

DELAY DUE TO CHANGE IN PLAN

Now Definitely Decided That There Will be Four Detachments of Mounted Rifles in the Second Contingent.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—(Special).—The delay in the completion of the list of officers for the Second Contingent has been largely due to a change in the organization of the Mounted Rifles, made with a view to increasing their efficiency.

It is now definitely decided that although the number of men will not be changed, there will be four detachments of mounted men, instead of three, as at first reported.

The effect will be to simplify matters by raising and officering separately two corps, which must, in the nature of things, be largely different in their make up.

At first it was suggested that both mounted rifles and artillery should wear the helmet-brimmed rough rider hats so common in the West, but Major-General Hutton is emphatically of opinion that helmets are better for the artillerymen, and an order for one thousand has been placed in England.

HELMETS NOT HATS.

The mounted rifles will wear the rough rider hats, as at first suggested.

THE THREE TRANSPORTS.

The three transports which have been engaged will, it is expected, be ready to receive the troops at Halifax within a couple of weeks.

SAFE AND COMFORTABLE.

The preparations are being done under the supervision of the officers of the Militia Department, and pains will be taken that every precaution is taken to ensure the safety and comfort of the men and horses.

MAJOR LESSARD MENTIONED.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—(Special).—It is freely rumored here that Major Lessard, of the permanent corps at Stanley Barracks, will have command of the second contingent.

BUSY AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—(Special).—Orders have arrived from Ottawa, and those in charge of mobilization of "A" squadron of Canadian Mounted Infantry for service in South Africa, this morning at 10, opened a recruiting station at the Armouries.

Besides these, however, the officers, servants, cooks, drivers, wagon men and orderlies for the Mounted Infantry staff, as well as two veterinary surgeons for "A" squadron, will be chosen from volunteers in Toronto, which will bring the total number of men taken outside the regulars up to forty-five, all of whom will have to enlist as privates.

Members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons from Stanley barracks will form the first troop of the squadron. Of these, 30 were sworn in yesterday afternoon before Major Young. Ten more have been passed by Dr. Nattress, and two others will yet undergo the medical examination.

Eighteen cavalry horses were purchased yesterday, and others will be secured as soon as possible. No animals for the use of the artillery have yet been purchased in the absence of orders to do so.

VOLUNTEERS AT REGINA.

Regina, N.W.T., Dec. 27.—(Special).—Final instructions regarding the contingent have arrived here, and the N.W.M.P. departments are full of business. Volunteering is proceeding by leaps and bounds, there being very many more personal volunteers than can possibly be accepted.

SOME MANITOBA MEN.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Dec. 27.—(Special).—The following volunteer rough riders have been selected here: Thomas Wilkinson, Peter Brown, Albert McKelvey, J. J. Brown, W. J. Hawkins, James Theadkilt, James Keeler, Cuthbert Cope (shoaling smith). Also three reserved men: W. S. Gordon, Bert Ryan and Joseph Irvine, as fine a set of fellows as ever faced a medical examiner.

VOLUNTEER TO A MAN.

Edmonton, N.W.T., Dec. 27.—(Special).—The Mounted Police of Fort Saskatchewan and have volunteered to a man, from Major Griesbach down. Thirty civilians have also sent in applications.

FROM THE TERRITORIES.

West Prince Albert, N.W.T., Dec. 27.—(Special).—The volunteers for South Africa from this point are: Capt. Casey, Sergeants Mountford, Hooper and Hocking, Corporal Money, Constables Smith, Pool, Bird and Laroque, ex-Police Atkinson and King, civilians McNeil and Clarke.

COL. STONE AT KINGSTON.

Kingston, Dec. 27.—(Special).—Lt.-Col. Stone arrived and is at work organizing and putting in shape the artillery end of the Transvaal contingent for this district. Lt.-Col. Montzambert, D.O.C., and Lieut.-Col. Hudson are working night and day at St. John and inspecting the facilities here for quartering and shipping the men and his report will decide whether or not one of the transports shall sail from St. John.

Major McDougall, of Moncton, received the following applications for cavalry service from Brockville: "Colt" Metcalfe, of the



COL. DRURY, OF KINGSTON. Who is Regarded as Probable Commander of Artillery Section of Second Contingent.

ROBERTS TO HAVE HIS WAY

New York, Dec. 27.—Lord Roberts, according to The Herald's London correspondent, absolutely refused to take command in South Africa until this ultimatum was acceded to.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR SOLDIERS' CHILDREN

New York, Dec. 27.—London cables describe at length the joyous time had at Windsor Castle when Queen Victoria gave the Christmas tree entertainment to the wives and children of the Guardsmen now in South Africa.

HANG HILDA BLAKE

Woman Pays Penalty for Crime in Manitoba. HAD SHOT HER MISTRESS.

Crime Committed Last July was the Result of the Girl's Jealous Rage.

HALIFAX BESIEGED.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 27.—The Militia Brigade Office is still besieged by applicants for the second contingent.

AT PORT HOPE.

Port Hope, Ont., Dec. 26.—Sergeant-Major Turner, 40th Battalion, examined ten men for the "B" Battery special service, and will continue for some days.

AT ST. CATHERINES.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 27.—Lieut. Col. Gregory, of the Second Dragoons, received a telegram from Toronto yesterday instructing him to recruit ten men from his corps for service as mounted rifles in South Africa.

TWO FROM BELLEVILLE.

Belleville, Dec. 26.—Sergeant E. Geen and Private Barwell, of this city, have passed the examination at Kingston for the South African contingent.

ST. JOHN BUDGET.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 27.—(Special).—Miss Ada Burns, daughter of Mr. James H. Burns, has volunteered as a nurse. She is a graduate of the St. John and New York hospitals, and is one of the best nurses in the city.

Business Notes.

Joseph A. Leboeuf has been requested to make an assignment for Miss Aelxina Leboeuf, who alleges a debt of \$1,633.

from shell fire, and a separate entry of ten killed and sixteen wounded in what looked like a sortie or reconnaissance on Friday last, in which the 24th Royal Irish Lancers, who fought so well at Elandsfontein, and the remnants of the Gloucestershire regiment, and the 10th Mountain battery, which were entrapped at Nicholson's Nek were engaged.

BLAME IT ALL ON THE STARS

New York, Dec. 27.—Hindu astrologers are connecting the famine, plague and British reverses to the peculiar conjunction of the planets, when on the 10th of November seven planets were in the sign of Scorpio.

MR. M'NALLY WON'T

Can't See His Way Clear to Stand for Mayoralty.

ANOTHER MEETING TO-NIGHT

To Receive His Decision and to Discuss the Present Aspect of Affairs.

WITH BULLER'S ARMY.

There is no trustworthy news from General Buller's army and military writers are weary of a thankless business of planning his campaign for him, at a distance of 6,000 miles, especially when a frontal attack is the only resource of the British in the field.

CHURCHILL TELLS STORY OF ESCAPE

London, Dec. 27.—M. Winston Churchill has edited and the Morning Post publishes to-day an account of his escape from captivity with the Boers after having been taken prisoner in the reconnaissance of an armored train at Estcourt.

Methuen Reports No Change.

London, Dec. 27.—The War Office here has received the following despatch from Cape Town, dated Monday, Dec. 26: "There is no change in the situation. Methuen reports that the enemy's force has increased and is engaged in entrenching three and a half miles from his outlying pickets."

COMING EVENTS.

The Academy—"The Sorrows of Satan."—Fair dramatization of Corneille's story, well presented.

Ladysmith Still Confident.

The news of the battle at Colenso was received with equanimity in Ladysmith, which, according to the latest reports is still confident of being able to hold out.

Word from Ladysmith.

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Mrs. Burns Granted Separation.

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STILL NO NEWS FROM THE FRONT

An Unconfirmed Rumor Circulated That a Picket of Canadians Had Been Captured Near Belmont.

A London despatch mentions among several items from Modder River an unconfirmed report that a Canadian picket had been cut off at Belmont.

Nothing has been heard from the contingent for nearly two weeks, or since the time they were moved to Belmont on De Aar. Private messages announcing "all well," but conveying no information as to movements, have been plentiful. One was interpreted to mean that the Canadians had had a brush with the Boers. It is hardly likely, however, that the engagement referred to in the London despatch is the one mentioned in the cable to Col. MacLean.

REPORT ALL IS WELL.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—(Special).—Belmont, Dec. 27, 8.17 a.m.—Happy returns. All well.

Such was the cablegram received this morning by Mrs. S. M. Rogers, of this city, from her husband, Captain Maynard Rogers, captain of Company D of the Canadian contingent. The news is being warmly welcomed here, as it shows that up until this morning all is well with the Canadians, and dispels the disquieting rumors that have been freely circulated within the past few days.

LAST RESERVISTS CALLED.

The last reservists of all arms and branches of the service were called upon yesterday to rejoin their colors. When this summons has been answered it will be possible to judge as to the effectiveness of the mobilization scheme as a whole, but apparently the military authorities have been sanguine in assuming that their army corps can be recruited from the first line of first reserves. They will certainly have two, but the third will have to be pieced out with militia and volunteers.

Lord Stanley has accepted a position on General Roberts' staff and will retire from Parliament. This adds another to a long list of helms to great titles who are serving their country at the theatre of war. The patriotism of the classes has been equal to all requirements of the situation. Equal loyalty is the theme of every music hall and theatre to-night.

The War Office also gave out a Christmas message from Cape Town which has tended to relieve public uneasiness. Forester-Walker reported that there was no change at Modder River, where General Methuen was entrenched, and undisturbed, and that Dordrecht had been occupied by a force of 150 Cape police, the Boers having retreated.

WELCOME CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

Summaries like this are received nightly at the War Office, but are not often made public. The publicity given to this summary is proof that the War Office can furnish every day if it chooses definite information about the campaign which would not be of any value to the enemy if telegraphed back to South Africa, and still would help to clear the air at home where newspaper readers are confused by belated despatches fully a week old and bearing the marks of the censor's blue pencil.

Commandant Cronje knew on Christmas night that General Methuen was well entrenched at Modder River and the Free State leaders confronting Gatacre were also aware that Dalgety had occupied Dordrecht and there seems to be no reason why English readers who follow the fortunes of their soldiers with intense interest have not been taken into the confidence of the War Office and allowed these two glimpses of the situation in the west and the south.

TRAVELS BY NIGHT.

"I walked on at dusk. There were no more trains that night. The danger of meeting the guards of the line continued, but I was obliged to follow it, as I had no compass or map. I had to make wide detours to avoid brigades, stations and huts, and so my progress was very slow. Chocolate is not a satisfying food. The outlook was gloomy, but I persevered with God's help. For five days my food supply was very precarious. I was lying up by daylight and walking by night.

LITTLE CHANCE OF RELEASE.

"On the afternoon of Dec. 12 the Transvaal's Secretary of War informed me that there was little chance of my release, I therefore resolved to escape, and the same night I left the State School Prison in Pretoria by climbing the wall when the sentries back were turned momentarily. I walked through the streets of the town without disguise, meeting many burghers, but was not challenged in the crowd. I got through the pickets of the town guard and struck the Delagoa Bay Railroad. I

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eral Joubert crossing the river to attack him, or was his purpose to cut off the retreat of a burgher force which had already crossed. We prefer to believe that the latter was the real object, and if so it would have tactical reasons to commend it. If the former alternative is to be accepted, however, it affords another illustration of General Buller's weakness. There is no information to hand as to the precise position in which the bridge stands. When General Buller advanced in full force from his camp at Chieveley, which is some ten miles south of Colenso, on the fateful morning of December 15th, his plan was to force the passage of the Tugela River by one or other of the two fords which are about two miles apart. The consequences of his disastrous failure are well known, although they are much less serious than that piece of picturesque report painting which forms the substance of the report of the battle attributed to General Schalkberger would lead one to suppose.

When all has been said about the attitude of the Province of Quebec in the present crisis, no fair-minded man, no one who ardently desires to see the British Empire expand on the best lines, can be other than well content. A French-Canadian Premier of the Dominion did what Sir John Macdonald declined to do, and sent troops to aid in preserving the Empire from dismemberment. The Liberal members of Parliament from Quebec, with only two exceptions, have expressed unreserved approval of the step. The best of the Conservative representation have resented the slanders cast upon them and their people by their political friends, and have given in their hearty approval. One of them went so far as to say that every man and every dollar should go in if necessary, and that the conduct of Canada ought not to be dictated by fine drawn distinctions as to whether the British or the Boers have the better claim to the possession of a just cause. Under all the circumstances a campaign against Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the ground that he is a French-Canadian and therefore not to be entrusted with the high office he holds would be as scandalous and ungrateful a proceeding as history has yet disclosed, and should be instantly frowned down by all fair-minded and patriotic men.

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The Only Perfect Moving Pictures.
The BIOGRAPH
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As he Moves and Lives to-day.
SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN.
Troops for the Transvaal.
General Buller in Cape Town.
Lt.-Col. Otter, Commanding Canadian Contingent.
Officers and Royal Canadian Infantry.
The Gordon Highlanders on Parade.
The Scotch Greys Reviewed by Lord Wolseley before leaving for the Front.
The 1st Lanciers.
Every Afternoon at 3:30. Evenings, 8:15.
Admission 25c. Children, 15c.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, THE MASONS' FESTIVAL

A Complete List of Officers Elected by the Various Lodges in Montreal District—Banquets To-night.

Today is the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and it is the season that Freemasons have set apart throughout the world for reunion, rejoicing and eating meat together...



MR. B. TOOKE, MONTREAL. Grand Master Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

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Rich Glassware. We are showing a large stock of English and American Cut Glass Bowls, Vases, Decanters, etc.

Beautiful New Year's Gifts. HENRY BIRKS & SONS. Phillips Square, Montreal.

ner. J. D. Johnston, D. C.; Frank Ross, organist; Fred Cole and Harry Steel, stewards...

VALLEYFIELD LODGE, NO. 75 (VALLEYFIELD). D. F. Smith, W.M.; John Lowe, Jr., S.W.

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THE S. CARSLY CO. LIMITED. Notre Dame St. Montreal's Greatest Store. Dec. 27, 1899.

A Sale of MEN'S FURNISHINGS FOR NEW YEAR'S GIFTS. For the THREE LAST DAYS of the OLD YEAR there will be tremendous havoc played in the stock of Men's Furnishings...

NEW YEAR'S SUGGESTIONS! Another Week of the Jacket and Cape Sale. 33-1-3 per cent. off.

Ladies' Handkerchiefs Glass and Chinaware. For NEW YEAR'S GIFTS. In Fancy Boxes—Thousands of Fancy Boxes, containing Ladies' Handkerchiefs...

Smoking Coats. These Coats are a great asset to a cosy chair, a good cigar, and a pleasant evening...

A New Year's Gift in LINEN. A Pretty Box of Linen would be much appreciated by a tasteful housewife as a New Year's Gift...

Sofa Cushions. Sofa Cushions, covered with Dresden, Montserrat, and wide fringe. Special \$1.00.

Lemonade Sets. Crystal and Bohemian Glass Lemon Sets. Special.

MAIL ORDERS CAREFULLY FILLED. THE S. CARSLY CO. LIMITED. 1765 to 1788 Notre Dame St., 184 to 194 St. James Street, MONTREAL.

Pianos. We have just now a considerable stock of Pianos. Large Discount up to Dec. 31st.

Foisy Freres. 1760 & 1766 St. Catherine Street.

Oh! for New Year's Dinner. Get Real English Plum Pudding at any of our STORES before it is all sold.

Fine Ales. The Montreal Brewing Co'y. Food for the Sick. DIET DISPENSARY. 79 Osborne Street.

ST. JEAN'S CLOSE CALL. He Hung 45 Feet in the Air Until the Fire Department Rescued.

THE BIG GAME LAW. Effort to Be Made to Prevent Wanton Killing of the Forest's Pride.

Aid. Martineau to Speak. Aid. Martineau will address the electors of the parish of St. Edward this evening...

The Civil Courts. Dame Marie Huot, dite Duvaliers, Garipier...

CRUSADER LODGE, K.P. The regular meeting of Crusader Lodge, No. 18, Knights of the Templar, was held at 21 St. James Street...

LOYAL HARMONY LODGE, I.O.O.F. At the regular meeting of the Loyal Harmony Lodge, No. 743, I.O.O.F., held at the Odd Fellows' Hall, 21 St. James Street...

WINDSOR LODGE, A.O.U.W. The regular meeting of Windsor Lodge, No. 44, A.O.U.W., was held at the York...

Excelsior Lodge, I.O.O.F. Excelsior Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., selected the following officers at the regular meeting held at 21 St. James Street...

ON THE ALLEYS

Two Important Games Were Rolled Last Evening.

M.A.A.A. AND VICS WIN.

The Xmas Games at the Point—Sixth Round of the Chess Tournament at Vienna.

Following is the result of last night's matches:

Table with columns for M.A.A.A. II, P.A.A.A. II, and Victoria Rifles 2nd Team vs. Royal A.A.A. listing names and scores.

Majority for M.A.A.A.—143.

Victoria Rifles 2nd Team vs. Royal A.A.A.

Table with columns for Royals and Vics listing names and scores.

Majority for Vics—98 plus.

This puts Matthews in the lead for the "gold medal" that is offered for the highest three strings rolled throughout the season.

Games at the Point.

The Christmas bowling competition of the Point St. Charles Amateur Athletic Association resulted as follows: Frank E. Starke won first prize for the highest score across the alleys, making 679, the highest score ever made on the Point alleys. W. Saragon won the highest single string with a total of 24 pins, and H. Earwaker took the second. The prizes will be presented to the winners in a few days.

HOCKEY.

Montreal Club Practices.

The Montreal Hockey Club will practice in the Arena rink Wednesday evening, 9 to 10, and Thursday evening, 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock. Big turnouts are expected.

Everybody Should Be There.

The hockey match, which was to have taken place in the Arena this evening between the Shamrock and Montreal teams for the benefit of the Point St. Charles family of the late John Stinson, has been postponed until next Wednesday evening, on account of several of the players being out of town for the holidays. This match is creating quite a lot of interest, and has attracted receipts well in excess of benefit of one of the best goalkeepers that ever handled a hockey stick, and the family of a great lacrosse player, both of whom were members of the Shamrock athletic organizations in Montreal, there is no doubt a large crowd will be in attendance.

A Point Match To-night.

The first practice of the Point St. Charles Amateur Athletic Association team will be held to-morrow evening in the P. A. A. rink, after 10 o'clock. The Points did not succeed in getting into any league, but they expect to have enough matches on hand to keep them busy.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Twenty players were at the Ottawa practice this evening, including Harvey Fulford, who has decided to play with the Montreal team. Captain Merrill, of the Queen's team, also took in the play.

FOOTBALL.

The Oxford and Cambridge Rugby Match.

As almost everyone who had seen the University teams expected, the Cambridge fifteen gained an easy victory at the Queen's Club on December 13. The score was two goals and four tries to nothing, and this is the most decisive result recorded for Cambridge in the 27 years of the match. The Cambridge pack had most to do with the success, and it was the best that they have had for many seasons, and both in weight and in footwork triumphed at every point. For some weeks the prizes of the Cambridge sports managers have been everywhere sung in Rugby Union circles, and yesterday's form confirmed the judgment of the best critics of the game.

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Governor Roosevelt's remarks down at Vale included a description of his experiences with a Western gambler who served with distinction with the Rough Riders.

Advertisement for John Martin, Sons & Co. Tailors, 455 St. Paul Street. Text: 'It's your turn now. Having provided for your Sisters, Brothers, Cousins and Aunts, likewise your Best Girl, it is now time to think of yourself. Make yourself a present of a new suit or an overcoat—a nice fur-trimmed and lined one. Come and see us about it. JOHN MARTIN, SONS & CO. TAILORS, 455 ST. PAUL STREET.'

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The Xmas Treat Was Held Yesterday for the Children and the Day Nursery.

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Yesterday it was a pretty sight. One of the big girls opened the door and one stood in the doorway of the reception room looking in. The children were all dressed in their best, and there was a gay Christmas tree covered with bright toys and little flags and all sorts of attractive trifles. From this the young ladies were handing down gifts to the children, who were in an ecstasy of delight. All about the room were noisy, chattering tots, seventy-eight in all, some of them tumbling about on the floor, some of them in their mothers' laps, some being minded and petted by the visitors. They all looked well and strong and contented. On the faces of the mothers, some of them quite young women, was an expres-

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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Mr. and Mrs. Bugee Allan, of Boston, are at present visiting Mr. and Mrs. Magu Allan, and the following item from a western paper will interest their friends: Society, since the coming of Mr. du Domaine its attention to the local theatres. The Tremont has attracted many. Monday evening Mr. Guy Norman, formerly of the famous "Lough Riders" U. S. V., greatly enjoyed "Arizona" because of the strong military flavor in the charming little play. The splendid cavalrymen in boots and spurs and the atmosphere of the various scenes appeal especially to the men who have seen actual service and who have been in touch with the cowboy element in peace or war. Mr. Norman was accompanied by Mrs. Allan and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Allan. The ladies were quite the most attractive in the house. Mrs. Allan wore a velvet, her sister, Mrs. Norman, a soft black grenadine. Both wore opera caps in delicate colors lined with grey tulle.

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Miss Kittson's many friends are pleased to learn that her health is improving, although she is still confined to the hospital.

Lieut. Arthur S. Evans, R.E., who has received notice of his removal from Malta to Bombay, has come to Canada on leave, and is spending Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Evans, Simcoe St.

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The Herald will offer many valuable premiums this fall, in return for Herald Coupons.

Issue of Monday, DEC. 4th, announces "KENILWORTH"

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Queen Victoria's Christmas card for her particular friends is of gilt-edged ivory and bears her own portrait. A Christmas card bearing a sketch by the poetess was sold a few years ago for a little over \$20. The man who bought it sent it to a friend in Paris, who returned the compliment with an ivory tablet bearing an inscription, which was a single spray of forget-me-nots painted by one of the most famous artists of the day. The man who bought it sent it to a friend in Paris, who returned the compliment with an ivory tablet bearing an inscription, which was a single spray of forget-me-nots painted by one of the most famous artists of the day.

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THE AGREEABLE GIRL.

A Combination That More Than Ten Men Are Looking For—She Minds Her Own Business.

She is sometimes rich, but seldom handsome, yet we all like to meet her in this work-a-day world of ours.

She meets one cordially, does not rush up hysterically, and catches at one's hand or dress, blind one with her enthusiastic greeting, and in the highest and best sense well-bred.

She is always well-dressed, not conspicuous for her smartness or elegance, but her dress is always in harmony with the time and place. Soiled gloves and skirts with a fringe of hair that should have been removed are never seen.

If one is ill and my lady calls, no disagreeable subject is introduced that will mar the pleasure of the conversation.

She is not necessarily brilliant, indeed seldom is, yet she always holds her own in society, not by storming at its doors, but by her keen sense of the fitness of things.

She understands the art of listening to others.

My lady always takes pleasure in introducing to their names, that familiarity which keeps them apart that she has no use for, or else each in turn, for to see others happy adds to her enjoyment.

She meets her summer in the church or home half way, and does not forget faces when she meets them two days later.

Her appointments are always promptly written a note at once and explains, thereby saving much discomfort and inconvenience.

She never addresses her men acquaintances by their names, that familiarity which is reserved for him who has a deeper claim than mere acquaintance.

She does not concern herself with current topics of the day, and does not blunder through a conversation with statements of which she knows nothing.

She does not inform an artist what the standard works of art are. He is supposed to know.

She minds her own business, leaving others to look after theirs.—Boston Globe.

To-morrow's Menu.
BREAKFAST—Fruit, Flaked rice, Sugar and cream, Broiled bacon, Hashed browned potatoes, Tomatoes, Coffee.
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Part of his business—She met Mrs. Ryder, whom you used to work for, James. She says that you consider her a great judge of horseflesh." The Hostess—"Well, Miss, I had to when I was working for her."—Puck.

To be Continued.



Tailor-made gown of brownish green cloth.

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SIXBY—December 21, at 2505 St. Catherine Street, the wife of W. T. Sixby (Stanstead College), of a son.

MARRIAGES.
CRUCHET-ROAME—December 19, at Basile de Lievre, Que., by Rev. P. Basile, champ, Arundel, Edward Cruchet, son of Sam Cruchet, of Angers, Que., to Mabel Beatrice, daughter of John Roame.
KENNEDY-BRODIE—At Quebec, December 23, Alexander Kennedy, of Boston, to Mary D., daughter of the late Thomas Brodie.
MONTEITH-EDMONDS—December 13, by Rev. Dr. Ker, Frederick C. Monteith, of Florence, daughter of W. Edmonds, both of Quebec.
POWERS-DUNWOODY—December 21, at 209 Sherbrooke Street, by Rev. W. H. Ranney, Eleanor Dunwoody, to Bradford Cleverly, both of Montreal.
SIMPSON-ROBERTS—At St. George's Church, December 21, by Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, Robt. St. John, son of the late George Simpson, of St. Andrews, P.O., to Rose A., daughter of the late George Roberts, of this city.

DEATHS IN THE CITY.

ALFKMAN—December 23, at 292 Aqueduct Street, Charles, son of Robert Alfkman, aged 25 years.
BERGEN—December 24, Mary Leonora, only daughter of George and Sarah Bergen, aged 5 years and 8 months.
BLANCHET—At Turgeon Street, December 20, at the age of 25 years, Marie Louise, daughter of P. Alphonse Blanchet.
BURNETT—At Montreal, December 25, Jas. P. Burnett, eldest son of the late James Burnett, aged 28 years. Funeral from 32 Summerhill Avenue to-morrow at 2:30 o'clock.
CORRELL—December 21, at 211-2 St. Elizabeth Street, at the age of six months, Joseph Octave, infant child of Napoleon Corchel.
DELOIRME—December 20, at 836 St. Hubert Street, at the age of 33 years, Azilda Hogue, wife of Horatius Delorme.
DEVEREUX—December 25, Michael Devereux, eldest son of the late Michael Devereux, aged 37.
ELLIOT—December 24, suddenly, Robert Elliot, aged 67 years.
GAUTHIER—December 20, at 40 St. Paul

DEATHS ELSEWHERE.

ARGUE—December 24, at Toronto, Mary A. Argue, widow of the late Alexander Argue, aged 52 years.
BARBEAU—At Vaudreuil, December 25, Marie Josephine Lalonde, widow of Alphonse Barbeau, aged 53 years.
BELY—At Toronto, December 24, Emma Lucy, relict of the late B. S. Bely, in her 90th year.
BLAMY—December 20, at Barford, Que., Mrs. Blamy, aged 84 years.

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STOCKS STILL VERGING SOME OF THE LOST GROUND

Prices Here Start Very Strong, But Ease Off a Little.

PACIFIC AGAIN HIGHER.

A Failure in Boston Mars a Rather Bright Day on the Street.

The stock markets exhibited further bullishness again this morning and the general financial atmosphere seemed calmer and clearer than for some time past.

The noon hour found prices both in New York and Montreal well above the closing of last night, although the feeling that time seemed to be a little easier than at the opening.

This seemed to be especially true of the local market, which opened up strong, with substantial gains in almost every active security over the high level of yesterday.

Later on, however, and towards the close a number of the stocks, notably Street Railway and Toronto Railway, became a little easier and trended under the pressure of a little hammering.

The afternoon regarding the settlement in London gave way to the feeling of satisfaction when the early prices appeared over the tape.

The international there were all better, and the feeling was one of the most buoyant of the group, selling at 92 1/2 at the close. No definite information was received regarding any embarrassments, and altogether the day passed off well.

In Boston the failure of E. C. Hodges & Co. of State Street, suspended business today. The firm is one of the largest in the city.

The Twin City earnings for the month of November and from January first are as follows:

Table with columns: Month, 1898, 1899, Changes. Rows include Gross, Op. ex., Net, Fixed chgs., Sur., and various sub-items.

There has been some inquiry lately as to how the recent decline in stocks compares with the break which took place in November, 1893.

These declines, while considerable, have become insignificant when compared with those which have lately occurred. Indeed it is doubtful if the history of the Stock Exchange knows a greater average decline than that which has taken place in the last few months.

L. J. Forget & Co.'s London cable quoted Bank of England at 82 1/2.

A special cable from London said: "There is a report that 700,000 pounds sterling were received by Bank of England from America and the Continent."

DR. CODERRE'S RED PILLS FOR PALE & WEAK WOMEN. BOX OF 50 PILLS 50 CENTS.

ARGUMENTS FOR BULL AND BEAR.

For the Bulls: Prosperity. Clearings for the week were over 33 per cent. larger than for the same time last year and over 50 per cent. greater than in 1892.

For the Bears: "What is there on the other side? First and foremost is probably the strained financial situation abroad."

list was strong, and the majority of stocks at 12.30 were well above the closing level of last night. Mr. C. D. Monk's messages particularly good. Union Pacific has been stock by far the cheapest on the list.

London special Settlement passing off quietly, no trouble expected from that quarter. Americans all hold the advance of half to one per cent. above parity.

The suspension of E. C. Hodges & Co. of Boston, is announced. It doesn't amount to much, but it is a little more than a decrease of \$1,000,000.

MORNING BOARD SALES. 200 Pacific at 89 7/8. 50 Pacific at 90. 200 Pacific at 90 1/4.

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MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Description, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Rows include Canadian Pacific Railway, P.S.S.A., D.S.S.A., Commercial, and various bonds.

LONDON STOCK MARKET.

Table with columns: Stocks, Dec. 27, Dec. 28, Dec. 29. Rows include Atchafalaya, Paris Renties, Grand Trunk, and various bonds.

Pleases France Immensely. New York, Dec. 27.—The demands that are being made in certain quarters in England for immediate action on the part of the British Government to prevent the transport of supplies to the Boers by way of Delagoa Bay have quickened French interest in the possibility of trouble between the United States and Great Britain.

"I suppose you feel that you are well informed on the currency question?" "No," answered the man of grave manner. "I don't know, but I've studied it a lot since then."

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BRITISH GREAT Supply Not Large, But More Than a Year Ago. CANADIAN STOCKS GAIN. Nearly Nine Million Bushels in Store Against Less Than Seven This Time a Year Ago.

Table with columns: Stocks, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Rows include 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910.

"STREET" GOSSIP. The shade of William Shakespeare has been over on this side of the river St. Lawrence putting up phantom margins and taking imaginary losses in the recent slump.

WELLAND CANAL. The notice to contractors. SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Improvements at Port Colborne," will be received at this office until 10 o'clock on Friday, the 28th day of January, 1900.

WALL STREET SUIT. WHO STARTED THE FAIRY TALES ABOUT BROOKLYN RAPID TRANSIT? Stock Exchange Takes the Matter Into Court and the Leading Brokers Will have to Testify.

WHEAT IN MANITOBA. "The local market has followed the outside price, pretty closely as to price quoted, but business is very dull and trading extremely light."

MONTREAL GRAIN. There is a moderate amount of business going in wheat, which continues to go through to the winter ports in fair quantities.

PROVISIONS. There was no change in the provision market. We quote: Canadian short cut mess pork, 14.00; short cut mess, 13.40.

QUIET CATTLE MARKETS. Toronto, December 26.—Trading in all kinds of stock and live animals on the market was almost at a standstill.

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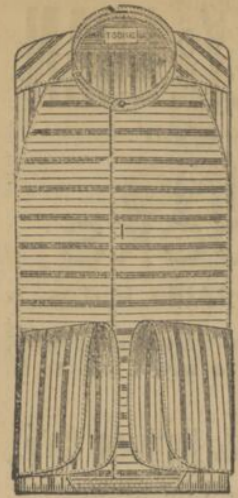
WELLAND CANAL. TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES FOR THE YEAR 1900. SEALED TENDERS for supplies, addressed to the undersigned, Engineer, Welland Canal, St. Catharines, will be received until 10 o'clock on Wednesday, 10th January, 1900.

PRODUCE MARKETS. There is nothing to speak of doing in cheese and the price of finest is purely nominal at 12c to 12 1/2c.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. SUPERIOR COURT. (Under the Winding Up Act.) The Jean Revere Clear Making Machine Company of Canada, Limited, in Liquidation, and Beaumont Shepherd, Liquidator.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. DISTRICT OF TERREBONNE. SUPERIOR COURT—NO. 45. WILLIAM LESPERANCE, ET AL., Petitioners. PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that on the sixteenth day of December, 1899, the undersigned were duly appointed joint curators to the vacant estate of the late Israel Guindon.

Small-pox in Kamouraska. Since Friday last six new cases of small-pox have been reported from Mont Carmel, Kamouraska county. Since the outbreak there have been 135 cases, 154 of which have recovered, 41 being residing in 14 houses, still being affected.



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MAYOR PREFONTAINE DEFIES THE COUNCIL

Though a Requisition, Signed by a Majority of Council Was Presented, He Refused to Call a Meeting—Charter Says Five Members Can Call One.

Mayor Prefontaine refused yesterday to call a meeting of the Council on a requisition signed by a majority of the members. In so doing he distinctly ran counter to the charter, which in Art. 237 says: "In case the Mayor at any time refuses to call a special meeting when deemed necessary by at least five members of the Council, it shall be lawful for such members, by a requisition to the City Clerk, duly signed by them, to order the meeting to be called, and upon such requisition the City Clerk shall issue a notice to the members in the manner mentioned in the preceding article, provided such requisition shall specify the business for which the meeting is called."

The Mayor did not escape without severe criticism from a number of the members, and it is quite within the range of possibility that the members interested will requisition the City Clerk to call a meeting, and that official will, by the charter, be compelled to call a meeting in the regular way.

THE FACTS OF THE CASE.

The facts of the case are these: Fifteen members of the Council handed in a requisition on Friday night asking for a special meeting on the 27th inst., to consider the report of the Parks and Amusement Committee on the McGibbon investigation. The Mayor did not call a meeting, and when the Council met yesterday none of the members who had requisitioned the Mayor had received any word from him as to whether the meeting had been called or not. The notices for yesterday's meeting had been received yesterday morning.

The question was brought up by Ald. Oulmont, who asked the Mayor if the Council had been called in accordance with the requisition.

The Mayor replied that it had not; that he had not received the letter till Saturday, and then the letters calling the present meeting had been sent out. Besides the requisition, the Mayor said, he had received other word from him as to whether the meeting had been called or not.

Ald. Oulmont—"I want to know why, when fifteen members, according to the charter, sign a requisition to you, Mr. Mayor, you do not call the meeting. There was lots of time to call it. I think there is something irregular in this matter."

Ald. Martineau expressed the same view. The Mayor—"The requisition is very noisy. I think I am doing the right thing for the best interests of the city in acting as I have done."

Ald. Laporte—"I am sorry to have to differ from you, Mr. Mayor, but in such a case I cannot do otherwise than severely condemn your action. A majority of Council asked for the meeting, and specified what it was called for. You were bound to call the meeting. You say it was important to have a special meeting to consider the McGibbon case. I think it is very important. In justice to the city and to Mr. McGibbon, to have the matter settled at once."

Ald. Ekers—"I believe, Mr. Mayor, you have given two reasons for not calling the meeting. One, that it was illegal; second, that there was too much business before the Council. As far as the first is concerned, there was just as much time to send out notices for a meeting to-morrow as there was for the meeting to-day. I only got my notice for to-day's meeting this morning. There is no illegality about calling a special meeting when the requisition is signed by fifteen members of Council."

Ald. Rainville thought it was not in the interests of the city to be in such a hurry to discharge an old employe like Mr. McGibbon. That it was not important enough to call a special meeting.

Ald. Ekers—"Excuse me, Ald. Rainville, the meeting was not called to discharge Mr. McGibbon. I for one signed the requisition to oblige a conferee who wished to have some business completed. Those who signed that paper are not necessarily in favor of discharging Mr. McGibbon."

Ald. Sadler—"I would have seen a good deal of force in your argument, Mr. Mayor, if you had not called today's meeting."

The Mayor—"The meeting was called on Friday, before the requisition was received."

Ald. Sadler—"I only received mine to-day, Friday to Tuesday—that is the longest time it ever took for a notice to reach me."

The question was then dropped, but the matter will not rest there, and it is likely a meeting will yet be called. According to article 267 of the charter five members of the Council have the power to order the City Clerk to call a meeting when the Mayor refuses.

ALD. BEAUSOLEIL'S RESIGNATION.

A good part of the afternoon was taken up in discussing Ald. Beausoleil's resignation. Ald. Rainville moved, seconded by Ald. Laporte, that the appointment of Beausoleil to one of the most important

NEW FIRE CHIEF.

It is Likely That Captain Gibson Will Succeed the Late Mr. Beckingham.

A meeting of the Fire Committee will probably be called this week to consider the question of the appointment of an assistant chief in succession to the late Mr. Beckingham. It is generally understood that the choice will fall upon Captain Phil Gibson, who has been acting as assistant chief since Mr. Beckingham's sickness.

A COASTING ACCIDENT.

A Young Son of Mr. Robert Sharp, Contractor, Receives Severe Injuries.

A sad accident occurred on Monday at Westmount, whereby severe injuries were sustained by a young son of Mr. Robert Sharp, contractor. In company with some companions the lad was coasting down the hillside, when their sled ran into a tree. Young Sharp was thrown off with such force as to break several of his ribs and inflict such other injuries as make his condition the subject of grave anxiety.

The Plague in Noumea.

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 27.—The British consul at Noumea confirms the report that the plague in a severe type is raging, and that it originated from that cause have occurred in New Caledonia. The Government of Australia have taken stringent precautions for quarantining arrivals from Noumea.

Declined to Run.

Mr. Alexandre Prudhomme, hardware merchant, has been requested to allow himself to be nominated for St. Antoine Ward north, in the coming municipal elections. Mr. Prudhomme declined the honor.

Appreciate Their Services.

Vlaug & Frere have given a cheque of \$100 for the Firemen's Benefit fund.

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Chinese Man Has a Fire.

Yesterday at 2:30 p.m. an alarm from box 84 was given in for a fire which broke out in Sang Lee's laundry at 291 Logan street. The cause was an overheated stove. Damage to the extent of a few dollars was done to the woodwork.

DOUBLE IN TWO YEARS.

The manager of the Sarnia Ranching Company, of Walsh, N.W.T., Mr. Grant, is at present visiting in the East, and reports that he is in the highest degree gratified with the progress of the development of the Sarnia Ranching Company. The opening of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, Mr. Grant says, has opened a market for their cattle, sheep and other stock and produce. As a consequence, top prices prevail. As a result, the manager has sold his cattle this year as high as \$45 a head. Two years ago Mr. Grant's company bought \$100 worth of cattle and sheep. They have since sold \$10,000 worth. The remaining stock is worth the same sum. The boys, therefore, doubled their money in two years.

NO DESIRE TO OFFEND.

Prince Bismarck's Sons Have Stopped Publication of His Memoirs.

New York, Dec. 27.—A Berlin despatch says that the sons of the late Prince Bismarck have stopped the publication of the third volume of "Bismarck's Thoughts and Memories" because it contains Bismarck's own statement of his dismissal from office. This is in conflict with the Kaiser's version of the incident, and the sons do not wish to irritate the Emperor. The publisher, who paid a large sum for the copyright, has started suit against the sons.

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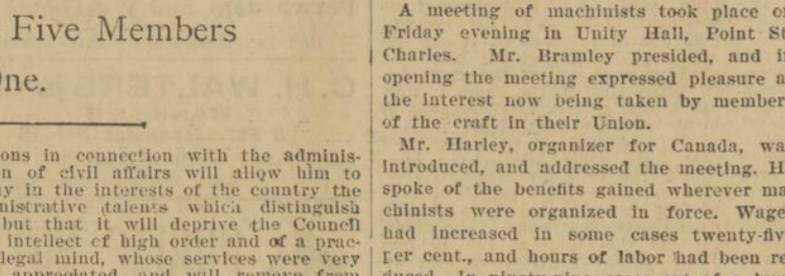
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