood for the other fellows who played in the senior lacrosse league last summer, they drew the line at Roddy McMillan, because he had figured in the international professional league. The bluff worked all right, and McMillan was a spectator, while "Newsy" Lalonde was assistant referee. The Montreal team was White, Mason, Brown, Small, Chipchase, Kiser, Bishop.

Can the Kenora Thistles separate the Montreal Wanderers from the Stanley Cup when they try conclusions at Ottawa next month? That is the question Winnipeg hockey enthusiasts are debating, after watching the work of the Western champions in the two games last week with Winnipeg and Strathcona, and it must be admitted that opinion is far from being unanimous that the Thistles will be successful in their Eastern quest. The Thistles won both of their games handsomely, it is true. They beat the Winnipeggers by 3 goals to 0, and they doubled the score on the Strathconas, the final count being 6 goals to 3, but in neither game did they perform up to the expectations of their admirers. They should have scored 20 goals against the Winnipeggers, instead of 3 from the way the play went, while against the Strathconas they were compelled to extend themselves almost to the limit to beat a team that had never played together previously, and that contained only three players who had never figured in senior company before.

Lack of condition, however, is blamed by admirers of the team for this condition of affairs. The Thistles have a system of play which requires perfect condition to make it successful. The players have to undergo such a severe physical strain that to go through a full hour and make the most of it they have to be trained to the minute. Those spectacular individual rushes which made the cup shake at Ottawa two seasons ago were not quite so frequent nor quite so speedy in the game in Winnipeg, but that is easily explained on the ground of lack of condition. Two weeks more hard training and the Thistles will be able to carry their speed for the full distance. And it is speed which will have to win for them against the Wanderers. Much has been said and written as to the Thistles getting combination going, but it has never yet been developed to any extent, and will not be. The very speed of the entire team precludes the possibility of combination of any moment. The Thistles are fast, but they are not the deft stick-handlers of the Eastern teams. To play combination means that the forwards have to sacrifice their speed, and this the Thistles can ill afford to do.

The team that will play against the Wanderers is shifted round some since the Thistles played at Ottawa, and the change has been for the better. Mat Brown is no longer with the team, Beaudro being on the forward line, Hooper going back to cover-point, and "Tuff" Bellefleur to point. The result has been an augmentation of the speed, the team having practically six fast forwards, which means that the Thistles are in consequence a much harder team to beat than ever before.

In the West few hockey followers think the Wanderers are the equals of the Ottawas, though on the Montreal Arena the present Stanley Cup holders are a mighty tough proposition for any team. The Ottawas had nothing on the Thistles, and that is what makes it look pretty good for the chances of the Thistles when they encounter the Wanderers on Jan. 17.

INDOOR BASEBALL. There will be a meeting of the board of management of the Quebec Indoor Baseball League at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, at the Drill Hall. Clubs having teams entered are requested to have their representatives. The cup presented for competition by the Beaufort Brewing Co. is being engraved, and will be on exhibition in the Chronicle window the first week in January. The constitution and by-laws have been typed and a copy will be ready for each club on Thursday night. The first game will be played on Wednesday evening, the 2nd January between the R. C. G. A. and R. C. R. teams.

R.C.R. SPORTS. The R.C.R. week of sports, which opened with a concert and dance at the St. Louis Barracks last night, is as follows:— Thursday, 3 p.m.—Indoor baseball, Right Half Company vs. Left Half Company. Friday evening—Assault-at-arms—gymnastic display by class of R.C.R. under gymnastic instructor; single stick competition, open to N.C.O.'s and men No. 5 R.D.; boxing, middle-weight class, 154 lbs. or under, for points; wrestling (catch weights), catch-weight-can, best two out of three falls; fencing exhibition, Q.M. S. Instr. Campbell vs. Col. Sergt. Vaughan; bayonet vs. bayonet; boxing (lightweight) 133 lbs. or under for points; exhibition, quarter staff, Col. Sergt. Vaughan vs. an unknown. Saturday, 2 p.m.—On Esplanade—440 yds. snowshoes, circular course, open to all N.C.O.'s and men No. 5 R.D.; R.C.R.; half mile, snowshoes, circular course, open to all N.C.O.'s and men No. 5 R.D.; R.C.R.; tug-of-war on snowshoes, Right Half vs. Left Half (8 men a side), first heat, all over; running high jump, on snowshoes, open to N.C.O.'s and men of No. 5 R.D.; R.C.R.; tug-of-war, final, prize \$8.00; potato race, open to N.C.O.'s and men No. 5 R.D.; R.C.R. Monday, 8 p.m.—Ball.

LONGBOAT WON AGAIN. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 25.—The ten mile road race held to-day over the Herald course was won by Thos. Longboat, the Indian, who won the Herald race on Thanksgiving Day and the Ward race in Toronto, a couple of weeks later. For the greater part of the journey it was nip and tuck between Longboat and Cummings of Toronto. The two ran neck and neck until about a mile from the finishing line, when the Indian sprinted away from the Toronto runner and finished by himself. His time, 54.50, was a record for the course. Cummings finished second and George Adams third. The order in which the others finished was:—Donald McQuinn, Hamilton; Joe Charles, Muskoka; Chas. Sims, Hamilton; W. A. Cranston, Hamilton; W. H. Wood, Brantford; John Roe, Toronto; Chas. E. Petch, Toronto; Claud Pierce, Toronto; A. Smith, Hamilton; A. V. J. Smith, Hamilton; Chas. Cook, Hamilton; Edward Seymour, Toronto; Norman Henderson, Hamilton; J. Sharon, St. Catharines; Thos. H. Ireland, Burlington. There were twenty-six starters.

THE TERRACE SLIDE. Will be inaugurated in a few days, let us prepare. We require woollen polos, sashes, gloves, mitts, tuques, etc., etc. The firm of Bedard & Papillon have a complete assortment. 2 dec.22x5

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"SH-H-H!--IT'S MOST TIME" Do you think, "Oh!--this is only Saturday night."? You're very wrong. Christmas Eve, of all the three hundred and sixty-five days that round out the year—the most mysterious, delightful time of all. The night of Wonderful Hopes. On Christmas Eve, when the lazy old Sandman lingers on his way—when every room that holds a little cot is peopled with fairy shapes—when the perfect hearing of little children can clearly catch the silvery chime, of bells that older ear can no longer distinguish. Bye-and-bye, while reindeer stamp beside the chimney, the little tots will snuggle down to dream. And long before you're ready to wake, maybe, there'll be a scrambling of little white-clad figures—and joy of Christmas Morning. Is everything ready—so that the stockings won't hang limply—so that they'll fairly bulge? "Last minute buying" is usually trying—necessarily hurried, nervous work. We'll make it easy to-night—by carefully assorting and displaying all Holiday merchandise—making the prices plainly—and having plenty of extra clerks to wait on you. You'll find you can shop in comfort—and quickly. Prices?—almost not hing-at-all to-night. FINE VALUES IN NEW BLOUSES. Winsome garments they are—and winning garments too, for they'll win you the moment you see them in all their spic-span newness and freshness. A fine variety of designs, fabrics and colors is shown, and every taste and purse can be suited. Just call to mind the prettiest blouses you have ever seen before, even here, and you'll get an idea of these charming garments. It's very unusual to get prices like these on equal qualities. Blouses made of Satin Merveilleux, made with short sleeves and yoke trimmed with Guipure Lace, in all colors and white and black at \$9.95. Blouses of Satin Merveilleux, made with long sleeves and yoke, trimmed with Guipure Lace, in light blue, white and black at \$5.95. Black and White Blouses, made of Japanese Handkerchief Silk, of fine quality, with novelty yokes of Battenberg Lace at \$4.50 and \$5.95. Faguy, Lepinay & Frere, 254-264 St. John Street.

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THE LITTLE RIVER STONE.

History of the First Diamond Found in South Africa.

For centuries before the opening of the famous diamond-fields by the English the aboriginal tribes of South Africa had been tramping gems of countless price underfoot, and for years Dutch and English hunters, pioneers, farmers, shepherds and missionaries trokked as heedlessly over the Vaal region.

One of the trekking Boers, Daniel Jacobs, had made his home on the Orange River, near the little settlement of Hopetown. Here his children grew up round him with little more care than the goats that browsed on the kopjes.

They had never seen a toy of any kind, but the instinct of childhood will find playthings on the face of the most barren karoo, and the Jacobs children were luckily close to the edge of a river which was strewn with uncommonly beautiful pebbles, mixed with coarser gravel.

So it came about that a poor farmer's boy found on the river bank one day in the early spring of 1867 a little white stone that was worth more than his father's farm. He carried it home in his pocket, fortunately for the future of South Africa, and dropped it with a handful of other pebbles on the farm-house floor.

A heap of these party-colored stones was so common a sight in the yard or on the floor of a farmhouse on the banks of the Orange and Vaal that none of the plodding Boers gave it a second glance. But when the children tossed the stones about, the little white pebble was so sparkling in the sunlight that it caught the eye of the farmer's wife. She did not care enough for it to pick it up but spoke of it as a curious stone to a neighbor named Schalk Van Niekerk.

Van Niekerk asked to see it, but it was not in the heap. One of the children had rolled it away in the yard. After some search it was found in the dust, for nobody on the farm would stoop for such a trifle. When Van Niekerk wiped off the dust, the little stone glittered so prettily that he offered to buy it. The good vrouw laughed at the idea of selling a pebble.

"You can keep the stone if you want it," she said. So Van Niekerk put it in his pocket and carried it home. He had only a vague notion that it might have some value, and put it in the hands of a travelling trader, John O'Reilly, who undertook to find out what kind of a stone it was, and whether it could be sold.

He showed the stone to several Jews in Hopetown and in Colesberg, a settlement further up the Orange River valley. Not one of these would give a penny for it.

"It is a pretty stone enough," they said, "probably a topaz, but nobody would pay anything for it."

Perhaps O'Reilly would have thrown the pebble away if it had not come under the eye of the acting civil commissioner at Colesberg, Mr. Lorenzo Boyes. Mr. Boyes found on trial that the stone would scratch glass.

"I think it is a diamond," he observed, gravely. O'Reilly was greatly cheered up. "You are the only man I have seen," he said, "who says it is worth anything. Whatever it is worth, you shall have a share in it."

The stone was sent for determination to the foremost mineralogist of the colony, Dr. W. G. Atherstone, residing at Grahamstown.

It was so lightly valued that it was put in an unsealed envelope and carried to Grahamstown in the regular post-cart. When the postboy handed the letter to Dr. Atherstone, the little river stone fell and rolled away. The doctor picked it up, and read the letter of transmission. Then he examined the stone expertly, and soon after wrote to Mr. Boyes:

"I congratulate you on the stone you have sent to me. It is a veritable diamond, weighs twenty-one and a quarter carats, and is worth five hundred pounds. It has spoiled all the jewellers' files in Grahamstown, and where that came from there must be more."

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UNDER BLUE SKIES. The fields and woods are Nature's sanitarium. Have you ever noticed how soon and how completely we forget our aches and ailments when we come under their spell? Somehow it does not seem to fit in well with our surroundings to talk of being sick.

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But the jewel she values most of all is her engagement ring - set with a heryl, an emerald, a ruby, a topaz, a jacinth and another emerald. The initial letters of these stones spell the name by which her husband is intimately known and by which she has always called him. Next to this in her affections comes the diamond cross given to her by the women of Denmark on her marriage and the crown of brilliants, set in silver, which the women of England presented to her on her silver wedding day.

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CITY OF QUEBEC. VOTERS' LISTS DEPOSITED.

City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Quebec, 17th December, 1906.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of the Act 53 Vic, chap. 68, Sec. 1, and its amendments, two Albums of Lists, one of the persons qualified to vote at the Municipal Elections, and the other for the persons qualified to vote for Aldermen for Seats Nos. 1 and 2 in each Ward, and for Seats Nos. 2 and 3 in each Ward, shall be deposited in the office of the undersigned on the day of January next, 1907, and be communicated to whomsoever apply for them, every day beginning said SECOND day of January (1907), to the TWELFTH day of January next (1907), inclusive, from NINE o'clock in the morning to FOUR o'clock in the afternoon.

The said lists shall, during the period, be shown to any person applying therefor, and elector who may wish to apply for insertion or for the correction of a name in any of the said lists, or striking a name therefrom, shall do so within the delay fixed by law for so doing.

All claims or demand in relation to any name being added to or corrected or erased from the said Lists must be filed in the office of the City Clerk, on or before FOUR o'clock in the afternoon of the SIXTEENTH day of January next, (1907), being the day appointed by law as final, and after the said day no claim or demand will be received by the said City Clerk.

Printed blank forms for completion may be had by applying at the office of the undersigned, or at the City Clerk's office during office hours.

H. J. B. CHOUINARD, City Clerk.

CITY OF QUEBEC. BOARD OF REVISORS.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, Quebec, 17th December, 1906.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BOARD OF REVISORS established by the Act of Incorporation of the City of Quebec and amendments, will meet on the next day, the 17th day of January next, (1907), at THREE o'clock in the afternoon, at the CITY HALL, in the chamber wherein are held the sittings of the City Council, for the purpose of revising the lists of Municipal voters and of hearing persons who have made claims concerning the insertion or correction of the striking out of names in the said lists, or their duly constituted attorneys, and will adjourn from day to day until the voters' lists are revised and approved of within the delay appointed by law.

No application to have a name added to or erased from the said Lists shall be received in the City Clerk's Office after FOUR o'clock in the afternoon of the SIXTEENTH day of January next, 1907, being the day appointed by law as final.

The correction of the said Lists must be finally completed on the TWENTIETH day of JANUARY next, 1907, according to the terms of the Act.

The Board of Revision will commence with Champlain Ward, and shall continue with St. Peter, St. Lewis, Palace, Montreal, St. John, Jacques Cartier, St. Roch, St. Vallier and St. Saviour Wards.

H. J. B. CHOUINARD, City Clerk.

By Law No. 405 Concerning Langevin Street.

(Drawn up in the French Language.) At a meeting of the City Council of the City of Quebec, held at the City Hall, in the said City of Quebec, on the fourteenth day of December, one thousand nine hundred and six (1906), the following By-Law was read and for the first time:

Whereas this Council has considered that it was opportune to sell a piece of ground, that forms part of the south-west portion of Langevin Street, in St. Roch's Ward, of this City, said piece of ground being the width of said street, by a depth of forty feet, from Dorchester street, towards the northeast, and that the said sale of ground will close the outlet of said Langevin Street on Dorchester Street.

In consequence, it is ordered and enacted by the Council of the said City of Quebec, and the said Council orders and enacts as follows:

1st. Langevin Street, in St. Roch's Ward, of this City is declared to no longer end at Dorchester street, but ends at forty feet to the northeast of Dorchester street, at the ground herebefore designated by No. 33 of the Official Cadastral plan for St. Roch's Ward of this city.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to section 30th of the Act 25 Vic., Chap. 57, as amended by section 11 of the Act 31 Vic., chap. 33, and section 8 of the Act 33 Vic., chap. 54, the above By-Law will be read a second time and passed on Friday, the 11th day of January next, (1907).

H. J. B. CHOUINARD, City Clerk.

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Review of 1906 and Announcement for 1907

Bulletin No. 475.—New York, December 8th, 1906

To the Field Force.

GENTLEMEN:
It is our custom to address you each year at the time of our annual Superintendents' Convention. Usually this is held about the middle of January, and the topic of the BULLETIN is naturally the Annual Statement of the Company. This year the Superintendents meet in convention the middle of December, and obviously the record of the year is not made up, and it would be premature to set forth the progress of the Company in its business and finances. We shall have something very pleasant to say to you before we close about what you have accomplished; but our immediate object is to tell you about our plans for next year.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

You have known from numerous addresses, both oral and written, what our ambition has been for years in the Industrial part of our business. You will bear us witness that our treatment of the policy-holders has been one of progressive liberality ever since the present administration of the Company began. The very first year of its incumbency Paid-up policies—heretofore unknown to Industrial insurance in this country—were announced, and every year since then something has been done for Industrial policy-holders beyond any promise made in the policies. Bulletin No. 195 set forth these concessions and bounties up to its date and since then the successive years have been marked by progressive gifts and benefits offered to policy-holders; and this year the Company has been discharging the enormous sum of ABOUT TWO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS in voluntary dividends upon non-participating Industrial policies; bringing the total amount of UNPROMISED DIVIDENDS in twelve years to about TEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS to Industrial policy-holders in the form of dividends on premiums, dividends on death claims and increases of benefits upon existing policies.

We have been enabled to accomplish this work all these years by steady improvements in business methods, by steady extensions of business territory, by steady additions to insurance in force, by watchfulness in writing and taking care of business, resulting in a decreasing death rate, decreasing lapse rate and decreasing expense rate. These improvements we have announced to you from year to year; but perhaps from this very fact—their gradual, steady progressiveness—you have failed to grasp their full significance. Yet year by year we have told you our aim—to reduce expenses, to improve the death rate, to better the policies, to distribute the surplus, so that each year a larger proportionate amount could be returned to policy-holders and a smaller proportionate amount used in expenses.

Within the last few years our disbursements for death claims have been so continuously and markedly less in proportion to income and our improvements in ratio of expenses shown so steadily an improvement, that we thought the time had come to make a scientific survey, so to speak, of the technical features of the business. We have made investigations into our mortality and drawn off into various periods our experience of mortality. The mortality tables upon which our present tables are founded were taken from the experience of 1890-1894. A comparison of this with tables taken from the experience of other periods has shown a steady improvement in mortality. In the case of children the result is really startling. Take, for instance, age two next birthday. Our present table shows 49.3 deaths per thousand; a table 1890-1894 shows but 36.9; age five next birthday, respectively 32 and 24.3; age ten next birthday, 16 and 9.8; age fifteen next birthday, 8.5 and 5.5; age twenty next birthday, 5.5 and 3.8. As to adults there is also a marked improvement.

These facts convince us that the time has come to construct new tables of benefits founded upon our experience of 1890-1905; and we are confirmed in our conviction by the fact that a table drawn from the years 1901-1905 shows a better experience than that of the full decade. And it seems to us just to base these tables upon the experience of white lives; and to give benefits based upon the improvement which we feel certain is permanent. How great this improvement is we illustrate by a few figures comparing the table upon which our present benefits are based with a table of white lives for the last ten years. Deaths per thousand: age two next birthday 49.3 reduced to 34.7; age three 32 to 22.5; age four 21.5 to 13.2; age five 16 to 9.5; age ten 5.5 to 3.4; age twenty 10.5 to 7.1; age thirty 15.7 to 11.1; age forty 19.3 to 14.3. The other element besides mortality involved in a table of benefits is of course the expense. As you know, our ratio of expense to premium income has been falling for some years; this year the reduction has been phenomenal and will reach, we think, by the end of the year, THREE PER CENT. This alone means a saving of nearly one and a half millions of dollars! We shall show a lower ratio of expense for 1906 than has been experienced by any Industrial company in the world.

One other element goes into the construction of tables of benefits; and that is the maturity of the policies. When we made up our present table we were convinced that the public was en-

amoured of endowments. Our Industrial business has been issued for ten years, as you know, mainly upon Endowment tables—Increasing Life and Endowment policies and Twenty-year Endowments forming a very large proportion, in some years over 90 per cent., of our total business. One disadvantage of this table has been that it largely increased the reserve. Our children's Increasing Life and Endowment policies have been endowments payable after periods of 47 years and upwards according to age at issue. Compared with the Whole Life tables issued by other companies these have made necessary the accumulation of an increase of many millions of dollars in reserve. Unthinking persons come to the conclusion that this piles up the wealth of the Company, forgetting that along with the increase of assets runs the increase of liabilities, and that the WEALTH of a company consists in its SURPLUS; and completely overlooking the remarkable fact that we have deliberately kept down our surplus to about ten per cent. of our assets by annual distributions of the excess of surplus earned to the policy-holders who contributed to it. Public opinion has changed and now cares more for death benefits than endowments. We are in business to please the public. We have a good deal of evidence that Ordinary Life and Limited Payment Life contracts are thought preferable to Endowments. We have resolved therefore, to discontinue our Increasing Life and Endowment policies when it is desired to meet the public demand formerly existing, and which were, we believe, the first tables ever really scientifically constructed for Industrial policies. Our new Industrial policies will therefore be Whole Life contracts. But we think that as to these there are signs of a belief on the part of the public that payment of premiums ought to cease with old age. It is hard for people to see what to any mathematician is self-evident, that in life insurance the companies are enabled to pay the policies in full on lives of those who die soon after insurance only by the receipts of premiums from those who live out and beyond their expectations; and that the apparent hardship upon those who live long is only, the contribution to the fortunate which is the essential basis of life insurance. However, it is possible, of course, to make table for limited payments, and the problem is therefore to fix an age that shall not be so young as to raise the premiums or (what is the same in Industrial insurance where the unit is the premium and not the amount of insurance) to reduce the benefits unduly; and on the other hand to fix the age not so old that the benefits of the limits of payment of premium shall be lost. We have fixed age 75 as the limit of payment of premiums because at that age we are enabled to only slightly reduce the benefits during life and because we have not received many complaints of the necessity of paying premiums up to that age. And to the occasional complaint that "people never live to such old age," we may answer that in 1906 we shall have voluntarily, as matter of grace, paid about 2,700 claims as ENDOWMENTS on policies issued as WHOLE LIFE on persons reaching age 80 after paying premiums for 15 years or over.

Constructing a table of benefits upon these four principles—Whole Life, instead of Endowments; our recent mortality experience instead of our old; a loading proportioned to our reduced expenses; and the payment of premiums ceasing after age 75—we shall put forth for 1907 new tables in the Industrial department which are better than any company has heretofore issued and better than we have ever before this felt it safe to issue.

The most striking change is in the Infantile table, because there we substitute Life tables with payment of premiums limited to age 75 for our comparatively short Increasing Endowment tables now in use; and are therefore enabled to pay in benefits what we have been compelled to hold as reserve liability upon the endowment features.

OUR NEW INFANTILE TABLES WILL PAY NEARLY AS MUCH IN DEATH BENEFITS FOR A WEEKLY PREMIUM OF FIVE CENTS AS WE HAVE HERETOFORE PAID FOR A WEEKLY PREMIUM OF TEN CENTS. It is of course understood that the law fixes a maximum of benefits payable upon children and this we cannot exceed. We have therefore increased the benefits at the later ages for persistence. Thus at age two at entry the benefit in case of death at age nine is \$173, while the benefit at age three at entry dying at age nine is \$169, and the benefit at age four at entry dying at age nine is \$165, and so on. This is a recognition of the additional years for which premiums have been paid by those entering at earlier ages when death occurs at the same age. It follows from this large increase of benefits for five cents that hereafter no policy will be issued under the Infantile tables for a total premium of more than five cents. And to meet a desire for less insurance, especially in large families, we have a table with proportionate benefits for a weekly premium of three cents.

OUR ADULT TABLES SHOW AN INCREASE OF BENEFITS FOR THE SAME PREMIUM based strictly upon our tables of mortality. At age ten the increase is 12 1/2 per cent. over our present Life table and nearly 18 per cent. over our Increasing Life and Endowment table. At age 20 the increase is over nine per cent. and over 23 per cent. respectively; at age 30 the increase is nearly 6 per cent. and nearly 20 per cent. respectively; at age 40 the increase

is 2 per cent. and over 13 per cent. respectively and so on. And in comparing these tables with our present Whole Life table (and with those of most of the other Industrial companies) it might not be forgotten that these old tables provide for payment of premium during the whole of life, while under our new tables payment of premiums ceases at age 75.

We have increased the immediate benefits under all of these policies in accordance with the rule we made retroactive this year, to half-benefits during the first six months and full benefits thereafter.

We have introduced into all of these policies new features in the way of surrender values. Paid-up policies will be granted after THREE years instead of five; extended insurance will be granted after three years at the option of the holders; and cash surrenders will be paid after ten years. The policies will be in new and attractive forms, with three pages instead of two, in order to set forth all of the concessions, making the rights of the policy-holders so plain that any one will be able to tell what he is entitled to. And the whole contract will be expressed in the policy, going away entirely with the necessity of a copy of the application, using the form in this respect for ALL policies which we adopted many years ago for policies under \$300.

ORDINARY DEPARTMENT.

One of the most striking results of the Armstrong investigation was the adoption of a provision restricting expenses for the first year of the life of the policy. And what is most interesting as well as complimentary to the METROPOLITAN is the fact, which appeared in the newspaper discussion at the time of the adoption of the report and bills, that this restriction by law was justified by the experience of this Company in the matter of expense as shown by an analysis of its annual reports. It is true that this Company kept its expenses almost within the limit prescribed by the new statute. But the statute is a penal one and we cannot run any risk of over-running the limit of expense. This necessitates a reduction of commissions, but the reduction will be very much less than that made necessary by the companies issuing participating policies. THIS COMPANY WILL NOT ISSUE AFTER THIS YEAR OTHER THAN NON-PARTICIPATING POLICIES. In fact, in the true sense of the term we have not issued any other for nearly fifteen years; for, as we have often explained, the Intermediate and Special Class policies were based upon stock or a non-participating loading and the dividends promised, if earned, were expected to be derived from the mortality. These policies were entirely novel and we had little experience to guide us. The Intermediate policies were based upon our Industrial table of mortality and were designed for Industrial risks who could afford to pay annual instead of weekly premiums; and the mortality of such a class could not be foretold. The Special Class policies were for sub-standard risks as to which the mortality could not be accurately predicted. What we undertook to do was to pay back to the policy-holders the gain from such improvement in mortality over the expected as should be actually experienced. As participating policies are based upon a higher or so-called mutual loading out of which dividends are expected to be earned, we claim that our Intermediate and Special Class policies based upon a stock loading were in principle non-participating. All of our other policies in the Ordinary Department were by their terms non-participating. The law has justified us in the principles we adopted fifteen years ago, and to-day the Armstrong laws and the similar ones prepared for other States are a vindication of the METROPOLITAN principles in which you have been trained. We have now an experience of Intermediate and Special Class risks which enable us to prepare non-participating tables. The tables of premiums as to these policies have heretofore been completely readjusted. We think you will find them most attractive.

We realize that we shall henceforth have more competition in non-participating policies. Other companies have announced their purpose to restrict their issue to this form. We have therefore thought it in your interest as well as our own and in the interest of the public, which is superior to both, to use a part of the reduction of commission to effect some reduction of premium. New tables have been prepared which we think will be attractive to our customers and which therefore will be profitable to you. In adjusting these commissions we have thought it only just to restore to the Superintendents an interest in them which we were compelled to withdraw a few years ago and which you remember the Vice-President promised at the time to restore when we should be able to arrange it. And we have also recognized the good work of Assistant Superintendents by giving them an interest in the work of their agents. We realize that the duties of Superintendent and Assistants include the instruction and training of Industrial agents in the work of the Ordinary Department. We want all of our agents to be all-around insurance men. Our Superintendents and Assistants have imposed upon them as a duty the supervision, the constant help and encouragement and the education of their agents. We have made it an interest as well as a duty.

Our new policies will be found most attractive in form and even more attractive in substance. They obtain all of the advantages and concessions which we can afford to give and which the public have a right to expect. The surrender values will be found

to be generous and take the optional forms of extended insurance, paid-up insurance and cash. They are the standard forms of the New York Department, the work of experts which has legislative approval. They are as plain to the understanding as they can be made. We have discontinued many plans as unnecessary. We shall issue Ordinary Life, Limited Payment, Endowment and Term plans; and we have applied for permission and hope to issue in addition three plans which the public have stamped with their approval—namely, the Optional Life or Endowment, under a new name, the Modified Endowment with Life Option; the Guaranteed Dividend, also under a new and more descriptive name, the Guaranteed Increased Endowment; and the Reduced Premium Life under its new name, Life and Reduced Premium after 20 Years.

Gentlemen, we are entitled to say that the Armstrong investigation was a vindication of the methods and practices of the METROPOLITAN LIFE. The Armstrong laws are in many respects a distinct recognition of the work we have done together these many years. See that you appreciate this fact to the utmost. Show that you do by making the year 1907 an unexampled year for the issue of more policies, for larger insurance, for greater gain, for less lapses and non-takens, at a loss expense, at a greater return to policy-holders than you have ever done. Live up to your blessings! Show that you appreciate the reward which the Legislature has conferred upon your good work of the past! Make 1907 the greatest because the best in the Company's history!

THIS YEAR, 1906.

You have started well. Last year, the year of the investigation, you did the largest business we had ever done. The first part of this year the paralysis which seemed, unreasonably and unnecessarily, to have fallen upon the business in general, appeared to have affected even you—even more unreasonably and unnecessarily. Finding this to be the fact, the Vice-President appealed to you in personal conferences with the Superintendents in little groups all over the country; pointed out to you the facts and conclusions of the Armstrong inquiry and the results as embodied in legislation, showed you the essential approval we had received in our work in both departments, and asked you to respond to all this for the remainder of the year by making the best record you had ever made. This was in May and June. It would be most ungrateful not to make this public and general acknowledgment of your response to the appeal, and on behalf of the Vice-President I give to you his personal thanks and add our official acknowledgments. The year is not yet ended and we cannot therefore tell the whole story. But for the months July to November, inclusive, compared with the same months of previous years:—

You made the largest amount of Industrial increase which the Company ever made, except in 1894 and 1903. The agents wrote the largest amount of Industrial business, average per man, of any of the last ten years. The average increase per man was larger than for any of the past ten years. The ratio of lapses was the third lowest for ten years past. The number of transferred accounts was the lowest for eight years, notwithstanding the larger force of men with which we started and the larger reduction in the force we have made this year.

The collections were the best in THE HISTORY OF THE COMPANY!

The death claims reached the lowest ratio for the last 25 years—notwithstanding the increased average age of the policy-holders. The special salary to agents AVERAGE the largest amount in the last ten years; and yet we saved \$100,000 in the total compared with last year.

The saving in total cost in these items alone, medical fees (because of a reduction in number of applications), Assistants' salaries and special salary, was at the rate of a million dollars a year.

We may add that the Pacific Coast kept up with the procession by the remarkable feat of covering for the year the enormous lapse, caused by the earthquake and is certain to close the year with a handsome increase.

In the Ordinary Department September about equaled September of last year, while October and November largely exceeded the corresponding months of last year, and December promises to be a record breaker!

And taking the last six months for comparison—June to November, inclusive—you wrote a more Ordinary than ever was written by the Company in the corresponding months and exceeded 1905 by over six millions and a half; and this it must be remembered by more than 3,000 less men!

We are proud of this record and we are grateful to you for your generous response. We cannot say more than to wish for you and yours the happiest and most prosperous year of your lives in 1907!

Very sincerely yours,

John R. Hegeman,

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A novel party of excursionists, to the number of 79, ladies and gentlemen, all members of the Appalachian Mountain Club, from Boston, Mass., will arrive in Quebec via the Quebec Central Railway this afternoon, and pass a week of pleasure in the enjoyment of outdoor winter sports.

After dinner this evening the visitors will be the guests of the Quebec Snow-shoe Club and entertained to a hop and supper at the club's lodge, St. Louis road. The members of the Black and Red will escort the visiting ladies and gentlemen in sleighs or on a snow-shoe tramp from the hotel to the lodge, as the guests will elect, and no doubt be afforded a good time by their Quebec hosts.

To-morrow the visitors will leave by special train for an all day's outing to St. Anne de Beauport, and on their return stop over at the Falls of Montmorency and partake of dinner at the Kent House. On Saturday the party will leave by special train over the Q. R. L. & P. Co.'s line for Cap Tourmente, and climb the steep mountain on snow-shoes, under the guidance of Mr. Frank Stocking of this city.

On Sunday the visitors will attend divine service in the morning held at the various churches, and in the afternoon visit the points of interest in and about the city. The visitors have no special engagement for Monday, but it is expected that one will be mapped out, and may include tobogganing and skating. On Tuesday they leave for home by the Quebec Central Railway. The citizens of the Ancient Capital, proverbial for their hospitality, should use every effort to entertain the visitors during their visit to this city.

The following is a list of names of the Appalachian Mountain Club, who are all, with few exceptions, residents of Boston and its suburbs:—
Miss Lala G. Adams, Miss A. P. Appleton, Mrs. Josephine R. Atkinson, Miss Clara E. Atwood, Miss Emily I. Boardman, Miss Lillian S. Bourne, Mr. Carlton T. Brodick, Dr. Francis H. Brown, Mrs. Francis H. Brown, Miss

ST. JOHN'S DAY
Masonic Celebration Today to be of Elaborate Character.

The Festival of St. John the Evangelist, which has always been observed by the Masonic fraternity of this jurisdiction with special marks of respect, will, as usual, be the occasion to-day for large gatherings of the craft at the Masonic Hall. During the day the members of three city lodges, Albion, St. John's and St. Andrew's, will hold their annual meetings and then adjourn until the evening, when the officers for the ensuing year will be installed by R.W. Bro. W. Watson, acting for the D.D.G.M.

The Masonic celebration, which is to take place this evening, promises to be of a much more elaborate character than usual. The installation of officers is to take place at 8 o'clock precisely, and will be immediately followed by a banquet. A large number of the most prominent Masons of the city have signified their intention of being present, and it is expected that the attendance will greatly exceed that of recent years.

This afternoon the members of Stadacona Chapter, R.A.M., will also hold their annual meeting, when the officers for the ensuing year will be installed.

AN ARTISTIC RECORD.
Lhevinné, the great Russian pianist, who is to be heard for the first time in Quebec on Jan. 15th, achieved the unparalleled record lately of making five public appearances in New York city within a week. At his fifth concert 3,000 persons packed Carnegie Hall and turned his recital into a prolonged ovation. At the close they flocked down to the stage and compelled him to play encore after encore until both the artist and his admirers were exhausted. Not since the early days of the Paderewski furore has any visiting pianist created so much enthusiasm as Lhevinné.

CONDOLENCE.
At the monthly meeting of the directors of the Quebec & Lake St. John Railway Company the following resolution was unanimously adopted, expressing the sorrow of the directors at the death of their late colleague, Mr. Thomas A. Piddington:—Resolved: "That the directors of the Quebec & Lake St. John Railway Company desire to place on record their feeling of deep sorrow at the death of Mr. Thomas A. Piddington, for nearly thirty years a director of this Company, whose sudden calling away is a great loss to this Company and to the community, and that the Secretary do transmit to Mrs. Piddington and her family the expression of the sympathy of the Board in their sad affliction."

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET. New York, Dec. 26.-The financial markets were almost bare of incident to-day and trading in stocks was intensely dull.

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QUEBEC RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER CO. On and after Monday, October 1st, 1906, trains will run as follows:-

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IMPORTANT NOTICE. We will not close our establishment before 5 o'clock nightly and we will even keep it open later to accommodate our customers who want to purchase their Xmas and New Year's gifts.

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Table with columns: Bank of Montreal, Quebec Bank, Union Bank, etc. Lists financial data and exchange rates.

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PUBLIC NOTICE. Public Notice is hereby given that at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of the City of Quebec will apply to the said Legislature for an Act to amend the Act 32 Vict. Chap. 16, being the law respecting education in the Province of Quebec as regards certain powers of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of the City of Quebec, and for other purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE. Is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, for an act authorizing the Board of Notaries of the Province of Quebec to admit him to the practice of the profession of notary, after examination. RAYMOND BELLEAU, dec.11 to 12 Jan.

Quebec Central Railway. 7:30 Express to Montreal. 8:30 Express to River de Loup.

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CLOSING LETTER. New York, Dec. 26.-To-day's market in the first four hours of business was extremely dull. At the outset trading was influenced by a discretionary policy on the part of the short interest, which good judges asserted had recently been largely extended.

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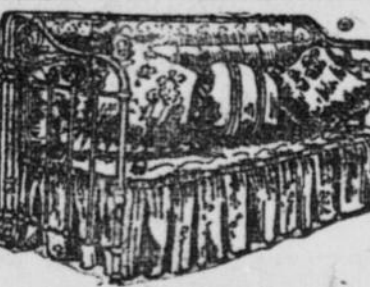
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PERSONAL

Miss M. Richardson, of Lorette, is registered at the New Victoria.
 Lt.-Col. Dunbar, D.S.A., Montreal, spent Christmas in this city.
 E. L'Hauroux, Montreal; George E. Fraser, Montreal, are at the Clarendon.

Messrs. H. P. Pepin, C. A. Whitty, J. A. Dawson, of Montreal, are at the St. Louis.

Messrs. R. W. Sampson, New York; P. B. Field, Boston, registered at the St. Louis yesterday.

Messrs. H. M. Pattillo, Bridgewater, N.S., and A. S. Ingraham, St. John, are guests at the St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Little, of Baltimore, Md., are stopping at the New Victoria Hotel.

Miss Elinor Billingsley, of Montreal, is spending a few days in town the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. Barrow.

Major D'Orsonson is at present inspecting military stores in the County of Batiscan.

Mr. Percy Waagen, of Montreal, is in town the guest of his brother, Mr. E. I. Waagen, Maple Avenue.

Miss Grace Doherty has left on a visit to her brother, Mr. R. J. Doherty, 91 Fabre street, Montreal.

Messrs. A. Angers, advocate, Murray Bay, and G. F. Hamel, advocate, Beauce, are stopping at the St. Louis Hotel.

Messrs. C. H. Binks, A. E. Poirier, J. A. Grant, J. W. William, J. P. Schmidt, M. R. Almour, of Montreal, are guests at the Chateau.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanway, Miss Stanway, Master Stanway Gault, of Montreal, registered at the Chateau yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dandbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred. R. T. Blakeman, of New York, are among yesterday's guests at the Chateau.

M. B. Stein, Montreal; P. Jomini, Winnipeg; A. L. Colbert Martineau, Ottawa, are registered at the Clarendon.

Miss Stella Young, Principal of the Aberdeen School, Montreal, was the guest of Mrs. J. McD. Wilson, 15 Garneau street.

Mr. Thos. McCord, of Montmorency Falls left yesterday for Montreal to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. H. Bentley.

Mr. Fred. A. Matthews, of Montreal, and Miss Gertrude Matthews, of Boston, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Mr. W. Mackay arrived in town from Montreal on Tuesday morning to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mackay, Champlain street.

Mr. Harry E. Greene, of the Eastern Townships Bank, Windsor Mills, is in town, spending the Christmas holidays.

B. Lockwood, Montreal; E. B. Irving, Reid's Camp; Dr. H. A. Laroche, Beauceville, are registered at the Clarendon.

Mr. R. J. Doherty has returned to Montreal after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Doherty, 35 Artillery street.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. J. Grant, Peterborough; Miss O'Gorman, Easton, Pa.; G. McAllan, H. E. Ledoux, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wells, Jr., Chicago, are guests at the Chateau.

The engagement is announced of Major Finbar O'Farrell, to Miss Corinne de Lery, daughter of the late Mrs. Chaussegros de Lery.

Mrs. R. J. Turnbull arrived in the city from Chicago on Monday, and is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. T. O'Connell, Champlain street.

Major Finbar O'Farrell, of the Geological Survey of Canada, has arrived in town from Ottawa, spending the holidays with his mother, 12 Herbert street.

Mr. R. A. Bradley, manager of La Banque Nationale, at St. Raymond, and Mrs. Bradley, spent Christmas in town the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bradley.

Senator and Mrs. Tessier have returned home from a pleasant trip to Europe and spent Christmas at Rimouski, the guests of Hon. Aug. Tessier.

Messrs. Arthur Lachance, M.P. for Quebec Centre, and Peter French, advocate, left yesterday for Nicolet, where they will speak in favor of the Government candidate, Mr. Devlin.

Yesterday's arrivals at the King Edward: L. Robinson, G. M. Wright and wife, A. S. Simmons and wife, Winnipeg; Michel Proulx, Ottawa; O. Gingras, Laurierville; A. L. Armand, Toronto; J. E. Toussaint, Manitoba; J. Gauthier and wife, A. Rinfret, Montreal; A. Beaudry, Ste. Anne de la Perade; S. M. Collins, R. Macdonald, Toronto.

Latest arrivals at the New Victoria Hotel: L. A. Talbot, A. Giguere, A. Cote, Thetford Mines; V. Lessard, St. Joseph, Beauce; A. A. Roy, Quebec; J. A. Roy, Sherbrooke; L. T. Morin, W. Dwyer, P. E. Poirier, L. P. Laird, Montreal; J. E. O. Demers, Ste. Catherine, Que.; A. Pelletier, Ste. Marie; E. Edwards, Cap Rouge; L. Gilbert, D'Israeli.

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IMPOSING FUNERAL

Large Number of Prominent People Attend Obsequies of Late Hon. V. W. LaRue.

One of the largest funeral processions which has been seen in this city for a number of years was that which followed the remains of the late lamented Hon. V. W. LaRue, M.L.C., yesterday morning, from the deceased's late residence to the Basilica and Belmont Cemetery. In the mournful cortege were Judges, Senators, members of the Federal House, Legislative Council, Legislative Assembly, the learned professions, various especially from Quebec, Montreal and other outside places being much in evidence, the mercantile community being also largely represented. The chief mourners were deceased's four sons, Messrs. Richard and Jules, notaries; J. Arthur, accountant, and Wenceslas, student; Messrs. P. Richard and S. Richard, brothers-in-law, and Mr. Hamel, uncle. The interior of the Basilica was heavily draped for the occasion and was crowded with people for the service. Among those present were His Grace Archbishop Begin, Mgr. Marois, Mgr. Mathieu, C.M.G., and many priests. Rev. Abbe Paquet, of the Franciscan sisters church, made the levee du corps, while Mgr. Faguy, celebrated mass, assisted by Abbe Faucher and Larue, the latter of Beauport. Solos were rendered by Messrs J. A. Gagne and Mr. Amodeo Roy. Many business places closed their blinds as the funeral passed on route to the Belmont Cemetery.

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UNION PRAYER MEETING.
 Everyone is most cordially invited to the Union Prayer meeting in the Y.M.C.A. parlors this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The "Chronicle's" Picture Gallery of Some of Canada's Prominent Business Men.



MR. LEBLANC, B.C.L. Crown Attorney, Sherbrooke. From The Canada Newspaper Cartoonists' Association.

DAY BY DAY.

Christmas is a long way off.

The small boy now looks for calendar days.

Those Boston mountain climbers who arrive here today are bringing the name of their club in a separate car.

Correspondent wishes to know if the local hockey cry is to be as follows this winter: Bazzie-dazzie! Hoiffo-gqible! Siss-boom-tah-f! Quebec! Quebec! Raw! Raw! Raw!

Although the new manager of the Auditorium is Brown, the attaches of the theatre are dressed in grey.

Winter sports are flourishing in Quebec. Some of the snowshoe clubs have organized a *schne league*.

Yes, said the fair creature, at the rink, skating is a delightful exercise. There are such a nice lot of boys skating this winter.

The fireman's efforts oft go up in smoke.

New Year is coming, and with it a new load of resolutions.

'Tis better to be rich than to have to buy Christmas presents, says the Champlain street philosopher.

Santa Claus is now in the has-been class.

There was a young man named Devlin, Whose political aspirations were bubbled.

He tried Nicolet, But Bell said not yet, And thence all he got for his trouting.

Wonder what Recorder Dery would do if a snowshov tramp came before him?

The turkey will now drop out of public view just as fast as he did on Christmas Day.

We hasten to inform an anxious enquirer that curling is a Scotch game all right. But, of course, the term Scotch should not be taken in its liquid significance—at least, not always.

Those Boston climbers will find Cap Tourmente somewhat of a torment before they get to the top of it.

The snowfall has been pretty heavy the last couple of days, especially if you happened to intercept the load coming from the roof.

Proud of Berlin are the Germans, And they have just cause to be so, But prouder of Berlin are the men Who carry away Quebec's snow.

FUNERAL OF LATE H. M'KENZIE.

The funeral of the late Mr. Hector McKenzie took place yesterday at Three Rivers and was one of the largest and most representative ever seen in that city. The principal mourners were his son, Laurence McKenzie; his father-in-law, L. A. Genest; his brothers Peter, John W., Malcolm R., and James; his brothers-in-law, J. Marguette and Jos. Cloutier of Quebec, and Sam M. Genest, of Ottawa; L. Armand Genest, N. L. Duplessis, Judge Cooke, and W. P. Grant, Three Rivers, and his nephew, Fred McKenzie, of Montreal. Among other relatives present were: Messrs. Th. Bonhival, Lucien Leguit, and M. Rivard. The body was received at the church by Canon Ls. Demoucourt, while the mass was celebrated by Rev. Mr. Vallee, assisted by Revd. Messrs. Fusey and Lennie as deacon and sub-deacon. Mr. Nazaire Marchand presided at the organ, while appropriate solos were rendered by Messrs. Arthur Robert and Alfred Dussault. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Alf. Gouin, P. A. Gouin, Henri Godin, Louis Badaeu, Rob. Grant and Alfred Desilets. At the conclusion of the service in the church, the remains of deceased were interred in the cemetery where they were followed by a very large number of sympathetic friends and mourners.

RIDING AND HUNT CLUB.

A grand euche has been arranged at the Riding and Hunt Club, St. Foye Road, for the members and guests this evening. Handsome prizes will be distributed to the winners. Free sleighs will be at the disposal of those taking part at St. Louis toll-gate from 8 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. After the euche there will be an attractive programme for the amusement of those present.

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Lace Collars and Cuffs, 75c. to \$20.00
Fancy Neckwear10c. to \$3.75
Silk Waists\$2.75 to \$20.00
Silk Skirts85c. to \$14.00
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Leather Perfumery Cases, \$5.00 to \$7.50
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Correspondence

MOUNT HERMON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the Chronicle:
 Sir,—As Vice-President of the Mount Hermon Cemetery Association, I protest against the undersigned card I have received this day, which says: "Owing to increased cost of labor and other necessary expenses, the directors will be obliged to add the sum of fifty cents to the price of maintaining each of the lots for the ensuing year."
 J. F. TURNBULL,
 Vice-President.

Jan. 26, 1906.

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