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LADYSMITH SAFE.

Fear That White was Embarrassed Dispelled by the War Office.

BATTLE WAGED ALL DAY.

But the Enemy was Forced to Withdraw and Suffered Severe Losses.

DEVONS AND GORDON HIGHLANDERS PROVE AFRESH THEIR WONDERFUL FIGHTING CAPABILITIES.

London, Jan. 8.—3.45.—General White reports, under date of Sunday, 2 p.m., that the Boers were repulsed with heavy losses.

London, Jan. 8.—It was not till the middle of the afternoon that there was an official confirmation forthcoming of the Frere Camp rumors of Gen. White's success at Ladysmith. But at 3.40 p.m. the War Office relieved the extreme tension of the waiting crowds by posting the following despatch from the front:

Frere Camp, Natal, Jan. 8.—The following is from General White, dated 2 p.m. yesterday: 'An attack was commenced on my position but was chiefly against Caesar's camp and Wagon Hill. The enemy was in great strength and pushed the attack with the greatest courage and energy. Some of our entrenchments on Wagon Hill were three times taken by the enemy and retaken by us. The attack continued until 7.30 p.m. One point in our position was occupied by the enemy the whole day. But at dusk in a very heavy rain the enemy were turned out of this position at the point of the bayonet in a most gallant manner by the Devons, led by Col. Park. Col. Ian Hamilton commanded on Wagon Hill and rendered valuable services. The troops have had a very trying time and have behaved excellently. They are elated at the service they have rendered the Queen.

'The enemy were repulsed everywhere with very heavy loss, greatly exceeding that on my side, which will be reported as soon as the lists are completed.'

SKETCH OF LADYSMITH.

But, after all, the chief interest in Ladysmith to-day lies in its military position. In the old days of the first Transvaal war we had troops here, and the place was to all intents and purposes a garrison town. But the soldiers were eventually withdrawn, and it was not until 1897 that we were again familiar with the fifes and the drums. In that year the military authorities came up from Maritzburg and laid out a camp of considerable extent near the waterworks, rather less than two miles to the west of the town. We were right glad to see them, and tried our best to use them well. There was never less than 2,000 men in camp under canvas and in so-called huts, and three field batteries of artillery helped to swell the number.

Looking back to-day to the time when the camp was re-established, just over two years ago, it seems to me that there was some inkling of strange happenings, even at that time. We talked vaguely of possibilities, but never realized the dread actualities that have now come to pass.

At that time various real estate speculators and others bought land near the camp with a view of building a hotel, some bungalows, a canteen or so, and other accommodations for the troops; but, owing to various causes, nothing tangible was done, and beyond the tents there are only some dozen little brick buildings dotted about the outskirts of the regimental lines.

The soldiers came and went freely in the town, and caused an appreciable improvement in the trade of the place, which previous to that had not been in a too flourishing condition.

It would be ridiculous in the extreme to pretend that Ladysmith is impregnable. It is nothing of the sort. To the west of the town there is a fine level plain, in which is the camp. The open veldt rolls away for miles, until it meets the foothills stretching afar from the Drakensberg Mountains. The Sand river, with its affluents, the Blaauwbank river, and Dewdrop Spruit or stream, intersect the plateau, and the Klip and Sand rivers join on the road leading across Van Reenen's Pass to Harrysmith. There is very little water in any of these rivers save after a thunderstorm. During the summer months these are pretty frequent, and for at least a few weeks in January may be expected with almost clockwork regularity between four and five o'clock every afternoon. They usually only last for an hour or less, and though the downpour is veritably tropical, for the time, the hot sun soon dries up the moisture, and the soil is parched and thirsty again by the next day.

On the east of Ladysmith there are several hills, which are of some importance. The Isimbulwana, for instance, is dignified by the name of a mountain, but this is gross flattery; Lombard's Kop is an eminence within four miles of the town and six of the camp. Kopje (a hillock) is the diminutive of kop, a hill. Scattered about the veldt on this side of the town are many kopjes, covered with stones and capable of making excellent cover for the Boers, who, however, could be and evidently have been, dislodged by our heavy naval guns.

It is entirely incorrect to describe Ladysmith as lying in a teacup. A fairer comparison would be to say that it lies towards one side of a gigantic soup-plate, with a big piece of the edge chipped off on one side. Through this chip comes the railway line from Durban.

There are a number of hamlets of a dozen to twenty houses scattered about within a score or so miles from Ladysmith Leatherns, for instance, is fifteen miles away. Acton Homes, where General White's first engagement took place, is twenty-four miles; and Little Tugela Waterfall is about thirty. Roundabout are many more or less isolated farms, English farms, where they really do farm, not Dutch farms, where they do everything except farm, and on one of these, Farquahar's farm, the battle of Monday took its acutest phase.

Speaking as a resident, and one who knows the country, there need be no fear that we shall lose Ladysmith. The earthworks surrounding the heavy guns are amply sufficient to protect the town. Every hill, sluit, and distinctive point of attack for miles round has been carefully measured for shooting purposes. The site of the camp itself was chosen by a board of officers specially appointed for the purpose, and the military position of the place has been studied and developed during the past two years by the most expert local military advice.

The natural advantages and defences of the town have been enhanced and strengthened by carefully planned redoubts at any possibly vulnerable points. The danger of the place being rushed is absolutely nil, because the immediate surroundings are open and bare to nakedness, so that there is no possibility of surprise. Any one approaching can be seen for a great distance, and no near cover is available.

In short, Ladysmith is the Aldershot of Natal.—Correspondence London 'Daily Mail.'

WILL RELIEVE LONDON.

CITY WAS FILLED WITH GLOOMY FOREBODINGS.

London, Jan. 8.—In spite of reports of the ultimate success of General White's forces in repulsing the Boer assault on Ladysmith, which are apparently merely enlargements of the camp rumors contained in General Buller's latest despatches, the country refuses to emerge from the paroxysm of apprehension into which it was thrown by the publication of the latest words of the heliographed message from General White—'Very hard pressed'—until officially assured that the beleaguered garrison has not collapsed, as it seemed on the point of doing when the last signal was flashed. General Buller's grim symbolism 'the sun has failed,' exactly describes the situation. There is nothing to relieve the gloom.

Crowds of people flocked to the War Office this afternoon through the damp fog, to be met with a curt 'no news,' which only served to increase the strain. The hungry eagerness to make the most of the little driblet of cheering camp rumors could not withstand the growing belief that the publication of General White's signals showing the garrison to be in the throes of a desperate struggle only preludes the notification of the worst disaster yet chronicled in this war.

AFTERNOON PAPERS SCEPTICAL.

The afternoon newspapers are sceptical as to the value of a story from Frere Camp, purporting to come from the report contained in General Buller's despatch. The story says that all three of the Boer assaults were pressed with the greatest determination, but were successfully repulsed; that many Boers were killed, and that four hundred were made prisoners, while the garrison suffered only slight losses.

So far as known, General Buller's demonstration against Colenso had little effect. In spite of the heavy artillery fire the Boers did not reply and the only effect of the shrapnel shell reported was that it caused a hundred Boers and their horses to stampele from the camp between Colenso and Grobler's Kloof.

General French has now joined the other British commanders with the familiar formula 'I regret to report.' Telegrams from Rensberg say seven officers and thirty men of the Suffolks were killed and about fifty were captured. General French's announcement that the Essex Regiment has been sent to replace the Suffolks is more bitter to the latter's friends than the list of casualties, as the only inference is that the Suffolks disgraced themselves and their flag by bolting and leaving a few of their more staunch comrades to fill the Pretoria jails.

MORE SEIZURES.

TWO LARGE GUNS AND SIX MAXIMS CAPTURED IN THE THAMES.

London, Jan. 8.—A despatch from Rome says that the British warships 'Vulcan,' 'Thetis,' 'Astraea,' and 'Hebe,' have received orders to keep watch for a steamer which recently sailed from the Baltic for South Africa. It is believed that she is carrying contraband of war.

It is asserted that the customs authorities on the river Thames have detained two outgoing steamers, and seized two large guns and six Maxims, packed in piano cases, intended for the Transvaal. It is also said that a quantity of foodstuffs on another vessel has been seized.

Hamburg, Jan. 8.—Herr Adolph Woermann, one of the owners of the German vessels seized by the British, was interviewed to-day by the representative of the Associated Press. He said: 'The last one taken is the 'Herzog,' She has on board the Dutch, Belgian and German ambulance corps. All these were travelling bona fide under the Red Cross. It is certainly the first time that such a corps has been detained by a hostile government. Their services were offered to the British; but were refused. We cannot help considering the action of the British as chiefly intended to prevent the German East African line from continuing its service on account of the competition against the English lines. We consider the seizures entirely illegal, and against everything that has, until now, been considered the law of nations. So far, in both the cases of the 'Bundesrath,' and that of the 'General,' the only representations made by Great Britain consist in the allegation that they were 'suspected of carrying contraband.' The directors of the line have not the least doubt that they have no contraband on board. Every precaution was taken, going so far as to even discharge at Port Said and Der Es-Salam articles of war shipped on our steamers previous to the outbreak of hostilities.

'Regarding the passengers, many of them are known to us as regular patrons of the line. It was known that others intended to go to the Transvaal, and, while there might be some adventurers anxious to profit by the prospects there, there was not, so far as the directors could ascertain, one passenger travelling to the Transvaal to serve in its army.'

Herr Woermann is not only a large ship owner, but one of the largest German investors in the East African possessions. He is a personal friend of the Emperor William, and is generally understood to be carrying out Imperial wishes in regard to the African colonization and commerce.

KURUMAN EVACUATED.

POSITION WAS AN UNIMPORTANT ONE.

Pretoria, Thursday, Jan. 4 (via Lorenzo Marquez).—Field Cornet Visser, under date of Tuesday, Jan. 2, reports as follows: 'Kuruman, British Bechuanaland; I commenced a bombardment of Kuruman yesterday (Monday) morning, aiming at the police barracks. The fight lasted until six in the evening, when the garrison surrendered, issuing from the forts, and yielding up arms.

'We took a hundred and twenty prisoners, including Captain Bates and Captain Dennison, Mr. Hilliard, the magistrate, and eight other officers. We also captured seventy natives, together with a number of rifles and revolvers and a quantity of ammunition.

'Fifteen British were wounded. They are being attended by us, with the help of Dr. Bourne, an English physician.

'The horses, oxen, mealies and flour taken from the prisoners have been sent to Pretoria, by way of Vryburg.'

[Kuruman is an unimportant post, south of Mafeking. Its garrison was small, and its importance to the Boers will be that its surrender will relieve a force for service at other places.]

PLAINSMEN ON THE MOVE.

WINNIPEG CONTINGENT GIVEN A WARM SEND-OFF.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 8.—Major Williams and his contingent of mounted infantry, consisting of eighty men, received a splendid send-off this morning by the citizens of Winnipeg. As early as half-past eight people began to gather on the platform of the station, although the train did not leave till almost ten a.m. The soldiers left the barracks at nine a.m., led by the 9th band. Col. Ruttan, Capt. Ducharme and other officers also paraded. The route was lined on both sides of the streets, and the progress of the men could be told by the ringing cheers, which were almost continuous. The crowd at the station caused some difficulty in getting the men aboard, but they finally managed to reach the cars, and the train pulled out amid the cheers and blessings of the crowd. Several members of the Regina contingent were on board, and received many hearty cheers as they stood on the car step in their natty costumes.

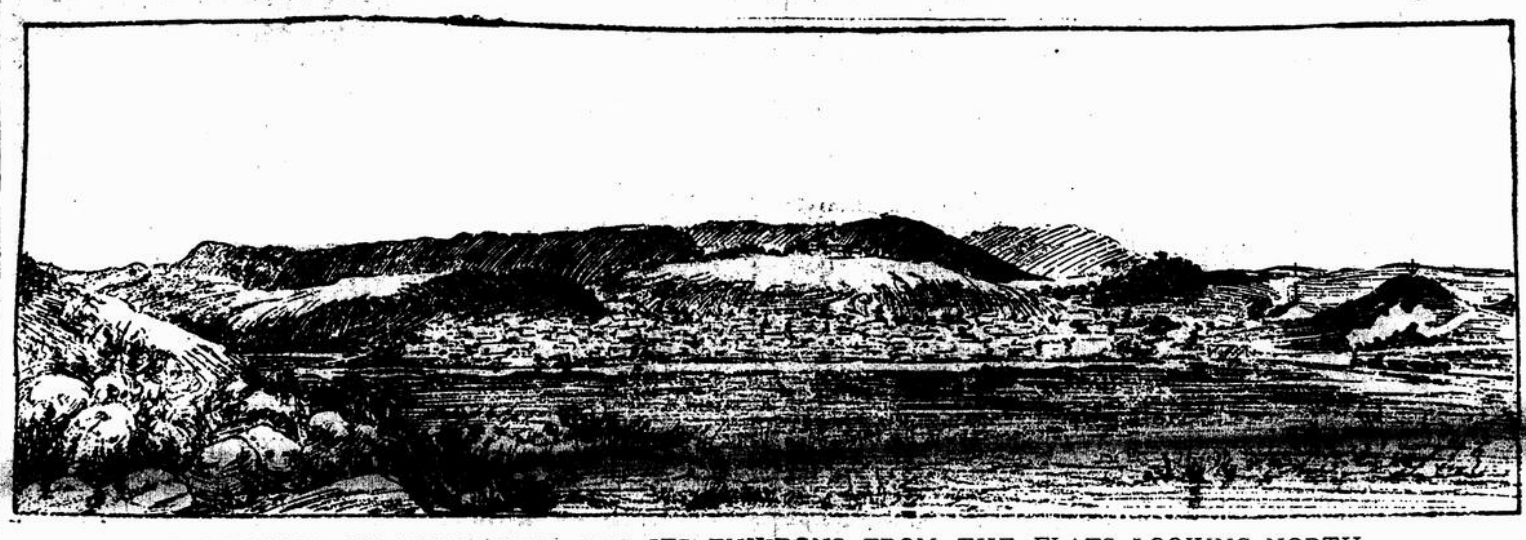
SHOT THE GUIDE.

London, Jan. 8.—A private of the Irish Rifles who fought at Stormerg, in a letter to his home, says that when General Gatacre saw the position the guide had led the troops into he shot the guide dead with his own revolver.

'MONTEZUMA' TO BE FUMIGATED.

Mr. A. E. Cook, of the Elder, Dempster Steamship Company, speaking this morning to a 'Witness' reporter, anent the typhoid fever outbreak on board the 'Montezuma,' now being fitted at Halifax for the transportation of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, stated that the health authorities had made a thorough examination of the vessel, and had ordered certain precautions to be taken, such as a thorough fumigation of the ship's quarters, the emptying of ballast and drinking tanks and the refilling of them with fresh water, also the painting anew the men's apartments, wherein the fever was supposed to have originated. All these orders will be carefully carried out.

At present, remarked Mr. Cook, some two hundred workmen are busily engaged in fitting up the boat into suitable quarters for receiving the Canadian troops, for transport to South Africa. The origin of the disease is still a mystery.



PANORAMA OF LADYSMITH AND ITS ENVIRONS FROM THE FLATS LOOKING NORTH.

SUBURBAN ELECTIONS.

Many Councillors Returned Without Opposition.

A CONTEST AT OUTREMONT—LIST OF NOMINATIONS.

This was nomination day in a number of suburban municipalities. In general, however, there was but little interest manifested in the proceedings, and in only one or two cases will there be any opposition. In nearly every case the retiring councillors were re-elected by acclamation, a notable exception being Outremont. Polling, where there is opposition will take place Monday, Jan. 15. Following are the nominations:—

WESTMOUNT.

There was little or no excitement in connection with the Westmount Council nominations. All the retiring councillors were re-elected without opposition, as follows: Ward No. 1, Councillor J. H. Redfern; Ward No. 2, Councillor W. M. Knowles; Ward No. 3, Councillor H. Lawlor; Ward No. 4, Councillor A. McIntosh.

In addition to the above nominations were also received for library trustees. There being no opposition, Mr. D. W. Ross, the retiring trustee, was re-elected.

ST. HENRI.

The nominations passed off very quietly in St. Henri. All the retiring councillors were re-elected by acclamation, as well as the Mayor. Following is the list: St. James Ward, Councillor Joseph Villeneuve; St. Henri Ward, Councillor W. Labreche; St. Antoine Ward, Councillor N. Lavoie; St. Augustin Ward, Councillor Robidoux. Mayor, Mr. Eugene Guay.

STE. CUNEGONDE.

The only retiring councillor in Ste. Cunegonde was Councillor J. A. Montbriant, representative for West Ward. There was no opposition and he was in consequence re-elected this morning.

POLLING AT DELORIMIER.

Five candidates were nominated this morning: Councillors T. Bedard and H. Benoit, who are seeking re-election, also Messrs. Octave Peltier, Louis Latour and Joseph Mercure.

A poll was demanded by Louis Therrien, Geo. Jeffreys, Joseph Mathieu and others.

The secretary-treasurer said the code provided that the voting take place during the day of the nomination and the folowing day. He said the code authorized a secret ballot, declared the vote would be by secret ballot and ordered the room to be cleared.

Mr. Beaubien, advocate, representing Councillor Bedard, strongly objected, and asked that the election be made by a public vote.

A protest was then presented by Mr. Proulx, N.P., against the nomination of Mr. Louis Latour, alleging that he was not qualified, but the secretary would not receive the service of the protest as the hour had expired.

The poll was then declared open and the room having been cleared the voting went on by secret ballot, amidst much wrangling by the lawyers over the swearing of the voters.

VERDUN.

At Verdun the following retiring councillors were all re-elected by acclamation: Messrs. Joseph Rielle, Joseph Brault, Henry Hadley.

ST. PAUL.

At St. Paul, formerly known as Cote St. Paul, this morning nominations were received for two vacancies in the council.

Messrs. Jos. Dunn (North Ward) and J. O. Terrier (Central War) were elected without opposition.

OUTREMONT.

The nominations for councillors at Outremont show that there will be a struggle in the north ward only between Messrs. Eugene Brunet and J. P. Levecque, whose nominations were received this morning by the secretary, Mr. J. Kruse. Messrs. W. W. Dunlop (West Ward) and T. J. Gorman (South Ward) were elected by acclamation. The polling in the North Ward will take place next Monday.

ST. LOUIS.

The nominations for the council of Ville St. Louis will take place on the last Monday in January. So far as known the candidates will be as follows:—Councillor Goyer will stand for West Ward; Councillor Martel for Centre Ward, and Councillor Brunet, for East Ward.

LACHINE.

At Lachine the nomination takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 10, and the polling on Jan. 15. Mayor Jos. A. Decarries seeks re-election. The election takes place under the new [illegible] ward an additional councillor. The following are the candidates: East Ward, Councillor Henri Schetagne, Messrs. L. Douillet and L. Gareau; Centre Ward, Councillor A. Leclaire, Messrs. A. Allard and A. Martin; West Ward, Councillor Rathwell and Mr. Andrew Dawes.

OTHER NOMINATIONS.

Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 8.—A meeting of electors of this city was held at the City Hall, this morning, presided over by Mayor H. R. Fraser, to nominate candidates for the position of Mayor for the ensuing year; also councillors to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the term of office of Councillors Jenckes and Cate of the Centre Ward, and of Councillor Hebert of the East Ward, who is a candidate for mayor. At ten o'clock Mayor Fraser called the meeting to order, and explained its object, after which he said he was prepared to receive nominations for the different vacancies. During the hour allotted for receiving nominations a number of the councillors gave a resumé of the year's work, which showed the city to be in a prosperous condition. At the expiration of the hour the chairman said he had received two nominations for mayor, that of Councillor Belanger and Councillor Hebert, and also two nominations for the East Ward, Messrs. W. Murray and J. H. D. Coderre. As there had been no opposition offered to Councillors Jenckes and Cate, he declared them elected by acclamation. A poll will be held on Monday next for the election of Mayor and councillors in East Ward.

Hudson, Que., Jan. 8.—Councillors elected—H. W. Thompson, Chas. Leger.

River David, Que., Jan. 8.—Hormidas Lebrun and Joseph Lauzon were elected councillors to-day by acclamation.

PLAGUE IN HONOLULU.

NATIONAL GUARD KEEPS WATCH OVER THE INFECTED DISTRICT.

San Francisco, Ca., Jan. 8.—A letter from Honolulu dated Dec. 30, says: 'The curious spectacle is presented here of a revival of the shot-gun quarantine round the plague infected districts, while sanitary measures and disinfection have been practically abandoned. The Board of Health called out the National Guards three days after Christmas because of the discovery of five new cases of plague, two of which proved fatal. It is now paying a thousand dollars a day for this protection and the result of this strict guard is demoralizing and many poor Chinese and Japanese, who worked in the American quarter, are starving.

The cordon drawn around the Asiatic district includes many of the leading Chinese and Japanese dealers, who live in sanitary fashion, and who are making a strong protest against needless hardships to which they are subjected. The original method of fumigating all Oriental merchandise imported has been abandoned, and much of this unfumigated freight is handled by Hawaiians. There have been seventeen known cases of bubonic plague in Honolulu to date. There have been a number of other deaths, which were probably plague cases, but the Board of Health has not officially so declared them. Passenger traffic between the islands is practically at a standstill. The inter-island steamship companies refuse to take passengers on account of the onerous quarantine conditions imposed. Fumigated freight is accepted, but is loaded and discharged from lighters away from the wharves.

FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, Jan. 8, 11 a.m.—The following are the maximum and minimum temperatures: Kaloops, 42, 30; Calgary, 20, 10; Qu'Appelle, 18, 14; Winnipeg, 12, 6; Port Arthur, 36, 4; Parry Sound 42, 8; Toronto, 44, 22; Ottawa, 38, 10; Montreal, 38, 18; Quebec, 30, 18; Halifax, 34, 24. Fair and cold to-day, and on Tuesday.

1640 and 1642, Notre Dame st., Montreal, Jan. 8, 1900—Readings by Hearn & Harrison's Standard Barometer at noon

To-day, 30.30; yesterday, 29.76

Temperature.	Max.	min.
To-day	18	16
Yesterday	36	18

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Notices of births, marriages and deaths must invariably be endorsed with the name and address of the sender, or otherwise no notice can be taken of them. Birth notices are inserted for 25c, marriage notices for 50c, death notices for 25c prepaid. The announcement of funeral appended to death notice, 25c extra; other extension to obituary, such as short sketch of life, two cents per word extra, except poetry, which is 50 cents per line extra—prepaid.

Annual subscribers may have announcements of births, marriages and deaths (without extended obituary or verses) occurring in their immediate families, free of charge, in which case name and address of subscribers should be given.

BIRTHS.

BENNIE—At 19 Brandon avenue, on Sunday, Dec. 31, 1899, a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bennie. 6

MUSSELL—At 255 Elgin avenue, Westmount, on Dec. 28, 1899, the wife of C. G. Mussell, of a daughter. 6

PICOTTE.—On Jan. 5, 1900, at 719 St. Catherine street, the wife of J. A. Picotte, druggist, of a son. 8

WALFORD—On Jan. 5, 1900, at 42 Waverly street, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Walford. 6

MARRIED.

COLLINS—GORDON—On Jan. 4, 1900, at the residence of the Rev. A. W. McKay, George H. A. Collins, to Jennie A., daughter of Thomas Gordon, both of Cummings' Bridge. 6

CROSS—LYNDE—On Monday, Jan. 1, 1900, at the home of the bride's parents, Magoc, Ont., by the Rev. E. W. Mackay, Charles W. Cross, barrister, of Edmonton, N.W.T., to Annie L. Lynde. 6

DUNLOP—SOMERS.—At the residence of the bride's parents, 173 Logan avenue, Toronto, on Jan. 3, 1900, Lizzie, youngest daughter of John Somers, to George Rolston Dunlop, of Chicago. 8

HAMBLY—WOODS.—At the residence of W. E. Barley, Esq., 357 Cumberland street, Winnipeg, Man., on Dec. 27, 1899, by the Rev. S. Cleaver, of Grace Church, Edwin R. Hambly, to Emma J., eldest daughter of the late Edward Woods, Esq., of Toronto. 8

LOUTHOOD—CHARTERS.—On Dec. 25, 1899, at the parsonage, by the Rev. T. B. Hyde, Charles E. Louthood to Miss Nettie Charters, daughter of Mr. John Charters, both of Toronto. 8

MOFFITT—ROBINSON.—At Hamilton, Ont., on Jan. 3, 1900, at the residence of the bride's parents, 131 Wellington street north, by the Rev. G. K. B. Adams, Annie E., eldest daughter of William Robinson, P.S., to Thomas Henry Moffit, Toronto. 8

DIED.

BLAIR.—At Hemmingford, Que., on Jan. 3, 1900, John Blair, in the 72nd year of his age. 8

BROWN.—In this city, on Jan. 6, 1900, of pneumonia, Ruby Marion, infant daughter of Wm. C. Brown, aged 4 months. Funeral Private. 8

BROWN—On Sunday, Jan. 7, 1900, Margaret Louise, aged 18 years and 3 months, beloved daughter of James Brown. Funeral from her father's residence, 50 Park avenue, St. Henri, to St. Simon's Church, to-morrow (Tuesday), Jan. 9, at 3 o'clock p.m. Friends will please accept this intimation. 8

CLELAND.—At Lachute, on Wednesday, Jan. 3, Elizabeth A. Sims, wife of Hugh Cleland, sr., aged 80 years, 6 months and 3 days. 8

COWIE.—In this city on Jan. 6, 1900, Mary Brinagan, widow of the late William Cowie, aged 80 years. Funeral on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at 3 p.m., from the residence of her son-in-law, Albert Lawson, 1097 Cadieux street. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. 8

CRAWFORD—At Chalk River, on Jan. 3, 1900, Annie Crawford, beloved wife of R. J. Crawford, of Ottawa.

DUNSFORD.—At Beehive Cottage, Peterborough, Ont., on Jan. 4, 1900, George Dunsford, Esq., aged 78. 8

GRABURN—On Jan. 4, 1900, at 120 Third avenue, Ottawa, Alice Elsie, infant daughter of H. E. Graburn, aged 7 months. 6

GRAY—On Jan. 3, 1900, at the residence of her son, Charles L. Gray, 227 Markham street, Toronto, Sarah Jeffers, in her 75th year, widow of the late Major Thomas Gray. 6

HELLIWELL.—At Chicago, on Jan. 3, 1900, Gordon W. Helliwell, aged 60, son of the late Thomas Helliwell, Toronto. 8

MACDONALD. — At Port Morien, Mill Brook, on Dec. 2, 1899, Hugh Macdonald, aged 87 years, 7 months, a native of North Uist, Scotland. 8

MASSON.—On New Year's morning, 1900, at his late residence, 365 Wellington street, Ottawa, Andrew Masson, a native of Nairnshire, Scotland, in the 74th year of his age. 'Scottish American' please copy. 8

MOSS.—At St. Louis, Mo., on Jan. 4, 1900, Robert Sullivan Moss, barrister-at-law, eldest son of the late Hon. Thomas Moss, of Toronto. 8

PHELPS—At Streetsville, Ont., on Jan. 4, 1900, Noah Phelps, president of Grimsby Park. 6

RICHARDSON.—In this city, on Jan. 5, 1900, Jane Swinburn, wife of the late E. H. Richardson, aged 89 years and 9 months. Funeral will leave the residence of her son-in-law, James McLeod, 102 Hypolite street, on Monday, at 2.30 p.m., Jan. 8. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. Ottawa papers please copy. 5

ROBERTSON.—At Toronto, on Jan. 4, 1900, Elizabeth C., wife of Alexander Robertson, and eldest daughter of the late William Tempest, M.D. 8

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JANUARY CHEAP SALE.

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For Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

At prices that include the making, laying and lining. This annual offer in carpets has been greatly appreciated in the past and it is expected that hundreds of housekeepers will take advantage in the days that it will hold good. Extra preparations have been made to meet the extraordinary demand which will surely follow this announcement. Special carpet salesmen will be in attendance. Carpet-sewing staff increased. Special vans for delivering carpets only. Facilities and stocks sufficient to execute all orders at once, no matter how large they may be. This special offer will continue on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Remember, at prices that include the making, laying and lining.

OFFER No. 1

5,000 yards of Tapestry Carpets, the best make, with rich borders, all of the newest designs and choicest colorings, goods that regular carpet dealers sell at 75c per yard, our cut price for this week only, in cluding making, laying and lining, only 57c per yard.

OFFER No. 2.

2,000 yards of Fine Brussels Carpets, all of recent importation, in all the latest designs, with handsome borders to match, goods that are being sold to-day by carpet dealers at $1.15 per yard. Our cut price for this week only, including making laying and lining, only 88c per yard.

January Fire Zone on Curtains

THE FIRE ZONE of The Big Store January Sale to-morrow is directed on the HOUSE FURNISHING DEPARTMENT, where hundred of pairs of beautiful curtains, amongst them being pretty Irish Points, Curious Orientals, Rich Chenille, Standard Madras, Recherche and Real Guipures are marked at one-third, and in many cases one-half of the price they sold at last week. A better opportunity for fitting up a snug library or parlor, also refurnishing of clubs or offices, could not offer itself, especially as these goods are still advancing in price and it is certain that spring prices will show an advance of fully thirty per-cent above these askings.

FURNITURE PRICES.

Every article in the furniture store to be sold during January at reduced prices.

10 Bedroom Sets of three pieces, full size bed combination, washstand, German bevelled mirror, nicely carved and well finished, regular, $14.50; sale price, $11.80.

20 Student Chairs, upholstered in fancy coverings of different patterns, a good comfortable and cosy chair, regular, $5; sale price, $3.25.

50 Parlor Tables, fancy shaped top and undershelf, shaped legs, strong and well made, regular, $1.25; sale price, 86c.

REDUCED PRICE FOR CURTAINS.

Here are a few of the special prices for January:

White Real Irish Point Lace Curtains, full length, original price, $25.00; sale price, $12.50.

White Oriental Lace Curtains, pretty patterns, original price, $20; sale price, $10.50 pair.

White Real Guipure Curtains, handsome design, original price, $15.00; sale price, 11.95 pair.

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DE PACHMAN COMING.

The greatest Chopin player of the day, Vladimir De Pachmann, the wonderful pianist, will be heard in Montreal on the evening of Feb. 2, at Windsor Hall. At his first appearance at the Worcester festival, in company even with such great singers as Mme. Sembrich, he carried off the honors of the programme. James Huneker, the critic of the 'Musical Courier,' says of him: 'The caressing beauty of his touch, its rich singing quality, was happily exhibited in the larghetto, which was played with a poetical spirit and variety of shading well nigh incredible. It was legitimate piano playing, the instrument yielding up its utmost toll of tone, and sounding at times like a miraculously attuned Aeolian harp.'

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Discounts on Dress Skirts, 20 percent,
Discount on Under Skirts, 20 percent.
Discount on Silk or Stuff Blouses, 20 percent.
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—MONTREAL—

OBITUARY.

A SON OF THE HON. A. G. BLAIR DEAD—OTHER DEATHS.

Newburgh, N.Y., Jan. 8.—The Rev. Dr. Edward McGlynn, rector of St. Mary's Church, died at the rectory at 5.20 yesterday afternoon, after an illness of about seven weeks. Death was due to heart failure, superinduced by Bright's disease. The citizens of the place were preparing a testimonial for Dr. McGlynn, who celebrated his first mass in St. Mary's Church on New Year's Day, 1895, and who had been in the ministry forty years. People of all denominations were to have united in honoring the priest, and a purse was to have been presented to him. He was beloved by the Newburgh people, and they proposed to thus show their affection for him. Prayers had been offered in both Protestant and Catholic churches for his recovery. Dr. McGlynn was 62 years old last September. When he was stricken he was robust and of fine physique, but he became greatly emaciated by his long illness.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Mr. Lewis Blair, second son of the Hon. A. G. Blair, died suddenly last night at ten o'clock at his father's residence here. Mr. Blair was in poor health, but death was not looked for. The young man, who was about 22 years of age, was engaged as an analyst in the Trail, B.C., smelter, with Mr. Heinze, and went with that gentleman to Butte, Montana. There he was taken ill, and came to Ottawa some weeks ago, but although somewhat delicate in health, it was not expected that his illness would have a fatal termination. He dined at home last evening, and shortly after was taken with a fit of coughing, which terminated fatally. The death is particularly sad from the fact that the Hon. Mr. Blair was leaving for St. John, N.B., to-day, and his family was to have accompanied him to attend the wedding of his eldest son, which was fixed for Wednesday.

Whitby, Ont., Jan. 8.—Mr. Philip B. Whitfield, one of the oldest citizens of Whitby, died on Saturday afternoon. He leaves one son, Mr. A. G. Whitfield, who represents Messrs. Kerry, Watson & Co., of Montreal, and one daughter. Mr. Whitfield was a prominent member of the Methodist Church, and a life-long Liberal.

Another old resident of Whitby passed away yesterday in the person of Mrs. Dow, widow of John Dow, of Glen D'hu. She was a daughter of the late Mr. John C. Ball, of Niagara, and her brother, the late Mr. B. F. Ball, barrister, was the first clerk of the peace of the County of Ontario.

Newport, Vermont, Jan. 8.—Colonel John A. Prouty, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Newport, is dead, at his home here, after a long illness.

Toronto, Jan. 8. — The 'Evening Telegram's' special cable from London, on Jan. 6, says: Mr. John Lane, of Torquay, the Masonic statistician, is dead. Mr. Lane was the author of the well known Masonic records, a book that involved ten years of steady labor, which is one of the most valuable books in the world, in connection with the records of Freemasonry.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—The death of Mr. Robt. Moss, thirty-four years of age, son of the late Chief Justice Moss, of Ontario, is announced from St. Louis. Mr. Moss was a lawyer, and for some years before going to St. Louis practiced his profession in this city.

NOTES AND NOTICES.

Commencing Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1900, the Maritime Express will leave at 11.30 a.m., instead of 7.30 p.m. Intercolonial Railway.

The Daily Witness.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, JAN. 8.

MANITOBA POLITICS.

MR. GREENWAY HANDS OVER THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT TO HIS SUCCESSOR.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 8.—The resignation of the Hon. Thos. Greenway and his colleagues was handed to Governor Patterson on Saturday night. Mr. Greenway, in his letter of resignation, recommends that Mr. Hugh John Macdonald be called upon to organize a ministry. His Honor has made an appointment with Mr. Macdonald for to-day.

It is stated that Messrs. Roblin, Campbell, Davidson and Johnston will be asked to join Mr. Macdonald's cabinet.

Mr. McFadden, member for Emerson, will probably be Speaker of the new House.

Mr. Greenway became Premier of Manitoba in January, 1888, after the collapse of the short-lived Harrison Government. His administration was sustained in the general elections of 1892 and 1896, but met defeat on Dec. 7 last.

Mr. Greenway's ministry was composed as follows:—

The Hon. Thomas Greenway, Premier, President of the Council and Commissioner of Agriculture and Immigration and Railway Commissioner.

The Hon. Robert Watson, Commissioner of Public Works.

The Hon. John D Cameron, Attorney-General and Lands Commissioner.

The Hon. Daniel H. McMillan, Provincial Treasurer.

The Hon. Charles J. Mickle, Provincial Secretary and Municipal Commissioner.

A CHICAGO BATTLE.

A HUNDRED BOYS ENGAGE IN A FIERCE BATTLE.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Little Charles Hosworth tooted a tin horn yesterday afternoon on the prairie at Western and Wabansia avenues, and immediately a hundred boys sprang 'to arms,' at the improvised bugle-call. A great battle had been arranged, and the two armies of fifty boys each, advanced toward each other in military fashion. A neighborhood feud had started the matter, and, under the truce of a white flag the boys had agreed to fight the 'battle of San Juan hill.' Many of the boys had rifles and shot guns, most of them unloaded, fortunately. Those who could not get guns, had brooms or sticks. Some of the boys had revolvers. The two armies threw themselves upon each other with a fury little short of a real engagement. While the battle raged the patrol waggon from the police station came tearing to the scene. Big policemen charged the combined 'American' and 'Spanish' forces, and when the smoke and dust had lifted the fleeing forms of the youthful warriors could be seen disappearing toward all points of the compass. On the battlefield, wounded and moaning, lay several boys. The worst injured was Jerry Johnson, 11 years of age, and a 'Spanish officer,' who was shot in the back. The 'Spanish commander,' General Artie Standt, had a bullet wound in his left leg. Others who had slighter injuries, were taken to their homes. Later, the police arrested Emil Gustafson, aged 15, who, they said, fired the bullets which hit the two 'Spanish officers.'

HAS WITHDRAWN ITS RATES.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—The Grand Trunk has withdrawn all rates from points on its line and points on its connecting lines to points on the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway. In future from Grand Trunk points shippers will be charged local rates on the Grand Trunk to Hamilton or Brantford, as the case may be, and will then have to pay local rates over the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway. This means that shippers from non-competitive points may have to pay from three to four cents per hundred pounds on their goods. A new tariff has also been put into effect by the Grand Trunk on wood ashes for fertilizing purposes from points on its line to Boston and Portland and points taking the same rates in connection with the Boston & Maine, the Central Vermont and the Fitchburg railways. The old tariff had a maximum rate of twenty cents per hundred pounds, so the new one may be considered a reduction. These are as follows: From Kingston to Trenton, inclusive, seventeen cents; Brighton to York, inclusive, Agincourt to Corbyville, including Whitby and Port Hope branches, also Lakefield and Madoc, eighteen cents; Toronto, Toronto Junction, Davenport, Swansea, Mimico and New Toronto, eighteen and a half cents.

MEAT FAMINE IN LONDON.

London, Jan. 5.—Owing to the withdrawal of the trans-atlantic liners for use as transports and the consequent non-arrival of American meat, the butchers here have the utmost difficulty in procuring supplies, and are advancing prices twopence to threepence per pound.

OGILVY'S

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Leather Belts, 25 percent and 10 percent off extra for cash.
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Buckles, 50 percent off and 10 percent off extra for cash.
Purses, 20 percent off and 10 percent off extra for cash.
Sash Belts with Fancy Buckles, 25 percent off with 10 percent off extra for cash.
Corsets, a line of C.P. Corsets, were $3.25 pair, now $1.00 pair, less 10 percent off extra for cash.

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THE ELEMENTS OF BEAUTY.

One of the chief elements in beauty is the skin. The healthy woman's skin ought to be white, with a rosy glow; a yellow or bluish tint is an indication of disease or of anaemia, at least.

The perfect mouth has neither too full nor too thin lips, and the upper lip is neither too short nor too long. The very short lips of the English are the result chiefly of heredity, the dressing of the mother, and peculiar nourishment. It is caused by the shape of the lower jaw, and the length of the bone from the mouth to the nose.

We speak of a large or small eye, but the fact is that all eyes are the same size, and the difference lies only in the opening of the lids to a greater or less extent, The disposition of the person, and intelligence have much to do with the control of the eyelids and the brilliancy of that most attractive feature of the human face.

The regularly-formed well-moulded ear is no small addition to the symmetry of the head, and generally the defects lie in the too great development of the ear muscle. Exactly how this can be influenced is not yet ascertained, as it might be.

The important question of the color of eyes and hair is a matter of temperament, and, therefore, of heredity, for they go back to the pigment which is found in the lymph of the body, and this is affected by the character of the person and of her ancestors.

The best foods for all persons, as well as for mothers, are meat, eggs and milk, and though potatoes and bread may be used as accompaniments of this proper diet, they can never serve as substitutes therefor, except at the expense of the bodies

Every woman would like to be possessed of a beautiful neck and shoulders, and nothing depends more entirely upon herself and those who train her as a girl. The carriage of the body and the shape of the well-moulded neck and bust, which are to retain their beauty almost as long as the woman lives, are a result of the development of the muscles of the back, breast and shoulders.

The current idea that a small hand is the only beautiful hand is not borne out by the best canon of proportions. The real beauty of the hand lies in its shape. Its length should be one-ninth the height of the body. The best shaped hand has fingers that taper gradually, with well-curved nails, longer than they are broad. A line drawn from the top of the bone of the upper arm, should reach the end of the first finger when the arm is turned with the palm backward, and the same length of line should extend to the end of the third finger when the arm is turned with the palm outward. This test is intended to show that the bones have not become too thick or out of proportion.

Perhaps the rarest perfect feature among civilized women is the perfect foot. The cause of so many ugly feet is directly traceable to faulty shoes. The Javanese woman has a perfect foot because she never wore a shoe, and even though her foot may not be quite so small as some of those who cramp their toes into a number two, it conforms far better to the idea of art, as well as of nature.

The second toe ought to extend beyond the great toe, but tight shoes cramp it and make it shorter. The perfect foot ought to have so high an instep that when set on the ground a little bird could sit under the inner side. That painful and deforming affliction, flat-footedness, is the result of nothing except cramping shoes. If the foot be dipped in water and set lightly on the bare floor, it should leave an impression like figure A, but generally it leaves impressions at least as faulty as B, if not as bad as C or D.

RULES FOR THE BODY.

The child must wear loose garments, permitting free movement, for, if the child cannot play freely and happily, it will not develop muscularly as nature would have it.

Do not force the child to walk too early. If it is strong enough it will be willing to go, but if forced the result will be weak knees. Lazy children are generally weak children. As the child grows it needs rest more than an adult. It is well to insist upon a child sitting up straight, but to give it stools to sit on instead of chairs, so as to force obedience, is a sin which the child revenges by forming a round back.

Nourishing food, fresh air and plenty of sleep are to the lungs and nerves what loose garments and free movements are to the bones and muscles.

Care for the skin by a free use of soap and water every day, without any of the feminine powders and cosmetics too early forced upon children. It is true that dirty children may look pretty at times, but the functions of the skin are so important that unless it is cared for beauty must soon fade.

A CLEVER CAPTURE.

ALD. DUPRE'S RESIDENCE ENTERED BY BURGLARS.

About one o'clock yesterday morning Detective Wm. Suthergill noticed two suspicious-looking men walking down St. Dominique street, carrying bundles. Finally they entered a dark lane, apparently to hide their parcels. The detective telephoned for assistance and detective Landriault was sent, and together they very soon placed the two suspects under arrest. One of them, who gave the name of Joseph Brière, showed fight, but he was secured without much trouble, and a cab being called, both were hurried off to the Central Police Station. Upon their persons were found several small articles of silverware, but, at first, they denied that they had committed any theft. After some conversation, however, one of them, who gave the name of Alfred Levesque, admitted that a house had been forcibly entered by them and he finally consented to accompany the officers to the places where the accused had hidden the valuables. At four different places, on St. Dominique, St. Agathe, Sherbrooke and Dumarais streets, articles were found to the total value of about four hundred dollars.

The articles stolen included cutlery, a silver teapot, sugar-bowl, milk pitcher, silver plate, opera glasses, rings and jewellery, of all kinds.

It was confessed in the course of conversation that the articles were stolen from the residence of Ald. Dupré, No. 242, Sherbrooke street. When the detectives visited the place they found the house vacant, Ald. Dupré and family being away visiting relatives at Verchères. A watch was put on the place; but no one else visited it for the purpose of theft.

VICTORIA L. O. L., NO. 350.

On Saturday evening the regular meeting of Victoria L. O. L., No. 350, took place in the Orange Hall, St. Catherine street. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren. One candidate was initiated, the son of one of the members of the lodge, who joined the battery, and is proceeding to South Africa with the second contingent. At the conclusion of business a fraternal official visit was paid to the lodge by the County Lodge officials, who were entertained at a supper by the members of Victoria Lodge. A pleasant evening was spent and a hearty god-speed was wished to the newly-initiated member who was going to South Africa.

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY.

During the week ending Jan. 6 last, there were 147 permanent inmates at the country house in connection with the Protestant House of Industry and Refuge, and 30 permanent inmates at the George Moore Memorial Home.

In the course of the same period 564 night lodgings were given at the Refuge on Dorchester street, the same being a decrease of 361, as compared with the number of lodgings given during the corresponding week of last year.

The visiting governors for the present week to the House of Industy and to the Homes at Longue Pointe, are Messrs. David Morrice and A. A. Ayer.

NOTES AND NOTICES.

The Wonderful Piano Player.—No matter what the time or style of the selection, it is within the power of the Angelus to render it. One's own interpretation may be given to the composition. There is no sinking of one's individuality—the performer becomes the master, not the slave. Layton Bros., Sole Agents, 144 Peel street, (Opposite Dominion square).

TRANSVAAL WAR.

THE BISHOP OF PRETORIA'S EXPERIENCES.

The bishop of Pretoria, Dr. Bousfield, was summarily ordered from his home and from the Transvaal by Kruger. It was a fearful trip for the aged prelate to make from Pretoria to Delagoa Bay in in open coal car. But he says he had to get away somehow. He continues: 'No Uitlander is permitted to remain in the Transvaal without a permit. People found there without permits are condemned to 25 lashes and three months' imprisonment. As the Uitlanders leave their property is commandeered or stolen by the Boers. The savagery of the Boer to-day is worse than it was before the war broke out. It makes any Christian man's blood boil when he reflects that these wretches first rob their victims and then actually apply the lash to them because they are British subjects.'

WHY BULLER'S PLAN WAS CHANGED.

Gen. Buller went to South Africa with fixed intention—in which the British Government concurred—of abandoning Ladysmith, leaving the British garrison there to the mercy of the Boers, he himself marching in force direct upon Bloemfontein and Pretoria, relieving Kimberley en route. Nobody then believed that Ladysmith could hold out beyond the end of the year, but Buller had not been at the Cape many days before he cabled the British ministry announcing the change of policy, largely, no doubt, because of the bad effect upon the Cape Dutch and the natives of such a Boer triumph as the surrender of Ladysmith would appear to be. The ministry replied in effect: 'Sorry, but do as you think best.'

It was this general concentration of Gen. Buller upon Natal, and not a mere incident of the Tugela river reverse, that decided the cabinet to send out Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener to direct the campaign as a whole from Capetown.

DID NOT KNOW HER WITH WHISKERS.

The Natal 'Witness' tells a story of how the captain in a regiment in Natal, when paying his company the other week, chanced to give a man a Transvaal half-crown, which, as one would naturally expect, bears the image and superscription of President Kruger. The man brought the coin back to the pay-table, and said it was a bad half-crown. The officer took the coin, and without looking at it rang it on the table, and then remarked: 'It sounds all right, Atkins; what's wrong with it?' 'You look at it, sir,' was the reply. The captain glanced at the coin, saying: 'It's all right, man; it will pass in the canteen.' This apparently satisfied Atkins, who walked off, making the remark: 'If you say it's a' right, sir, it's a' right; but it's the first time I've seed the Queen wi' whiskers on.'

HOW BOER TRAPS ARE PREPARED.

An 'Afrikander,' in the Paris 'Matin,' writes: 'Just you wait until after the capitulation of Ladysmith and Kimberley, and then you will see. Until the British adopt our way of fighting they will never be able to do anything against us, and we are firmly convinced that they will be killed or captured to a man before forcing us back over our own border. They little know what January has in store for them. We have no more fear of Roberts or Kitchener than we have of Buller or Methuen. They only make two generals more. We shall hasten to capture Ladysmith and Kimberley before they arrive, and then we shall have our hands free to deal with them each in turn as we did with Methuen and Buller. What the Boers do is to secretly and rapidly change their positions after the British scouts have passed, and to mass in force in spots that were previously unoccupied. The result is the British columns inevitably walk into the trap and find themselves met with a murderous fire where they thought there was nobody.'

A BRITISH SERGEANT ON THE BOERS.

Sergeant Saunderson, with Lord Methuen's force, was in the battles of Belmont and Graspan. Writing from Honey Nest Kloof to his relatives in Hartlepool he says:

'People can say what they like about Boers being good fighters, but I consider them a lot of cowards. As soon as they are driven from the hills on to the plains, and our men make a charge at them, they won't stand and fight, but simply show the flag of truce until they have gained another substantial position, and then they will commence firing on you, as usual, shooting officers and men.'

HOW SIR REDVERS BULLER WAS DECEIVED.

A correspondent of the Manchester 'Guardian' says that Sir Redvers Buller was probably induced to adopt the plan of a frontal attack by the fact that the Boers had not answered our artillery for two days, and appeared to be few in numbers. The elaborate earthworks which they had constructed on the ridges probably did not mark the real position they occupied. The heaviest fire came from the bed of the river. Our bombardment of the ridges was terrific, but possibly it did not inflict a proportionate loss on the enemy. The coolness with which the enemy lay quiet under the tremendous fire was amazing. They waited till exactly the right moment, and their defence is one of the most notable of modern times for the skill, courage, and judgment displayed. There was an extraordinary contrast between the Boers, who were almost invisible, and the British troops marching conspicuously across absolutely open country.

HOW THE UITLANDERS WERE TAXED.

The following statistics show to what an extent the Uitlander has been taxed by the Transvaal Government:

Supposing his business was the importation into the Transvaal of any of the following articles, he would have to pay, first of all, a customs tariff on beer of 73 cents per gallon; butter, $1.21 for every hundred pounds; cheese, the same; coffee, 50 cents per hundred pounds; gunpowder, 73 cents per pound; dynamite, $14.58 per case; guns, $2.45 for every barrel, with $1.21½ per hundred for cartridges; ironware, machinery, jewellery, preserved meats, vegetables and fresh fruits were charged an indiscriminate 7½ percent ad valorem duty; common soap, $1.12½ per hundred pounds; toilet soap, $2.43 for a similar quantity; spirits, when from neighboring states $1.46 per gallon, but when from outside South Africa, $2.43, and if over proof, $4.85 per gallon.

THE BOER PONIES.

The celebrated Boer ponies have the blood of the Basuto pony in them, and the Basuto pony is a pure bred Scotchman. He is not even a half caste. There were no horses or ponies in Basutoland until 1840, when a butcher in Grahamstown named Cawood imported from Scotland a number of Shetland ponies. A lot of them were lost and found their way into Basutoland, where they multiplied exceedingly. They are now the pride of Basutoland and everybody rides one in that native state. You can buy one there for fifty or seventy-five dollars. They have the same little feet and long mane and tail as their Shetland ancestors, and even more of their surefootedness. They carry their rider down steep mountain sides, along sheep walks, by precipice edges, and always walk close to the brink. It is a rather nervous experience at first, but the Basuto pony never fails. Mounted on these the defeated Boer rides off before our troops and is lost among the hills, only to turn up to fight another day.

FENIAN EXPLOSIVES.

The latest phase of the Fenian scare is to the effect that the Fenians have taken to storing explosives on the Vermont border. The despatch is lamentably indefinite in that it neglects to specify whether the explosives are in bottles or just kegs.—London 'News,' Jan. 4.

THE AUTHORITIES WOULD STOP IT.

There will be no invasion of Canada from the United States. If it were attempted our authorities would make short work of such a movement. Our people are well nigh a unit in denouncing the absurd and cruel proposal to begin hostilities with a neighbor with whom we are, and mean to be always, on the best of terms.—Utica, N.Y., 'Globe.'

A BORDER VIEW.

(Huntingdon 'Gleaner,' Dec. 4.)

Canada's taking an active part in the war nettles the old Fenian rump and from far-away Omaha comes a report of projected reprisals. That the men and means could be found in the United States for raids similar to those of 1866 and 1870 is out of the question. The years that have passed since 1870 have done a silent and beneficent work in removing the old firebrands, and replacing them by sons who are Americans in spirit and deed, and who would not risk a little finger in the old feud their fathers carried from Ireland. Even were that not so, the attitude of the United States Government has changed. It was its winking at the conspiracy that enabled a force to be collected on our frontier. To-day the United States authorities would nip any such movement in the bud. There is a story of the Hibernians raising a fund to supply the Boers with a hospital ship, the use of which, seeing the Boers are many miles from the sea, is only apparent to the gentlemen who are seeking subscriptions. Any pretence used to equip a privateer from United States ports would prove disastrous to all on board.

AN IMPORTANT RULING.

CAN PROTESTANT MINISTERS BE CALLED IN CATHOLIC HOSPITALS?

The Superioress General of the Little Sisters of the Poor having recently asked the Congregation of the Holy Office whether, in the case of a non-Catholic inmate of any of their institutions wishing to have the assistance of a Protestant minister at his death-bed, the Sisters can call such minister, the following reply, already given to the Apostolic Vicar of Egypt, in 1872, was sent:—'Nuns and Catholic persons having charge of the direction and service of a hospital cannot personally interfere to secure a minister of their own religion for patients who are not Catholic, and they will do well to say so when occasion offers, but there is nothing to prevent making use of a person professing the same faith as the patient, in calling such minister. Communication in divinis, which is forbidden, is thus avoided.'

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 9.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

CHILDREN'S CHORUS.

MR. S. S. BAIN has kindly consented to conduct the Children's Chorus at the Children's Social, to be held in the Windsor Hall in the month of February, and would be pleased to meet the members of last year's chorus on TUESDAY EVENING next, the 9th instant, in St. Andrew's Home. All girls and boys desirous of joining will be made welcome.

The Ladies' Committee will meet the same evening.

CHECKER TOURNAMENT.

Competitors in this tournament are reminded that the opening games will be played in St. Andrew's Home, on MONDAY EVENING, 8th instant, commencing at 8 o'clock.

W. C. McALLISTER, Secretary.

FUTURE MEETINGS.

Notice to Shareholders

The Third Annual Meeting of THE MONTREAL LUMBER COMPANY (LIMITED), will be held on THURSDAY, the 18th inst., at TWO O'CLOCK in the afternoon, at No. 576 St. Paul street, to receive Annual Report, and transact such other business as may be necessary.

HARRY BROWN, Secretary-Treasurer.
Montreal, Jan. 6th, 1900.

MAIL FOR DAWSON.

Arrangements have been made by the Post-office Department to carry a limited number of newspapers to Dawson and Atlin during the winter season. To Dawson the quantity is limited to five hundred pounds per week, and to Atlin it is limited to three hundred pounds semi-weekly. In the event of the quantity tendered for carriage exceeding these limits, priority will be given to papers sent to subscribers or separate addresses. Regular railway communication having now been established between Skaguay and Bennett, mail matter of all classes addressed to Bennett or Log Cabin post-offices will now be transmitted from any point south.

KILLED ON THE TRACK.

Guelph, Ont., Jan. 8.—Yesterday morning about 6.20 John E. Birrell and Andrew Darby, of Mosboro, a flag station three miles west of here, were both killed by a G. T. R. train while driving over the Mosboro crossing. No one saw the accident, but both bodies were found at the side of the track. The buggy was smashed, but the horse escaped without a scratch. Mr. Birrell was about twenty-four years of age and owned one of the best farms in the section. His father lives at Greenwood, Ont. Mr. Darby was a blacksmith and a native of Mosboro. He was about thirty years of age. Both young men were unmarried.

Brighton, Ont., Jan. 8.—Mr. Robert Kitchen, of Deseronto, a brakeman on an east-bound freight train, was killed here yesterday morning at nine o'clock. It is supposed he fell between the cars. His head was severed from his body. No one saw the accident, but it was discovered very shortly after the train had passed.

GEN. GREELY ASSAULTED.

Washington, Jan. 7.—General A. W. Greely, chief signal officer of the army, and the well-known arctic explorer, lies in a serious condition at his home as the result of an assault committed on him to-night by a drunken man named Joseph G. Furnaco. Furnaco attempted to obtain admission to the home of General Greely and when expostulated with seized the general and threw him down a long flight of steps from the pavement to the house. General Greely remained unconscious about an hour. There are several gashes in the back of his head.

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The Daily Witness.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1900.

The members of the commission appointed by President McKinley under act of Congress to determine the most feasible route for a canal across the Isthmus of Panama sailed on Saturday for Greytown. On arriving there they will proceed to make a full examination of the Nicaragua route, returning from the Pacific by the line of the French canal. They will also examine other proposed routes, and will be absent about three months. Rear Admiral Walker, U.S.N., is chairman of the commission, which is composed of engineers of established reputation, university professors and military officers. Congress having affirmed the necessity for the construction of the canal and provided the preliminary appropriations, the despatch of the commission is the first step towards the realization of the scheme. The international questions involved are of considerable importance, especially to Great Britain, whose government, however, is more likely to coöperate with that of the United States on a friendly understanding than to offer any obstruction.

The Danish West India islands, for the purchase of which the United States Government is said to be negotiating, are the least valuable of all the Antilles. They belong to a group of about fifty small islands lying less than forty miles east of Puerto Rico, and known as the Virgin Islands. The Danish possessions consist of three of these, St. John, St. Thomas and St. Croix, with a total area of about one hundred and forty square miles and a population of thirty-five thousand, of which about two hundred are whites. The soil is poor, the only water supply is from rain saved in tanks, the crops are consequently scanty, and nothing is exported. The principal harbor, Charlotte Amelie, or, as shippers prefer to call it, St. Thomas, is an important depot for West Indian products, as it is on the direct steamship route to England. The remainder of the group belong to Great Britain, and form a part of the colony of the Leeward Islands. Spain, however, claimed sovereignty over two of the former, having a population of four thousand, the latter uninhabited. These revert by capitulation, it is claimed, to the United States. The people, all negroes with Spanish mixture, are the reverse of industrious, and live principally on the products of their cattle and goats, for which the islands supply good grazing land. This is not the first time the United States has bargained with Denmark for the purchase of the three islands. In January, 1868, a treaty was agreed to by Denmark for their sale to the United States, but Congress refused to ratify it, and the agreement fell through. General Grant, who was president at that time, strongly opposed expansion. When it was pointed out to him that expansion was the rule from the first, three states being added to the original thirteen in the days of Washington himself, General Grant replied that those states—Kentucky, Tennessee and Vermont—were natural continental territory, not like the West India islands, foreign lands inhabited by alien unassimilable races. Denmark before and since that time offered to sell to Great Britain, but Downing Street had no use for the islands and declined to purchase them.

THE WAR SITUATION.

General White's heliograph message sent from Ladysmith yesterday afternoon at two o'clock to General Buller, which was only received in London at a late hour this morning, announcing that he had repulsed the Boers, inflicting heavy losses upon them, will be received with a breath of relief by all who understood the significance of the series of messages sent by the besieged general during the engagement on Saturday. Up to eleven o'clock this morning the latest message received from General Buller reported General White's last message of Saturday, which was to the effect that the Boers had renewed the attack in great force, and that the British were 'hard pressed.' Then, as General Buller's report ominously put it, 'there was no sun,' and further heliographing became impossible. At two o'clock yesterday, however, the sun came out again, and the news flashed by General White was, as we have seen, that the Boer assault upon Ladysmith had been repulsed with heavy losses. It is evident that General Joubert had determined to carry Ladysmith by general assault, if possible, before General Buller was ready to attack him at Colenso. A heavy thunderstorm on Friday, which flooded the Tugela river, and rendered it impassable to General Buller's forces, gave Joubert the opportunity afforded by at least two days' security from attack from the south, and he gathered his forces at the weakest point of General White's defences at the south side of the town, and at half-past two o'clock in the morning on Saturday began his attack. Some measure of success was obtained by the enemy, who captured an outwork of the British position, known by the name of Caesar's Camp, which they held throughout the day. They also captured other posts again and again, only to be driven from them as often as they took them. The attack seems to have been maintained during the whole day, assault after assault upon different fortified positions being repulsed by General White's forces, until evening closed in with a heavy rain, which an English regiment, the Devons, took advantage of to drive the enemy off at the point of the bayonet, thus perfecting what General White reports as a 'complete repulse' of the enemy. The British losses are probably heavy, but General White says they are far exceeded by those of the Boers. It is evident that the victory has greatly cheered and encouraged the Ladysmith garrison and that the men are in high spirits. Their success will also inspirit General Buller's forces and render them determined to emulate the success of their comrades of the Ladysmith garrison. It remains to be seen whether General Joubert will be able to renew the assault. The Boer forces were discouraged by their attempt at a general assault in December, and it is probable they will be still further discouraged by the result of Saturday's defeat. They find attacking the British a very different thing from firing from ambush and defending impregnable kopjes.

It is possible, if General White believes he will be able to hold out for some weeks longer as a result of the Boer failure to capture Ladysmith, that General Buller's attack upon General Joubert's position on the Tugela river may be postponed until he is in a position, with a larger force, to turn the position. So much depends on the result of the next great battle there, and so difficult the task it presents, that it is impossible to look forward to such an attack without misgiving. In that case Lord Roberts, who should arrive at Capetown to-morrow or Wednesday, will be in supreme command.

General French's operations around Colesberg have not yet been successful; indeed, they met with a slight check, and the capture of a number of his men in consequence of the success of that old Boer trick of sounding the British bugle call for retirement. However, General French reports that his position, which he seems confident of holding securely, is not affected, and apparently reinforcements of artillery are being forwarded to him. The Boers have been reinforced from Norval's Pont also, and the operations are developing until they tend to become of great importance. General Gatacre has not been heard from, but his forces still hold the railway pass through the Stormberg mountains as far as Molteno and the Indwe coal mines railway.

Lord Methuen's forces at the Modder river are awaiting reinforcements in their former position, and his line of communications to the Orange river and De Aar seem to be safely guarded and secure. Kuruman, a village 140 miles north-west of Kimberley, defended by the inhabitants, has surrendered.

It is hoped that with the arrival of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener at Capetown to-morrow or Wednesday the campaign will be pushed more vigorously, and that, reinforced by the Sixth division, now nearing the Cape, the British forces in Cape Colony and Griqualand will be able to assume the aggressive with better success.

SEPARATED BRETHREN.

MISSION STARTED IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH TO INFORM PROTESTANTS AS TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH.

For the first time in the history of Catholicism in Montreal, a mission has been inaugurated, having for its object the conversion of Protestants to the Roman Catholic faith. St. Patrick's Church, on St. Alexander street, was crowded last night, when the first service of the series was held, and the objects and motives of the mission were explained by His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi.

In his opening remarks the archbishop expressed the pleasure it gave him to greet and welcome such a large number of separated brethren as were present. It was the first time he had ever addressed such an audience. The question had been asked, 'Were Christ to come back to earth what would be his message to mankind.' The answer the speaker would give was found in St. John's Gospel, 'I am the good Shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. Other sheep have I, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd.' Unity of belief and purpose was the end of the work and suffering of our Redeemer. When he established his Church, he did not speak of 'churches,' but 'my Church.' Truth was one, as God was one.

In looking about the speaker saw many churches. He respected persons who being brought up in different places and under different circumstances, had different beliefs; but he did not believe a creed was good if it was not true. Others might be Christians as he was a Christian, though they might not agree in the manner of adoring God. During this century many important persons had returned to the Roman Catholic Church, he believed, through no other motive than conviction of mind. In Montreal there was a mixed population living as friends and brethren; but, though they had dealings with one another in business matters, it seemed as if they must not say a word about their faith or their church. Through this silence it was feared erroneous notions existed regarding the faith of the Catholic Church. A change should take place and they should speak together on the important questions of faith and the salvation of souls. These meetings should not be taken as a sign of ambitious proselytism; but indicated a desire for the salvation of souls, and the speaker hoped that all would pray and converse together for the purpose of getting light on questions of faith.

The sermon or lecture which followed was delivered by the Rev. Elias Youman, a Paulist Father, from New York. The subject of his remarks was the sentence spoken by Christ to Thomas, 'Thou hast believed because thou hast seen; blessed are they that have not seen and yet believe.' The sermon preached was such as might have been heard in any Protestant church in the city. The remarks on God's power, love, mercy, and grace might be considered quite orthodox. A reference to the fact that in the blessing of the sacrament the Catholic Church believed that the flesh and blood of Christ were really present—the doctrin of transubstantiation—was the only statement made with which a Protestant might seriously disagree.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Protestant Ministerial Association of Montreal held their first meeting of the year this morning in the board room of the Y.M.C.A. The newly-elected president, the Rev. J. L. George, presided, and there were also present the Revs. J. A. Gordon, J. Fleck, E. M. Hill, J. Patterson, J. McKillican, T. Harris, A. L. Therrien, W. T. Graham, J. McCarter, W. H. Stevens, C. E. Bland, Canon Dixon, J. R. Webb, D. S. Hamilton, P. W. Richardson and R. Hopkin, secretary. The principal business was the discussion of the programme for the ensuing twelve months, which is likely to be an interesting one.

ATTENDED SERVICE.

Contingent Members at Trinity Church Yesterday.

A PRESENTATION—MILITARY NIGHT AT WINDSOR HALL.

Captain Wynne, of the 2nd Regiment Canadian Artillery, who has been appointed quartermaster of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, left last night over the Intercolonial Railway for Halifax to superintend the loading of stores on the transports. On Saturday night he was tendered a complimentary dinner by his brother officers. Lieut.-Col. F. Minden Cole, the commanding officer, presided, and others present were Majors Hibbard, Barton and England, Captains Cole, adjutant; Renouf, Motherwell, McGillis and Temple, Surgeon-Major Elder, Surgeon-Lieut. Church. Lieutenants Lyman, Burnett, Davidson and Ewing. Captain Wynne, who wore his khaki service uniform, was seated at the right of the commanding officer. After the health of the Queen had been drunk with loyal enthusiasm, Major Hibbard, on behalf of his brother officers, presented Captain Wynne with a handsome silver watch, bearing the following inscription: 'Presented to Captain J. H. Wynne, from his brother officers of the 2nd Regiment Canadian Artillery, on the occasion of his departure for the Transvaal as quartermaster of the Canadian Mounted Rifles.' Major Hibbard, in making the presentation, spoke of the affection of his brother officers for Captain Wynne, and the pride they felt in having one of the officers of the regiment chosen for such a highly responsible position. He also spoke of the loyalty of Canada to the empire, and of the interest with which all Canadians would follow the fortunes of their soldiers in South Africa. Lieut.-Col. Cole added a few words of congratulation complimenting Captain Wynne upon his soldierly qualities, and his services to his home regiment, and expressing the hope that he would return safe and sound from South Africa covered with honor.

After Captain Wynne had replied, a deputation from Masonic Lodge Antiquity, No. 1, was introduced, including the Master, Worshipful Brother Hirst, Immediate Past Master, Very Worshipful Brother W. Fellowes, I.P.M., and Brother C. A. Corrigan, Senior Warden. On behalf of the lodge, W. Brother Hirst presented Captain Wynne with a gun metal bracelet watch, suitably engraved. Mr. Hirst remarked that the watch was intended as a constant reminder of the high regard of the Lodge of Antiquity for one of its most popular members, whose brethren knew he would do his duty to his Queen and country as a soldier and a Freemason. Surgeon-Major Elder had still another presentation to make to the popular captain, a set of gold-mounted lead pencils, as a personal mark of esteem from Lieut.-Col. Cole. Captain Wynne fittingly replied and the rest of the evening was spent in the enjoyment of songs, recitations, etc.

Captain Wynne has also been presented with a purse of ten guineas by his colleagues in the employ of Messrs. H. R. Ives & Co., the purse being accompanied by the following address:

Montreal, Jan. 6, 1900.

Captain J. H. Wynne, Quartermaster, Canadian Mounted Rifles:

On the eve of your departure for South Africa to fight side by side with the soldiers of our Gracious Queen, for the honor and glory of the British flag, I have much pleasure in presenting you, on behalf of your employers and fellow employees, with this small token of our regard. We thrill with pride to think that one of our own associates has been chosen to fill so important a position. Trusting you will return safely, and covered with well merited glory. Believe me, yours, sincerely, Samuel Coulson, for H. R. Ives & Co.

MAJOR COSTIGAN ENTERTAINED.

Major Richard Costigan also left last night over the C. P. R. for Quebec to join E Battery, to which he has been attached as captain. Before his departure he was entertained by the officers and members of the Laurentian Council, Royal Arcanum. Bro. Haldimand, in welcoming the Major, assured him that every member of Laurentian Council and of the order in this city wished him godspeed and a safe return. Major Costigan thanked his brother members for their hearty good wishes, and for their generosity in volunteering to pay all dues and assessments for him while he was absent on active service. Bro. George W. Liddell, deputy supreme regent, presented the gallant Major with an 'R. A.' button.

AT WINDSOR HALL.

By permission of Lieut.-Col. Gordon, D. O. C., squadron A of the Mounted Rifles, which it is expected will be quartered in Montreal for several days yet, will attend at the Windsor Hall in a body to see the biograph's moving pictures of the war and other events of public interest on Tuesday evening. The men will wear their new uniforms, and Lieut.-Col. Maclean has arranged that they shall be escorted by the Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars, seats having been secured for these with the contingent. It is proposed that the gallery of the hall should be set apart on this occasion for the students of McGill University, who are expected to turn out in large numbers. The squadron will march from the armories to the Windsor Hall.

ATTENDED SERVICE.

Yesterday morning twenty-nine men of the squadron attended divine service at Trinity Church, to which, however, there was no formal parade, the men being in no shape for such, having with them nothing but the undress uniforms of their several corps, without belts or other equipment. Eight of the men turned out in civilian dress. They paraded at 10.30 a.m., under the command of Captain Van Straubenzee, R. C. D. Lieut.-Col. Gordon, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Ibbotson, commanding the 5th Royal Scots, minutely inspected the parade, also the men's quarters, which were found to be in good order. At the church the contingent occupied the place of honor in the front seats of the sacred edifice.

THE SERMON.

The rector, the Rev. F. H. Graham, preached from II. Tim. ii., 3: 'Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.' Mr. Graham said in substance: 'We count it a privilege to welcome you here, men and brothers, on your way to fight the battles of our empire in South Africa. It is revealed in the word of God that a time shall come when war shall be no more, when nation shall no longer lift up sword against nation. We, who are servants of the Prince of Peace, pray for that time

When Peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling.

But that time is not yet, perhaps is not to be in this dispensation. Differences are still settled among nations by the fierce arbitrament of war, and our country is at war.

'Our country, I say, for God keep us from that narrow-mindedness, that small-heartedness, which sees nothing beyond the limits of our own shores, and which says that the daughter need neither feel nor show interest in that which concerns the mother. In ancient time "I am a Roman" was a proud boast, which assured him who could truthfully utter it of respect and safety. "I am an Englishman" gives like assurance, and is a prouder title, for it is the claim to citizenship of an empire that is not only world-girdling, but whose name stands for liberty and equal rights.

'And there has arisen in the path of this our empire, as she is planting her banner of liberty and equality in a new continent, another nation, not to be despised, of strong men, with strong wills, but who are behind the age, who would set back the clock of the world's progress. They are charged with slavery, oppression, cruelty, injustice, and to these they have added a blacker crime—treachery. They must be taught, though it be a lesson hard for them to learn and hard for us to teach, that to withstand the onward sweep of the world's enlightenment spells destruction; that no man and no people may oppose themselves to the rising tide of higher weal.

'It was given to our southern neighbors to learn this lesson for themselves in the great civil war, and though the price was costly it was well paid. It was given to them to teach it to others in the war now ending. It is given to us to teach that lesson in South Africa, and you are going forth, the sons of the daughter, to fight for the mother's cause of liberty and enlightenment. We believe our cause to be just, your errand a righteous one.

'We have read that there was war in heaven, that Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. We have read of one, who in one character we learned about as children as gentle Jesus, meek and mild, in another as one riding upon a white horse, eyes flashing, garments blood-red, making war in righteousness with the sharp sword of His wrath. And His name is "Faithful and True." May it be yours in your battles—faithful and true. Faithful unto death, if need be; true as steel in any crisis.

'We wish you godspeed and safe return; we pray that you may display courage and gain honor; we trust that you will be brave in danger and merciful in victory, and if you fall in battle, then we pray that you may depart this life in the true faith of Jesus Christ. For you have a greater war to wage than that in the Transvaal; a harder battle and a longer strife. Not only are you a soldier of the Queen, but also you are a soldier of Jesus Christ; not only are you to conquer the earthly enemies of your country, but the spiritual enemies of your salvation. Forget not the one contest in the stress of the other. Let your life and conversation testify that you are loyal to God as well as to Her Majesty. Range yourself alongside the names that tell of not only faithful service to Queen and country, but faithful service to the King of kings—the immortal Wellington, the splendid Gordon, the devout Hedley Vicars. And then, when the war is over, the war against flesh and blood and the war against sin, if you have not won the coveted Victoria Cross, and we hope you may, you will have won the more to be coveted crown of righteousness, which fadeth not away.'

MARRIAGE OF DIVORCED PERSONS.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 8.—The Ministerial Association of British Columbia, headed by Bishop Perrin, interviewed the government, urging legislation against the recognition of American divorces granted for causes not recognized by Canadian law. It is sought to meet the point by compelling issuers of marriage licenses to inspect decrees of divorcement and refuse licenses unless adultery is named in the petition. As the clerical delegation asserted that twenty-five per cent of marriages solemnized here during the last two years have been between persons one or both of whom have been divorced, this drastic action is creating excitement. The Attorney-General will probably refer to the Supreme Court the point as to whether it is permissable to go beyond the decree itself.

VICTORIAS DEFEATED.

The Montreal Aggregation Gain a splendid Victory at the Arena on Saturday.

SHAMROCKS WIN—BASKETBALL—CURLING—SKATING—GENERAL SPORTING NEWS.

The senior and intermediate hockey season in connection with the Canadian Amateur Hockey League opened on Saturday with a great surprise. The champion Shamrock aggregation apparently had a hard struggle for victory against the Ottawa contingent, and when defeat seemed impossible the invincible men in green pulled themselves out of a very tight corner by dint of very hard play. The victory was a close shave, the score reading at the end, five to four. At the Arena a somewhat similar game was played between the Montreals and the ex-champion Victoria team, which resulted in a grand win for the former contingent, which was composed of real dark horses. It was a great surprise.

The games in the intermediate series were surprises, too. Westmount showed splendid form, and defeated the Victorias, while the Montreals gained a victory over the Shamrocks. These defeats promise some interesting matches before the series are concluded.

A MONTREAL VICTORY.

Notwithstanding the fact that Saturday night was an ideal one for hockey the crowd at the Arena was not so great as it was expected. It is regrettable that such a small number of hockey enthusiasts turned out to witness the first game between the Victorias and Montreals. The game was a great surprise, as it was fully expected that the Victorias would have a walk over, owing to the extreme weakness of the Montreal team by the absence of Howard, Baird, Mackerrow and Horsfall, without mentioning Collins, who last year guarded the goals so closely. The Montreal team, it must be admitted were a pack of dark horses and they proved fully equal to the occasion by defeating the once invincible Victorias. It seems as if the old Vic days are about over when an army of colts show their noses with undoubtable success. B. Brown was the only real senior player, the others being composed of intermediate and junior men, but it is quite evident they showed senior championship form, and the contingent promises to give the senior Shamrocks a hard struggle next Saturday when the Arena will no doubt be filled almost to its utmost capacity.

The Victorias had Lewis of goal fame missing and McRobie was playing point with Grant cover. The defence was not strong enough for the youngsters, who put on a gait which was trific and greatly surprised the Victoria aggregation. The first half was slightly in favor of the ex-champions, but the result shows that on the whole the Montreal men played the best game, and the boys will make a good bid for the championship in spite of the disadvantages at which they have been placed. The game was comparatively clean and checking was not reckless. The officials filled their positions to the satisfaction of all present.

The first game was started by a well intended rush of the Vics and a dangerous looking mix-up in front of the Montreal posts; but Boone started in by fishing out the puck and relieving the pressure, giving his own forwards a chance. After a wait to get on side, Liffiton started away like a flash and between himself and Brown came nearly doing the trick. After this, however, the Vics were the aggressors and a pass across the ice gave Bowie a chance to score. Vics, 1; Montreal, 0.

About five minutes play saw the Montreal boys take some confidence and get faster in their work. Monroe was a hard man to pass, or the Vics would have scored time and again. At last Brown and Christmas did some cross passing and the latter scored. Montreal, 1; Victoria, 1.

The third game was scored for Victoria by Bowie, after a mix-up in front of the ags. The play in this game was very even. The fourth game was also finely fought out, Liffiton's rushes being a feauture, the result of one of which was a goal. The fifth game happened just before the whistle for half time. There was a scramble in front of the poles. The cross-bar and net hampered Monroe and Bowie slid the rubber into the meshes, the score at half time standing:—Victoria, 3; Montreal, 2.

With the score reading 3 to 2 against the Montreals cut out the hottest kind of a pace. Grant inclined to come up in the forward play. The Victoria cover-point hazarded the move just once too often. Over running the puck near centre, Brown secured possession passing out to Christmas. A pretty combined rush and McRobie was passed in double quick style. Christmas equalizing the score amid great enthusiasm. The Montreals were full of go in the next game that was irresistible. Liffiton looked to have McLea well in hand. Two minutes after the start, Ewing's hard body took a little of Liffiton's steam away. He came back strong again, however. End to end work of the fastest kind of hockey ensued. Finally Boone blocked Bowie's rush and Smith secured possession, a brilliantly executed run through the Victoria forwards gave the clever Smith a chance to centre to Bowie right before Victoria's uprights, and Montreal was ahead, the telegraph reading Montreal, 4; Victoria, 3. When Brown got splendidly away right from the face and after working in behind both Grant and McRobie, for the eighth game, putting Montreal two goals to the good, the enthusiasts conceded the plucky M.A.A.A. seven a win in a canter. However, Bowie and Ewing kept coming along in fine style, Boone's miss of Acer's lift gave Bowie a chance and Victoria scored its ninth goal. A moment later McLea tied the score, on a hard side shot which bagged off Monroe's shin pad.

With the fight standing five games all, the players' energies were redoubled, with enthusiasm in the stands intense. With the rest, Victoria was thought to have a good chance. When the puck was set in motion. howeveru, the Victorias forward lagged and to all appearances had shot their bolt. Brown ended the suspense by beating Powers after a splendid dash from near centre in seven minutes, giving Montreal the match with the score six to five. No further scoring was accomplished in the remaining four minutes of playing time.

Teams and officers were as follows:—

Montreal—Monroe, goal; H. Smith, point; Boone, cover point; Brown 'Bowen,' Liffiton, Christmas, forwards.

Victorias—Powers, goal; McRobie, point; Grant, cover point; Acer, Ewing, McLea, Bowie, forwards.

Referee—Geo. Montgomery.

Umpires—H. M. Andrews and O. Mackenzie.

WESTMOUNT WON.

In the second half of the Victoria II. vs. Westmount intermediate championship game, at the Arena, on Saturday afternoon, Strachan, of the Vics, was incapacitated, compelling the Vics to play out the final period of play six men to seven. Westmount won by the score of 4 to 1.

In the first half it was give and take with fast hockey all the while. Westmount's defence, Ewing and Burton, was almost impregnable. R. Vallance drew the first one for Westmount, followed by Victoria equalizing matters, when Henderson and Richardson got in behind Burton, notching Victoria's initial tally. End to end play followed, characterized by fast, clean work. A. Vallance and Willis on the Westmount line, would not be denied. Catching the the Vics' cover, Lindsay, out too far, the former scored for Westmount, Willis following suit. Strachan was injured. The second half degenerated into a walk for Westmount. McLean and Lindsay valiantly withstood Westmount's forward attacks, holding the Westerners down splendidly, Angus and R. Vallance completed the scoring, each tallying. The Westmounts are a well balanced lot. The defence is a little too prone to be drawn out. Willis and R. Vallance are a pair of fast forwards. The teams and officials were:—

Westmount—Anglin, goal; Ewing, point; Burton, cover point; Willis, A. Vallance, R. Vallace, Angus, forwards.

Victorias—Powers, goal; McLean, point; Lindsay, cover point; Strachan, Henderson, Richardson, Saunderson, forwards.

Umpires—Messrs. H. H. M. Andrews and P. Murphy.

Referee—Mr. Frank Wynne.

Though Montreal II. compiled the formidable tally of seven games to Shamrock II. solitary point, the intermediate championship game between these teams, at the Arena on Saturday afternoon, was hotly contested. The Shamrocks on a pretty rush with Dalbec and Laflamme in its vanguard got behind Nicholson and Dodge, Dalbec getting the Shamrock's only goal. After that the Montreals, though pushed at all times, went right ahead, landing the next seven successive goals. The victorious seven will take a world of beating in this year's intermediate series and no mistake. Dodge and Bellingham are both clever defence men. Christmas and Smith on the forward division contributed materially to Montreal's decisive win. Smith's weight and superior stick handling constitute him an exceptionally strong man in the class. The quartet, McLeod, Smith, Christmas and Gardner get together well and are all first-class shots. Dalbec and Laflamme scintilated brilliantly at times, but against Montreal's team play the Shamrock men were worked off the boards. Christmas, Smith and McLeod did most of the Montreal scoring. The teams and officials were:

Montreal II.—Nicholson, goal; Dodge, point; Bellingham, cover point; McLeod, Smith, Christmas, Gardener, forwards.

Shamrock II.—Dobbie, goal; Quinn, point; Huddell, cover point; Hurtubise, Dalbec, Laflamme, Proulx, forwards.

Umpires—R, Bowie and H. Powers.

Timers—H. H. M. Andrews, J. J. Quinn.

Referee—James Hanratty.

SCHOOL BOYS SCHEDULE.

A meeting of representatives of the various schools forming the Inter-School Hockey League, was held in the Arena on Saturday morning, when the secretary, Mr. C. T. Anstey, presented the schedules for the three series. After one or two minor changes had been made, the schedules, as given below, were finally adopted. All the games will be played in the Arena, with the exception of the four marked *, which will be played at the Victoria rink.

Senior Series.

Abingdon School, High School, Senior School.

Jan. 13—High vs. Senior, 9 to 10 a.m.
Jan. 20—Abingdon vs. High, 10 to 11 a.m.
Jan. 27—Senior versus Abingdon, 10 to 11 a.m.
Feb. 10—Senior vs. High, 9 to 10 a.m.
Feb. 17—Abingdon vs. Senior, 10 to 11 a.m.
Feb. 24—High versus Abingdon, 10 to 11 a.m.

Intermediate Series.

Abingdon School, High School, St. John's School, Senior School, Ward-Whate's School, Westmount Boys' School, Wykeham House School.

Jan. 10—Senior vs. High, 4 to 5 p.m.
Jan. 11—Abingdon vs. Wykeham House, 11 to 12 a.m.
Jan. 17—High vs. Westmount Boys', 4 to 5 p.m.
Jan. 17—Senior vs. Ward-Whate's, 3 to 4 p.m.
Jan. 18—St. John's vs. Westmount Boys', 3 to 4 p.m.
Jan. 19—Senior vs. Wykeham House, 3 to 4 p.m.
Jan. 22—Abingdon vs. High, 4 to 5 p.m.
Jan. 24 — Wykeham House vs. Ward-Whate's, 3 to 4 p.m.
Jan. 25—Abingdon vs. Westmount Boys', 4 to 5 p.m.
Feb. 1—Senior vs. Westmount Boys', 3 to 4 p.m.
*Feb. 3—St. John's vs. Wykeham House, 9 to 10 a.m.
Feb. 3—High vs. Ward-Whate's, 9 to 10 a.m.
Feb. 8—Senior vs. Abingdon, 4 to 5 p.m.
*Feb. 10—Abingdon vs. St. John's, 9 to 10 a.m.
Feb. 10—Wykeham House vs. Westmount Boys', 11 to 12 a.m.
Feb. 12—Ward-Whate's vs. Westmount Boys', 3 to 4 p.m.
Feb. 13—Senior vs. St. John's, 3 to 4 p.m.
Feb. 16—High vs. St. John's, 4 to 5 p.m.
Feb. 20—High vs. Wykeham House, 4 to 5 p.m.
Feb. 22—Ward-Whate's vs. Abingdon, 4 to 5 p.m.

Junior Series.

Abingdon School, High School, St. John's School, Senior School, Ward-Whate's School, Westmount Boys' School:

Jan. 15—Abingdon vs. St. John's, 5 to 6 p.m.
Jan. 15—Ward-Whate's vs. Westmount Boys', 3 to 4 p.m.
Jan. 19—High vs. Senior, 4 to 5 p.m.
Jan. 23—High vs. Ward-Whate's, 4 to 5 p.m.
Jan. 26—Senior vs. Westmount Boys', 3 to 4 p.m.
Jan. 26—St. John's vs. High, 4 to 5 p.m.
Jan. 29—Abingdon vs. Westmount Boys', 5 to 6 p.m.
Jan. 30—Senior vs. Ward-Whate's, 3 to 4 p.m.
Feb. 2—Senior vs. Abingdon, 3 to 4 p.m.
Feb. 5—High vs. Westmount Boys', 4 to 5 p.m.
Feb. 5—Abingdon vs. Ward-Whate's, 5 to 6 p.m.
Feb. 8—St. John's vs. Westmount Boys', 3 to 4 p.m.
*Feb. 17—St. John's vs. Ward-Whate's, 9 to 10 a.m.
*Feb. 17—Abingdon vs. High, 9 to 10 a.m.
*Feb. 24—Senior vs. St. John's, 9 to 10 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL AFFAIRS.

The following matches have been arranged in connection with the High School Hockey Club, for the present season:

Jan. 10—High vs. Senior School (intermediate).
Jan. 12—High vs. Senior School (senior).
Jan. 15—High vs. Westmount Boys' (intermediate).
Jan. 19—High vs. Senior School (junior).
Jan. 20—High vs. Abingdon (senior).
Jan. 22—High vs. Abingdon (intermediate).
Jan. 23—High vs. Ward-Whate's (junior).
Jan. 26—High vs. St. John's (junior).
Feb. 3—High vs. Ward-Whate's (intermediate).
Feb. 5—High vs. Westmount Boys' (junior).
Feb. 10—High vs. Senior (senior).
Feb. 16—High vs. John's (intermediate).
Feb. 17—High vs. Abingdon (junior).
Feb. 20—High vs. Wykeham House (intermediate).
Feb. 24—High vs. Abingdon (senior).

A DOUBTFUL RESULT.

Quebec, Jan. 7.—The Crescent Intermediate team and the Laviolettes, of Three Rivers, met last night in the Quebec hockey rink. The score at the close was 6 to 3 in favor of the Crescents, though the last game awarded them was extremely doubtful. The players were as follows:

Crescents—Moram, Doyle, Nolan, Marquette, Sharpe, McCarron, Blair.

Laviolettes—Drysdale, Tibbits, Baxter, Bellefeuille, Gauthier, Norbert and Blair.

Umpires—Donovan and Argall.

Referee—H. E. Scott.

The Juniors had a match afterwards, resuling in another victory for the Crescents by 7 to 4.

A CLOSE GAME.

The first match of the Inter-Church Hockey League was played on Friday night at Prince Arthur rink between teams representing the Lily Association of St. James Church vs. Sherbrooke Street. The teams were evenly matched from beginning to end. At the close of time the score stood one to nothing in favor of Sherbrooke Street Church.

The teams lined up as follows:

Lily Association — Dawson, goal; Weir, point; Grier, captain, cover point; McBride, Lunnan, Wilkes and Hight, forwards.

Sherbrooke Street Church—Pettigrew, captain, goal; H. McCallum, point; McDonald, cover point; B. Stuart, Lanning, K. Thom and Adams, forwards.

Timekeepers—Messrs. King and L. Pettigrew.

Umpires—Messrs. Pearson, of Trinity Church, and Pope, of Trinity Church.

Referee—Mr. E. Quinn.

CORNWALL DEFEATED.

Iroquois, Ont., Jan. 7.—The first league match of the senior series of the O. H. A. was played here last night between Iroquois and Cornwall, the former winning by 4 goals to 1.

Mr. Killaly, of Cornwall, acted as referee. The teams were as follows:

Iroquois—Hall, goal; McDonald, point; Currie, captain, cover point; Pariseau, Coulter, Donnelly and McRobie, forwards.

Cornwall—Stiles, goal; Connolly, point; Turner, captain, cover point; Hunter, Allrey, Falkner and Degan, forwards.

Umpires—W. Leacy, of Cardinal, and C. D. Shannon, of Iroquois.

A HARD GAME.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—The Shamrocks made a brilliant finish in their match here on Saturday night with the Ottawas, and pulled out a victory where, but a few minutes before, defeat seemed to stare them in the face. The green-shirted men scored five goals to their opponents' four. Twelve minutes before the end of the second half the Ottawas were in the lead with four goals to the Shamrocks two, and they appeared sure winners. The champions, however, were not so easy to defeat, as by a grand rally they scored two goals, tieing the score, and when but three minutes of time remained Scanlan got in the shot that won the day for his team. The match was a keenly contested one, and exceptionally fast, when it is considered that it was the opening game of the season. Especially was this true of the first half, when the article of hockey could not be improved upon. The men played as if their lives depended on their efforts. The checking was hard, the dodging and passing good, and the thousand persons present applauded each succeeding brilliant play.

Although defeated, the Ottawas had the better of the play for the greater part of the time. This was due to the fact that the locals were in a superior physical condition to their opponents, and their hard, aggressive play offset the brilliance of their opponents. In the early stages of the first game the pace was slow, but soon the players went at it in whirlwind style, and the spectators witnessed some of the best hockey seen here in recent years. The Shamrocks, for the time, had the better of the argument, but condition began to tell, and Ottawa assumed the aggressive, finally scoring the first game after ten minutes' play. B. Stuart was ruled off for three minutes in this game for tripping. The next game was fast all the way and honors were even. The checking was hard, and some bad temper was displayed. Nolan was sent to the side for a two minutes' rest for tripping, and shortly afterwards, Scanlan made a lightning dash, and scored from a side shot. Time, 14 minutes.

The Senators showed superiority in the third, and the Shamrock forwards were a tired lot, and but for an occasional flash were not in the running. Their defence was steady as a rock, and warded off attack after attack. A rush by Rogers and B. Stuart enabled the latter to score for Ottawa. Time, 8 minutes.

Half time came with result unchanged. Tansey received a bad gash on the side of the head shortly after play was resumed, and a delay occurred while the wound was being dressed. Play was in progress a couple of minutes when Brannen and Trihey made a pretty rush, the latter scoring. Time, 6 minutes.

The next game was a defence one for the Shamrocks, and there were many narrow escapes. A scuffle occurred in front of the flags, and as the puck slid out, Nolan captured it and scored. Time, 4 minutes.

Ottawa scored the sixth game, exactly in similar fashion, after playing the Shamrocks off their feet. Time, 2 minutes.

Ottawa continued to press closely, but suddenly the local men appeared to go to pieces, with victory within their grasp. The Shamrocks took advantage of this, and brilliant rushes by Scanlan, Trihey and Brannen were features of the play. Stuart was ruled off for cross-checking. He was only off for a couple of minutes, and his absence was scarcely felt. It was Trihey who did the trick for the Shamrocks after a nice piece of combination play. From an attack on the Shamrock flags in the eighth game, Tansey rushed up the ice gave to Trihey, who passed into Brannen. The latter was forced into the corner, but gave to Trihey, who sent the puck past Hutton. Time, 7 minutes.

With the score a tie, B. Stuart and Trihey faced at centre. The game was short and brilliant, as play was only in progress a little over a minute when Scanlan did the trick.

Several minutes remained of playing-time, but the Shamrocks held the game well in hand and won out. Scanlan was the bright star for the Shamrocks, although Trihey and Brannen were conspicuous when the time for the final effort came. Wall and Tansey were excellent defence men. Chick, Henry, M. Rogers, and B. Hutton, were the mainstays of the Ottawas. Duval played brilliantly, as did Captain H. Stuart at times.

The eplayers lined up as follows:

Shamrocks—McKenna, goal; Tansey, pt.; Wall, cover point; Trihey, Scanlan, Farrell and Brannen, forwards.

Ottawa—Hutton, goal; Duval, point; H. Stuart, cover point; B. Stuart, H. Nolan, Henry and M. Rogers, forwards.

Referee—A Mackerrow, Montreal.

Umpores — M. J. Egan, and Jos. Kent, Ottawa.

Timers—H. McLaughlin, Shamrock; and R. N. Young, Ottawa.

Pulforddid not play for Ottawa on account of illness.

SNOWSHOEING.

KNIGHTS OF THE RED CROSS.

On Saturday night, about fifty members and friends had a most enjoyable time at the St. George club house. After a thoroughly good dinner, toasts and speeches were made, and all assembled around the cosy grate fire, when stories, songs, recitations, etc., were most ably rendered. The male quartette of the Zingari Club gave some songs, and those that were not present did miss a great treat.

RACQUETS.

ENGLISHMEN WON.

New York, Jan. 6.—In the court of the New York Racquet and Tennis Club on Saturday afternoon an international match of doubles brought together the four best amateur and professional players in the world. These were Eustace H. Miles, amateur racquet and tennis champion of England; and Peter Latham, of England, professional racquet champion of the world. Pitted against this pair were Q. A. Shaw, jr., of the Boston A. A., amateur racquet champion of the United States and Canada; and George Standing, professional champion of America. The Englishmen won, scoring four games out of the five played, the conditions governing the match being the best four out of five. There were many brilliant plays on both sides. No championships were involved in the match.

CURLING.

HEATHERS DEFEATED.

Ormstown, Que., Jan. 7.—The Quebec challenge cup remains at Ormstown. A match was played here on Saturday for the Quebec challenge cup, between the Heathers, of Montreal, the challengers, and Ormstown, the defenders of the cup. The match was won by Ormstown by 8 shots, as the score will show. Carleton Place, of Ontario, is next on the list to play for the cup.

Rink No. 1—

Ormstown.		Heather.	
G. E. Baird		D. McCallum	
F. Rapley		N. McLeody	
T. P. Smith		G. H. Cornell	
C. A. McNee, skip,	26	W.B.Hutchinson, skip,	21

Rink No. 2—

Dr. McCormick		A. L. Robertson	
Dr. F. McKee		R. Thompson	
J. G. McGerrigle		D. W. Ross, jr.,	
W. G. McGerrigle, skip,	27	J. H. Smith, skip,	24
	53		45

Majority for Ormstown, 8 shots.

A FRIENDLY MATCH.

The friendly contest at the Caledonia rink was continued on Saturday, with the following result:

F. R. Alley		J. W. Graham	
W. Currie		Wm. Young	
R. Peel		James Currie	
W.R.J.Hughes, skip,	20	W. Lyall, skip,	6

MONTREAL VERSUS ST. LAWRENCE.

On Saturday night the annual friendly match between the Montreal and St. Lawrence clubs commenced and will be continued to-night. Play was of a one-sided character, with the exception of Rink No. 2, where the contest was a hot one, and resulted in a tie with the score fourteen all. The Montreal rink on No. 4 more than walked over the St. Lawrence boys, as the score indicated.

The score is below:

On Montreal Ice.

Rink No. 1.—

Montreal.		St. Lawrence.	
Hugh Cameron		J. K. Bruce	
A. R. Oughtred		D. Paterson	
C. P. Sclater		D. C. Drysdale	
H. Smith, skip,	20	J. Rose, skip,	14

Rink No. 2.—

J. Farrell		J. Henry	
W. Brown		W. J. Thompson	
J. Simmons		O.W.G.Dettmers	
J. Brown, skip,	14	D. Guthrie, skip,	14

On St. Lawrence Ice.

Rink No. 3.—

D. McGill		W. J. Kearns	
G. H. Geale		J. B. Clearihue	
T. Brown		G. A. Cairns	
S. A. McMurtry, skip,	16	W. M. Kearns, skip,	10

Rink No. 4.—

A. J. Darling		D. McNally	
H. Fry		H. M. Watson	
A. Hodgson		A. McColl	
W. I. Fenwick, skip,	23	H. Drysdale, skip,	5
	73		43

The match will be continued this evening.

BOWLING.

MONTREALERS IN GOOD FORM.

Quebec, Jan. 7.—An interesting bowling match between teams of the Quebec Bowling Club and the Montreal A. A. A. on Saturday night, proved that the Montreals have a splendid team this season. They won the day by 238 points.

The score was as follows:

M.A.A.A. Team—

J. Baird	152	159	157	468
F. H. Gardner	205	158	128	491
L. Rubenstein	190	143	172	505
E. L. Turgeon	160	190	142	492
W. J. Legallais	196	143	179	518
R. J. Walker	204	152	170	526
Total				3,000

Quebec Bowling Team—

W. O'Connell	135	139	113	387
V. Gagnon	114	154	168	436
G. Vanfelson	171	148	132	451
A. Mercier	169	132	154	455
W. Wright	152	143	200	495
J. Noonan	175	172	191	538
Total				2,762

ATHLETICS.

CEDARS TO MEET.

The regular monthly meeting of the Cedar Amateur Athletic Association will be held this evening at 8.15 sharp, in the rooms of the Montreal Camera Club, 4 Phillips square. All members are earnestly requested to attend, as business of importance is to be transacted.

ICE YACHTING.

'ICE QUEEN' WON.

Newburgh, N.Y., Jan. 7.—In a race for the Kidd ice-boat championship pennant on Saturday afternoon, the 'Ice Queen' owned by Homer S. Ramsdell, won in 22 minutes. Walshe's 'Arctic' was second. The 'Trouble,' 'Cold Wave' and 'Flying Jib' dropped out, being far behind.

SKATING.

AT THE ST. LAWRENCE.

There will be a grand carnival and may pole at the St. Lawrence rink, Rushbrooke street, on Thursday, Jan. 11. The decorations will be in St. Lawrence's best style.

MASQUERADE TO-NIGHT.

The first fancy dress carnival of the season will be held in the Crystal rink this evening. A special programme of music has been arranged for this occasion and an enjoyable time is looked for.

BASKETBALL.

IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM.

The following games will be played in the gymnasium of the High School during the present week:

Jan. 8—IIIC. vs. IIID. (4.30 p.m.). Referee, T. Papineau.

Jan. 9—IVB. vs. IVC. (4.30 p.m.) Referee, G. McDonald.

Jan. 12—VIA. vs. VA. (4.30 p.m.). Referee, F. Fulton.

Jan. 13—IVA. vs. IIIB. (10.30 a.m.), Referee, W. Molson.

Standing of forms, week ending Jan 6, 1900:—

Senior Series.

Form.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pts.
VIA.	1	1	0	0
VIB.	1	0	1	2
VA.	1	1	0	0
VB.	1	0	1	2

Junior Series.

IVA.	2	2	0	4
IVB.	2	1	1	2
IVC.	1	0	1	0
IIIA.	2	1	1	2
IIIB.	1	0	1	0
IIIC.	0	0	0	0
IIID.	0	0	0	0

A win counts two points; draw, one pt., and a loss, 0.

In the senior series there will be twelve matches, and twenty-one in the junior series.

MIZPAH LODGE, I. O O. F.

The following officers of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, I.O.O.F., were installed into their respective chairs by D.D.G.M. Bro. G. McGowan, assisted by Bros. G. Varey, P. G., A. Staveley, P.G.M., A. Grant, G.W., D. J. Dickson, P.G.M., J. Lanktree, D. D.G.M., No. 2 district:—James Ross N. G.; O. Edy, V.G.; W. Chambers, P.G., R. S.; A. Grant, P.G., F.S.; J. Shirlow, P. G., treasurer; R.S.N.G., J. Finlayson, P. G.M.; L.S.N.G., A. Rough, P.G.; warden, A. Downs, P.G.; outside guardian, A. Smith, P.G.; junior P.G., A. Dorion; trustees, J. J. Reid, P.G.M., J. T. Sadler, P.G., and O. W. Barwick, P.G.

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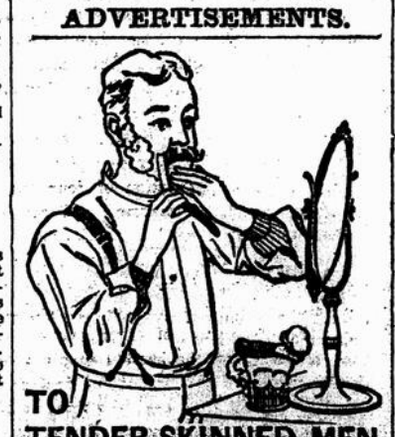
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BULLER HAS CROSSED

London Rumor Says he is Now North of the Tugela.

CAPTURED TWELVE GUNS.

And is Now Marching on Ladysmith.

LORD DE LA WARR BLAMES LORD METHUEN FOR THE LOSS OF LIFE AT MAGERSFONTEIN.

London, Jan. 8.—6.25. p.m.—A rumor is current in the city that General Buller has crossed the Tugela river, captured 12 guns, and is now marching on Ladysmith.

London, Jan. 8.—Lord De La Warr, in a graphic description of the battle of Magersfontein, says :—

'It is useless to disguise that a large percentage of the troops are losing heart, for a campaign comprised of a succession of front attacks on an invisible foe, securely entrenched and unreachable. Our men fought admirably, but they were asked to perform miracles Don't blame them, and don't blame the gallant general who was the first victim of the terrible disaster which overcame the Highland brigade. They marched in quarter column to their doom. General Wauchope's last words, 'For God's sake, men, do not blame me for this,' will gladden the hearts of his numerous friends. There was no accord between Lord Methuen and General Wauchope in regard to the best method of attack. Lord Methuen's plan prevailed, and the mistake cost 700 men.'

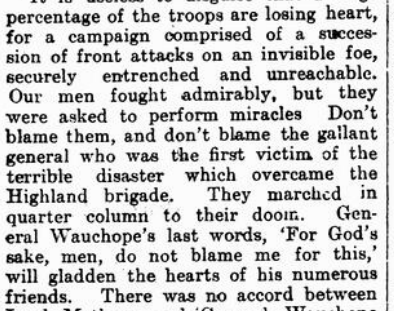
A PRO-BOER CANDIDATE.

A Dublin correspondent says Major John McBride, the organizer of the Transvaal Irish brigade, will be a candidate for the seat in the House of Commons—South Mayo—vacated by Mr. Davitt, and probably will not be opposed.

GEN. WHITE'S BRAVE STAND

REPULSE OF THE BOERS BRINGS JOY TO LONDON.

London, Jan. 8.—Not since the day of General Buller's reverse has such a crowd of inquirers visited the War Office. As the afternoon progressed a rumor obtained currency that Ladysmith had surrendered, and the depression in the lobbies had become extreme when an official appeared and in a loud voice shouted, 'Good news,' and posted the despatch chronicling a brilliant victory for the British troops.



Theatre of the War—Ladysmith, where General White yesterday repulsed a desperate attack by General Joubert.

The news spread with astonishing rapidity all over London, and caused an instantaneous change in the aspect of the metropolis. Smiling faces were seen everywhere, and even at the sedate Foreign Office and other departments of the government great elation was shown. The newspapers were all jubilant. The Conservative 'Standard' in big headlines announced 'A glorious victory at Ladysmith.'

The Stock Exchange received the news with rousing cheers, and prices immediately ascended in all departments.

TURNER-GOODDAY.

OFFICER OF THE MOUNTED RIFLES MARRIED THIS MORNING.

Quebec, Jan. 8.—The wedding of Captain Turner, of the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars, who is going out to South Africa with the second contingent as a lieutenant in the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and Miss Goodday, daughter of Mr. H. R. Goodday, lumber merchant, formerly of Quebec, but now of Liverpool, England, took place at eleven o'clock this morning in the English cathedral, creating quite a lot of excitement in fashionable and military circles and exciting a good deal of general interest on account of the approaching departure of the groom for the stirring and dangerous scenes of strife in South Africa.

It appears that it was originally arranged that the marriage was to have taken place at the bride's home in England, and such would have been the case had not the call come for the second contingent. Under the circumstances, Captain Turner, who is a first-class officer, and heartily devoted to his profession, felt it to be his duty to set aside his private feelings and to volunteer immediately for active service, with the result that he will leave with the contingent this week. Like a true-hearted English girl, however, Miss Goodday, while approving of his patriotic action, consented not to let him go alone, and immediately started for Canada with her brother, arriving at Quebec last night, to have the ceremony performed which would unite her to the man of her choice before his departure.

Naturally, the wedding was to a great extent an important one under the circumstances, and the number of invited guests was limited, but the cathedral was nevertheless filled with the élite of the city, and was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The military element was largely represented in the gathering, and a military escort composed of an officer and some thirty troopers of the groom's corps were also present to do honor to the young couple.

The bride, who was most gracefully attired, was attended by two sisters of the groom as her bridesmaids, and was given away by a brother, while the groom was attended by his brother. The dean of Quebec, assisted by his curate, officiated. After the ceremony the wedding party partook of a splendid lunch at the residence of the groom's father, the Hon. R. Turner, of the Legislative Council. It is understood that the bride will accompany her husband as far as Capetown.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

Lennoxville, Que., Jan. 8.—Charles N. Martin, Pierre Breton, elected by acclamation.

Township of Ascot, Samuel A. McFadden, John B. Duford, elected by acclamation.

West Shefford, Que., Jan. 8.—P. M. Hayes and U. Bail elected councillors in place of N. Gannon and A. Coutu, whose term had expired.

Megantic, Que., Jan. 8.—Lake Megantic Council election, J. N. Thibodeau, Wm. Chatfield and Donald Graham, re-elected by acclamation. Agnes council strongly contested between M. S. Parsons and Murdo Morrison, outgoing councillors, and P. H. Renaud and Wm. Evans, nominated.

Cookshire, Jan. 8.—Councillors W. H. Learned and L. J. D. Gauthier re-elected by acclamation.

Farnham, Jan. 8.—Nominations will be held here next Monday.

Scotstown, Que., Jan. 8.—Councillors John Black and Jos. Langlois were re-elected by acclamation. John McLennan was elected to replace C. H. Parker, by acclamation.

Lacadie, Jan. 8.—Council of parish elected by acclamation to-day: Elzear Bourassa and Julien Deland.

Eastman, Jan. 8.—J. M. Taylor, T. G. Armstrong and B. B. Payete re-elected by acclamation.

St. Jerome, Jan. 8.—St. Jerome city nominations: St. Louis Ward, N. B. Belanger, acclamation; Labelle Ward, Dr. E. N. Fournier and Dr. H. Prevost in nomination; St. Joseph Ward, Joseph Leclaire and C. E. Lafiamme in nomination; St. Jerome parish, Octave Belanger and J. Corbeil, acclamation.

St. Phillippe de Laprairie, Jan. 8.—M. M. E. Martin and C. Deslippe elected by acclamation.

Aylmer, Jan. 8.—For mayoralty, C. Devlin, merchant, and G. A. Rainboth. C.E., P.L.S.; East Ward, Thos. Symmes elected by acclamation, also D. J. Mullarkey in West Ward elected by acclamation.

Springhill, Jan. 8.—M. J. Murray and A. McDonald re-elected by acclamation in the Township of Whitton.

Waterloo, Jan. 8.—Councillors elected for the town of Waterloo—A. F. Savaria, Louis Bouchard, E. A. Parmalee, Louis Payan and Antoine Jeanneau; Councillors elected for Township of Shefford, E. Prevost and S. B. Hayes.

IS MILLER IN CANADA ?

Toronto, Jan. 8.—Detective Armstrong of New York is here hot on the trail of Miller, who gained notoriety through his connection with the Franklin Syndicate, New York. It is said that Miller has been here for a week but New York detectives arrived too late. It is believed however, that Miller is still in Canada and detectives are keeping close on his track.

TORONTO'S NEW COUNCIL SWORN IN.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—Toronto's new City Council was sworn in to-day. Mayor Macdonald's inaugural address dealt with many problems and was characterized by a savage attack on the president of the street railway.

A BRAVE WOMAN'S DEATH.

New York, Jan. 8.—Johanna Lynch, aged 22, was burned to death this morning in a tenement fire at No. 99 Madison street. Miss Lynch rescued two young children, and had returned to see if there were others in danger, when she was cut off by the flames and perished. The explosion of an oil lamp caused the fire.

PERSONAL.

Mr. John T. McBride, fruit broker, Board of Trade building, sailed for England on the 'Germanic,' from New York, on Saturday.

THE LEMIEUX CASE.

Hearing Resumed and Witnesses Examined.

HERBERT AND W. WEIR GIVE INTERESTING TESTIMONY.

Enquete was resumed this morning before Judge Choquet in the case of Ferdinand Lemieux charged with stealing $173,000.

John McNeil was the first witness called. Before his examination commenced Mr. Quinn objected to his evidence being given in connection with the Lemieux case. It was then intimated that evidence would be forthcoming connecting Lemieux with the brokerage business under investigation, and the case was allowed to proceed. This witness, however, was only asked if he had kept the books containing the correspondence wanted as evidence. Upon his reply in the affirmative he was requested to get the letter book, and also, if possible, the first ledger in which these transactions were supposed to have been entered.

Wm. Weir was then called into the box. Before he started to give evidence the various counsel asked that evidence given by Frank Flood, John McNeil and Wm. Weir, be taken under reserve and not used against them in future.

Witness testified that he was nominally a member of the firm of W. Weir & Sons. This firm had had an account with the Ville Marie Bank. He knew nothing of any account between this firm and Walter L. Fellows. He did not know W. L. Fellows, and did not remember ever having seen him.

Asked if the firm of W. Weir & Sons ever bought 'bucket shop' stock or stocks on margins, he replied that to the best of his knowledge they did not. So far as he knew, no member of the firm dealt in stock on margins without taking delivery. He would not have allowed it with his knowledge. He had no personal knowledge that Lemieux was buying stock of any kind on margins. He was asked if he did not tell Lemieux to buy stock on margins for himself or for the bank, and replied in the negative.

Asked if he did not instruct Lemieux to buy a thousand shares of Halifax Tramway stock on margin, he replied that he never did anything of the kind.

J. J. Herbert was the next witness called. He was asked to tell what he knew about the missing $173,000. To Mr. Hutchinson he stated that he knew of the account of George Ball. It was opened for the purpose of speculating in stocks by Frank Flood, acting for Lemieux. Flood was a clerk in W. Weir & Sons' office. Flood came to the Ville Marie Bank for money for Fellows. Witness paid the money on Lemieux's 'bons.' Lemieux would get letters from Fellows stating the amount of the account daily. Mr. Quinn wanted one of the 'bons,' or slips produced, but the witness believed they had been destroyed. He had given them back to Lemieux. Mr. Quinn objected to the contents of these slips being given until they were produced, or it was established that they were destroyed.

Mr. A. L. Kent being questioned regarding them, said he had looked for them, and could not remember ever coming across any of these. He was asked to make a thorough search for them. He thought he would be able to report during the day whether they could be found or not.

Herbert again taking the stand said that the speculation commenced to the best of his knowledge in the summer of 1897. Money for the transactions was at first supplied by Lemieux personally. Later the witness, when a teller in the bank, telephoned for quotations and paid money out of his own department for Lemieux. Flood brought letters to the bank addressed to George Ball. These were delivered to Lemieux, and contained accounts for margins on stocks due from him to Fellows or others. The $173,000 went out for purposes of speculation largely. Witness believed Fellows got that much. There might have been more. Later on, another broker got money from them in the same way. Witness had paid out from $100 to $7,000 in one day; he could not remember any payment of $10,000. Sometimes there was a profit, and sometimes a loss. He had no idea what the net loss might be. The 'bons' were returned to Lemieux about the time he went to New York, at the latter's request.

Witness stated that he did not advance any money to Fellows not authorized by Lemieux. Lemieux used the name of George Ball from the first and had paid Flood money before witness was made paying teller. Witness knew that speculating was going on before he became mixed up in it.

Mr. Quinn here commenced the cross-examination of this witness.

Witness was first asked about the date of his disappearance from public view.

'Did you,' asked Mr. Quinn, 'ever take any money yourself from the bank?'

'No,' was the answer.

'Did you not steal one dollar out of that missing $83,000?' Witness declined to answer and when asked again said he was charged with the theft, but he charge remained to be proved.

'Is it a fact that you admitted to the directors that you took some money from the bank?'

'Yes, to cover somebody else.'

'Will you swear that you did not take any for yourself?'

I refuse to answer.

Witness stated that at that time his salary was $600 a year and that he had no other revenue. He speculated, lost and gained. He could not state the net results as the 'memo' books had been destroyed. They were his own books and were destroyed by himself though they contained the joint transactions of himself and Lemieux. He acted as a sort of agent for Lemieux. Before October, 1897, he lived within his salary, but after that his personal annual expenses would probably amount to $1,200 or $1,500. He had once bought a diamond ring and owned a coon coat and a fur-lined coat. His tailor still had an account against him. He denied ever having had any shortage in his accounts previous to this one. He saw the papers every day at the detective office where he is detained. He looked over the reports of the trial in a casual way, but did not study them, as he knew all about the bank's affairs. When the $173,000 shortage was discovered he was told by Lemieux to say that it was in the vault in two separate amounts. Asked whether he refused to tell such a lie, the witness refused to answer. He knew it was not in the vault, but said it was to cover Lemieux.

At this point McNeill returned with the letter book from Fellows's office but he reported that the missing ledger could not be found. The earliest entry in the letter-book was Feb. 14, 1898.

The Court then adjourned for luncheon.

ITALIAN SENTENCED.

Luigi Serralegri, the Italian navvy, who was arrested by Detective McCaskill and Detective Crowe, of the Canadian Secret Service, and charged with assault, upon George Tinerrelo, a compatriot at St. Alexander, Nov. 15, was this morning found guilty at St. Johns, and sentenced by Judge Loupert to five years in the penitentiary. Tinerrelo had his head cut open with an axe, and $160 was stolen from him. The doctors found his skill badly crushed, and had to take out pieces of the bone, and even removed a portion of the brain, but the patient is reported to be recovering. The case is considered one of the most remarkable known to the profession.

PRESENTATION TO MR. EUGENE TARTE.

On the occasion of his approaching marriage, Mr. Eugene Tarte, one of the co-proprietors of the 'Patrie,' was presented with an address and testimonial by the members of his staff on Friday noon last. The presentation, which consisted of a solid silver tea service and a chest of cutlery, was made by Mr. Godefroy Langlois, chief editor. In the evening Mr. Tarte's numerous friends assembled at his residence, and, in their turn, presented him with their best wishes and another costly chest of cutlery. After thanking his friends in suitable terms, Mr. Tarte entertained them at an exquisite luncheon, and during the evening the Hon. Minister of Public Works dropped in to shake hands with his son's guests.

ACTION SET ASIDE.

Judge Davidson rendered judgment, this morning, in the case of F. Fox vs. the Black Diamond Steamship Company, The plaintiff claimed $107 damages on account of shortage in brass and copper scrap shipped on board one of the company defendant's steamships from St. John's, Newfoundland, to Montreal. The Court held that the company had ceased to be responsible when the shortage took place, and, moreover, plaintiff had no vested right in the goods mentioned.

CANCELLATION JUSTIFIED.

In the case of J. B. D. Francoeur vs. H. Delisle, the plaintiff claimed $1,100 damages on the ground of defendant's failure to carry out an agreement by which they were to form a partnership in the fur trade. Judge Davidson, this morning, dismissed the action, and held that Delisle was justified in cancelling the arrangement, since Francoeur was unable to fulfil his own part of the agreement.

GIRL SEVERELY BURNED.

Shortly after two o'clock this afternoon the ambulance of the Montreal General Hospital was called to 82 Emily street for a six-year-old girl named Emily Piffin. The child, it appears, had been playing with a box of matches and set herself on fire. She was severely burned about the body and arms.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.

The programme, for the fourth convention of the Young People's Societies of the Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church, has been issued. The convention will be held at Smiths Falls, on Jan. 23 and 24, and the list of speakers includes the Rev. A. C. Crews, the general secretary; the Rev. Mr. Bland, of Westmount; and the Rev. Hugh Cairns, of Brockville, president of the conference. The Rev. D. Winter, of the West End Methodist Church, is the president of the Montreal Conference Young People's Union, and will preside.

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

A man named Albert Desnoyers, was taken to the General Hospital on Friday evening from Bonaventure station, having come on the train from St. Hilaire. He had been struck and knocked down by a train at the latter place, receiving a serious fracture of the arm at the elbow joint, which will probably necessitate amputation. He was unconscious on arrival at the hospital, and continued in that condition throughout the night.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

An adjourned inquest was held at the morgue this afternoon on the body of Francois Colin, who died at the Notre Dame Hospital on Friday last, as the result of injuries received by being run over by a sleigh on Sat. Catherine street on Thursday, Dec. 29. After hearing the evidence a verdict of accidental death was returned, no blame being imputed to the driver of the sleigh.

NO DAMAGE PROVED.

Judge Davidson, rendered judgment, this morning, in the case of J. M. Papineau vs. F. X. St. Charles. The plaintiff claimed $825, on the ground that in erecting the building now occupied as the east end branch of the Hochelaga Bank, on St. Catherine street, defendant injured the mitoyen wall between his property and that of plaintiff. The Court held that no damage had been proven, and the action was dismissed.

THE VOTERS' LISTS.

The revision of the voters' lists was continued in the Recorder's Court this afternoon, commencing shortly after two o'clock. The East Ward names were under review.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

REPORTED PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE IN OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—It is reported that the Bank of Montreal has purchased the government workshop property on Wellington street. It is added that the workshops will be removed to the spot now occupied by the Supreme Court building, while the latter, along with the Fisheries exhibit, and geological museum, would be accommodated in the large new edifice to be erected in Major Hill's park.

LOCAL STOCKS.

WITNESS OFFICE, January 8, 1900.

AFTERNOON BOARD.

C.P.R.—25 at 92⅜, 175 at 90½.
M.S.R.—50 at 280, 50 at 279½, 50 at 280.
Twin City—100 at 64½.
Tor. Railway—25 at 101, 150 at 100¾, 200 at 100½, 50 at 101⅜.
Com. Cable—2 at 190, 1 at 189.
Republic—1,000 at 106½.
Richelieu—10 at 105, 25 at 105.
Montreal and London—750 at 34.
War Eagle—2,000 at 250.
Bell Tel. Rights—67 at 71. ½ at 71½.
Mont. Cotton—16 at 144.
Bank of Commerce—30 at 144.
Mont. Gas—2 at 190.
Dom. Cotton—25 at 91¼.
Electric—25 at 185.

Reported by Messrs. Nichols & Marler, Stock Brokers 1734 Notre Dame St.

AFTERNOON BOARD.

Stocks.	Sellers per $100	Buyers per $100	Stocks	Sellers per $100	Buyers per $100
Can. Pacific...	90⅝	90¾	Com. Cable	189	188¾
Duluth Com..	6	5¼	Richelieu..	105⅛	104¾
Do Pfd...	16	10			
STREET RAILWAYS.					
Montreal St..	280	278	Toronto St.	100	101⅜
Mont'l New..	....	....	Twin Cy. Tr	65	64
Halifax Elec.	100	92	" pfd	....	....
Ottawa Elec..	....	....	St. John Ry	....	119
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Mont'l Gas...	190	185	Hlfx H & L.	....	10
Royal Elec...	186	184	Bell Tel'ne	183	172
do. new stock.	....	....	Dom. Coal	....	....
Mntl. Teleg*..	177½	172	" pfd.	....	....
Windsor Htl..	....	....			
COTTONS.					
Montl. Cot.....	153	143⅞	Merchants.	....	....
Can. Col. Cot..	72½	67	Dominion..	92	91¼
MINES.					
War Eagle*..	$2.51	$2.49	Mont. Lond.*	35	33¾
Payne Min...	$1.05	$1.02	Repub. Con*	$1.07	$1.06
Virtue Mg Co.	55	54			
BANKS.					
Montreal....	....	....	E. Townships	....	155
Ontario.....	....	....	Quebec.....	....	....
Molsons xn.s.	....	....	Union.....	112	....
Toronto.....	....	....	Commerce.	145	142
Jcq. Cartier..	....	....	Dominion.	....	....
Merchants...	....	....	National .	....	....
Mrch. of Hlfx	....	....	Hochelaga.	146	....
Nova Scotia.	....	....	Brit. N. Am.	....	....
Imperial.....	....	210			
BONDS.					
Dom. Cotton..	....	....	Com. Cable	102	....
Hlfx. Ht. & Lt.	75	....	" " Rgd	....	....
Hlfx. Tram..	....	....	Col. Cotton.	101	....
Land Grant...	....	....	Bell Tel..	....	....
N.W. Land pfd	....	....	Dom. Coal.	....	....
" com	....	....	R. & O. N. Co.	....	....
Halifax Ry..	....	....	L. & Mor. Co.	....	135
W. L'n Trust.	....	....	D'mdGl'sCo.	....	....
Figtn Coke & Cl	27	23			

*x.d.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

(Furnished by J. R. Meeker.)

Opening and Closing Prices—10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Atchison	18⅛	18⅞
Atchison pfrd	60	60½
Baltimore and Ohio pfrd	....	....
Can. Pacific	....	....
Can. Southern	....	....
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	121¼	121⅝
Clev. C.C. & St. Louis	63	63¾
Com. Cable. Federal Steel	....	....
Del & Hud	113	114
Del. Lack & West ....B.O.	55⅛	56
Erie....B.O pr	73¾	74⅛
N.Y. Gas	....	....
Federal Steel	51½	52
Ill. Fedral Central Steel	....	....
Louis & Nash	77⅝	78⅛
Lake Shore	....	....
Manhattan Consolidated*	93½	93⅞
Missouri Pacific	39½	40⅛
North American	....	....
Nor Pacific	51¼	52⅛
Nor. Pacific pfd	73	72¾
New Jersey Central	....	....
Nor. West	162	160
N.Y. Central	135	135⅛
Omaha, Common	....	....
Pacific Mail	43⅛	44
Reading, Philadelphia	....	....
Richmond, Terminal	....	....
United States Leather	73¾	74
Rock Island, Chicago, and Pacifi	105¼	106⅛
St. Paul	116⅝	117⅛
St. Paul, Minn & Man	....	....
Texas Pacific	15¼	15¼
Union Pacific	45⅞	45⅝
" pfd	....	....
Wabash Com	....	....
Wabash pfd	21	20⅞
Western Union Tel	87¾	87
Sugar	129	131⅜
Lead	105½	105½
Gas Chicago	103	103⅞
Gen. Electric	123	123
T. B. R. T.	71	71⅞
Rubber M.R	43	43
Rubber pfd	....	....
Met. Traction	182½	183¾
Tenn. Coal and I	82¾	84

LONDON CLOSING PRICES.

London, Jan. 8, 4 p.m.—Closing—Consols, for money, 98⅝; do., for the account, 98¾; C.P.R., 92⅝; G.T.R., 6¾; Erie, 11; Erie, firsts pfd., 31⅞; Illinois Central, 114; U.P. pfd., 75½; St. Paul, common, 119⅜; N.Y.C., 139; Penn'a, 67; Reading, 9¼; N.P., pfd., 74½; Atchison, 19; Louisville, 79⅝; bar silver, 27⅛d steady; money, 5½ percent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 4⅛ to 4¼; do., for three months' bills, 4¼ percent.

MINING EXCHANGE.

Reported by A. W. Morris, Mining Broker, Rooms 62 and 64 Canada Life Building.

AFTERNOON BOARD.

Stocks.	Sellers.	Buyers.
Payne	$1.06	$1.04
War Eagle x-d	2.55	2.49
Republic x-d	1.06½	1.05
Virtue	54	53½
Montreal and London x-d	35	33
Big Three	8½	8
Brandon and Golden Crown	27	..
California	12	11½
Can. Gold Fields	8	7
Cariboo Hydraulic	98	..
Evening Star	8½	5
Fern	6	..
Gold Hills Dev.	6	3
Knob Hill	77½	..
Monte Cristo	7	5½
Montreal Gold Fields	7	6½
Noble Five	15	..
Novelty	2½	1
Old Ironsides	1.00	..
Virginia	8½	..
Bullion	55	20½
Decca	16	10
Morrison	6	4½
Golden Star	40	33½
Slocan Sovereign	35	30
Rathmullen	8	4½
Winnipeg	29	..
Dardanelles	12	10
Deer Trail No. 2	12	10½

AFTERNOON SALES.

Big Three—1,000 at 8½, 500 at 8½, 2,000 at 8½, 1,000 at 8, 1,000 at 8, 500 at 8.
Payne—1,000 at $1.05.
Republic—500 at $1.06.
Montreal and London—600 at 35.
Virtue—2,000 at 53.
Montreal Canadian Gold Fields—2,000 at 7.

ROSSLAND MINING EXCHANGE.

Rossland, B.C., Jan. 8.—Sales:
King—2,000 at 26; 3,000 at 27.
Giant—3,000 at 8¾; 100 at 9¼.
Rambler Cariboo—2,000 at 55.
Rathmullen—5,000 at 6; 5,000 at 7.
Brandon and Golden Crown—5,000 at 27.
Peoria—5,000 at 1½; 2,000 at 1½; 3,000 at 1⅝.
Okanagan—1,000 at 8¼.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

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

	Saturday's Close.	To-day Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—					
Jan.	65½	....	....	....	64
May	68½	68¾	68⅞	67¾	67⅞
July	68⅞	69	69⅛	68⅛	68¼
Corn—					
Jan.	30¼	....	....	....	30⅜
May	32⅞	32⅞	33	32⅝	32⅝
Oats—					
Jan.	22	....	....	....	22
May	23¾	23¾	23⅞	23⅝	23⅝
Pork—					
Jan.	10.55	....	....	....	10.62
May	10.85	10.82	10.92	10.80	10.82
Lard—					
Jan.	5.80	....	....	....	5.82
May	5.92	5.95	6.00	5.92	6.00
Short Ribs—					
Jan.	5.60	....	....	....	5.65
May	5.72	5.72	5.77	5.72	5.77

MINING NOTES.

ORE SHIPMENTS FROM ROSSLAND CAMP.

Rossland, B.C., Jan. 6.—The ore shipments from Rossland camp for the first six days of the new year ending this evening total 4,475.5 tons, a daily average of over 745 tons, and a weekly average exceeding 5,000 tons. Appended is a detailed statement, approximately of the output of the six days mentioned: Leroi, 1,606.5; War Eagle, 1,448; Centre Star, 1,008; Iron Mask, 525; Monte Cristo, 135, and I.X.L., 52.

CORN EXCHANGE MEMBERSHIP.

The following have been admitted to membership in the Montreal Corn Exchange Association: Mr. W. A. Burns, representing the McKay Milling Company, and Mr. Geo. R. Hooper, of Messrs. Wm. Dow & Co.

MORTGAGES IN 1899.

GREATER IN AMOUNT THAN IN 1898.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Mr. P. J. Coffey, registrar of the county of Carleton, has prepared his annual statement, showing the number of deeds, mortgages and discharges of mortgages, registered during 1899. The mortgages for 1899, while slightly below last year in number, are greater in the aggregate amount than in 1898, and much greater than in 1897. Mr. Coffey remarks that the figures might give an opposite impression to what they really mean. He says there are more mortgages during good times than during hard times. This year there has been a decrease in the number of mortgages on farms, while the increase is caused by the suburbs which are in a position to build homes and partly pay for them. The class of mortgage is not the same as generally registered in hard times. This, too, accounts for the increase in mechanics' liens, a very large increase, the liens being often given to contractors on these buildings. Mr. Coffey says that he finds a general increase of about 10 percent in the value of farm lands and in his experience he never found the farmers as contented as at the present time.

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LOCAL STOCKS.

MARKET GOES SOFT.

The local stock market opened with a decline this morning, and continued to lose ground throughout the session, although the liquidation was not marked. Pacific, 1½ points; Montreal Street, 4 points; Toronto Street, 2½ points; Dominion Cotton, 3¼ points were the principal declines. The cause is given as sympathetic weakness, with New York and London, when a decline has been caused by selling orders from Berlin and depressing war news.

MORNING BOARD.

C.P.R.—425 at 90.

M.S.R.—200 at 280.

Richelieu—75 at 105.

Toronto Railway—25 at 101, 50 at 101¼, 75 at 101, 20 at 101.

War Eagle—500 at 250.

Com. Cable—4 at 190, 1 at 190.

Dom. Cotton—25 at 91, 25 at 90½, 25 at 90, 25 at 90¼, 50 at 90½, 50 at 90¼.

Twin City—50 at 65.

Molsons Bank—4 at 194.

Quebec Bank—9 at 126.

Bank of Commerce—24 at 144.

Mont. Cotton—35 at 144.

Bell Tel. Rights—1¾ at 71½, 10¼ at 71½.

Merchants Bank—7 at 163¾.

Bank of Montreal—4 at 256.

Reported by Messrs. Nichols & Marler, Stock Brokers 1734 Notre Dame St.

MORNING BOARD.

Stocks.	Sellers per $100	Buyers per $100	Stocks	Sellers per $100	Buyers per $100
Can. Pacific...	90⅜	90	Com. Cable	189	188
Duluth Com..	6	5¼	Richelieu..	105	104
Do Pfd...	15	12			
STREET RAILWAYS.					
Montreal St..	280	278¼	Toronto St.	101	100¾
Mont'l New..	....	....	Twin Cy. Tr	66	64
Halifax Elec.	100	10	" pfd	....	....
Ottawa Elec..	....	....	St. John Ry	....	118
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Mont'l Gas ...	190	185	Hlfx H & L.	....	10
Royal Elec. ..	185	181	Bell Tel'ns	183	172½
do. new stock.	....	....	Dom. Coal.	46	42
Mntl. Teleg*..	177½	172	" pfd.	....	....
Windsor Htl..	....	....			
COTTONS.					
Montl. Cot....	148	143½	Merchants.	....	....
Can. Col. Cot.. *	72¼	67	Dominion..	91	90¼
MINES.					
War Eagle*..	$2.51	$2.48	Mont. Lond.*	36	33
Payne Min..	$1.05	$1.02	Repub. Con*.	$1.10	$1.06½
Virtue Mg Co.	60	53			
BANKS.					
Montreal....	....	....	E. Townships	....	155
Ontario.....	....	....	Quebec.....	....	123
Molsons xd.s.	....	....	Union.....	112	....
Toronto.....	....	....	Commerce.	145	142
Jeq. Cartier..	....	....	Dominion.	....	....
Merchants....	....	....	National.	....	....
Mrch. of Hlfx	....	....	Hochelaga.	146	....
Nova Scotia..	....	....	Brit. N. Am.	....	....
Imperial.....	....	210			
BONDS.					
Dom. Cotton..	....	....	Com. Cable	102	....
Hlfx. Ht. & Lt.	75	....	" " Rgd	....	....
Hlfx. Tram..	....	....	Col. Cotton.	101	....
Land Grant..	....	....	Bell Tel....	....	....
N.W. Land pfd	....	....	Dom. Coal.	....	....
" com	....	....	R. & O. N. Co.	....	....
Halifax Ry..	....	....	L. & Mor. Co.	....	135
W. L. & Trust.	....	....	D'mnGl'sCo.	....	....
Figm Coxe & Cl Ltd.	27	20			

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	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
New York Funds....	1-32 prem.	1-16 prem.	⅛ to ¼ prem
Sterling, 60 days....	8¾	8 13-16	8⅞ to 9
Sterling demand....	9 1 -16	9 13-16	10 to 10 1-16
Sterling Cable.....	9 15-16	10	10⅛
Paris Cheques.....	5.16⅞		

LONDON.

London, Jan. 8—American securities were dull from the opening to-day, but near the close partially recovered early losses. The market was depressed by war news, selling pressure from Berlin, and an absence of buyers. The final tone was steady. The amount of bullion taken into the Bank of England on balace to-day was £617,000.

NEW YORK.

New York, Jan. 8.—Wall Street—Prices went down easily at the opening in sympathy with the great weakness in London. First prices ranged 1 to 1½ lower than Saturday's close, as a rule. Exceptional losses of 2 to 3 points were shown by the New York Central, Tennessee Coal, Metropolitan and American Tobacco. Prices hardened slightly after the opening.

THE STOCK MARKETS.

London, Jan. 6.—Prices on the stock exchange last week were very irregular. They opened well, but fell off on German selling. This was followed by an improvement, owing to easy money, and the closing figures were rather better than the worst, although somewhat weak on the renewal of Berlin selling with consols ¼ lower. Americans suffered most from Berlin selling. A wonderful change came over money during the week, due to large arrivals of American gold, and to the increase of the banks' reserve to more than £50,200,000. Rates fell rapidly, call money 2½ to 3 percent; money for a week, 3 to 3½, and three months' bills, 4¼ to 4⅜.

New York, Jan. 6. — The stock market suffered from a continuation of the liquidation for Berlin account. The volume of the selling in New York is not formidable, but the sentimental effect of it was decisive in driving prices downwards throughout the list, and discouraging buying of stocks. The further sharp decline in interest rates in Berlin and London precluded the explaation of money stringency to account of the selling, and suggested a political motive.

BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, Jan. 5.— Bank clearings at the principal United States cities for the week ended Jan. 4, show total clearances, $1,781,771,641, an increase of nine percent as compared with the corresponding week last year. Outside of New York city the clearances were $664,295,369, increase of 7.5 percent.

For the Dominion of Canada the clearances were as follows:

		Inc. p.c.
Montreal	$10,424,760	*23.5
Toronto	11,692,681	2.5
Winnipeg	2,907,812	38.7
Halifax	1,755,615	15.0
Hamilton	946,229	21.2
St. John, N.B.	693,223	33.2
Vancouver	963,346	52.8
Victoria	629,168	18.0

* Decrease.

MINING EXCHANGE.

Reported by A. W. Morris, Mining Broker, Rooms 62 and 64 Canada Life Building.

MORNING BOARD.

Stocks.	Sellers.	Buyers.
Payne	$1.06	$1.00
War Eagle x-d.	2.55	2.50
Republic x-d	1.09	1.05
Virtue	55	53
Montreal and London x-d	35	32
Big Three	9	8½
Brandon and Golden Crown	27	15
California	12	11½
Can. Gold Fields	7½	7
Cariboo Hydraulic	98	..
Evening Star	8½	5
Fern	6	2
Gold Hills Dev.	6	..
Knob Hill	77½	50
Monte Cristo	7	5½
Montreal Gold Fields	7	6
Noble Five	15	10
Novelty	2½	1
Old Ironsides	$1.00	..
Virginia	8½	5
Bullion	55	..
Decca	16	10
Morrison	6½	4½
Golden Star	35	30
Slocan Sovereign	34	30
Rathmullen	8	..
Winnipeg	35	30
Dardanelles	12	..
Deer Trail No. 2	12½	10

MORNING SALES.

Montreal-London—100 at 34.

Slocan Sovereign—200 at 32.

Big Three—500 at 9.

Canadian Gold Fields—2,500 at 7½.

TORONTO MINING SALES.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—Sales:

Okanagan—500 at 7¾.

Van Anda—3,500 at 5½, 3,000 at 5½.

Golden Star—2,000 at 34¼.

Bonanza—2,000 at 9.

Golden Star—2,000 at 35, 500 at 35½, 500 at 35¼.

Standard mining sales:

Dundee—300 at 15.

Fairview Corp.—1,000 at 3¾.

Van Anda—1,000 at 10½.

Golden Star—500 at 34¾.

COMMERCIAL

Montreal Wholesale Markets.

WITNESS OFFICE, January 8, 1900.

GRAIN.

The market continues quiet in all lines. Manitoba wheat has declined to 64c Fort William. Ontario spring wheat is held at 66c, with 65½c bid east of Toronto. Buckwheat is quoted at 49c east. Peas, 57½c; oats, 25¼c; No. 2 barley, 38½c west of Toronto.

Liverpool, Jan. 8.—Red winter, 5s 10d; No. 1 northern, 6s 1½d; No. 1 Cala., 6s 3d to 6s 3½d; corn, 3s 5¾d; peas, 5s 5d.

Receipts to-day in Montreal were 10,800 bushels oats, per G.T.R.

FLOUR AND FEED.

Values continue easy but millers report orders fully up to expectation. Quotations are as follows:—Manitoba patents, $3.90 to $4; strong bakers, $3.60 to $3.70; Ontario patents, $3.55 to $3.80; straight rollers, $3.30 to $3.35, and $1.57 to $1.60 in bags; bran, $14.50 to $15 for Manitoba in bags, and Ontario grades in bulk; shorts, $16.50 to $17, and moullie $19 to $20.00.

Receipts to-day were 300 brls. flour per G.T.R.

PROVISIONS.

The supply of dressed hogs continues large and values easy. Sales this morning are reported at $5.30 to $5.50 the latter being for fresh killed hogs of good quantity and light weight.

Trade in cured meats is very light owing to large supply, and cheapness of fresh meat.

Quotations—Compound lard, 5¾c; pure refined lard, 6½c to 6¾c; kettle rendered, 8c to 8¼c in tiercen. Barrel pork is in fair demand at $14 to $15. Hams are steady at 10c to 11c, according to size; boneless breakfast bacon, 11½c; Wiltshire bacon, at 11c; green bacon, 7c; barrel beef, $13.

Receipts of dressed hogs to-day were 449.

POULTRY.

Supplies and demand are about equal, but the market is not particularly active.

Fresh killed turkeys are quoted at 9½c to 10c; frozen or inferior stock, 8c to 8½c. There is a good demand for ducks at 8c. Geese quiet at 5½c to 6½c, and chickens at 6c to 6½c.

EGGS.

Trade is steady and values show little change. Strictly fresh laid is firmer at 24c, and cold storage eggs easier at 12c to 14c. Candled receipts are quoted at 16c to 17c; selected fall eggs at 18c to 20c; and limed eggs at 15c to 16c. Seconds are not much in demand at 11c to 12c.

APPLES.

Messrs. Simons, Shuttleworth & Co. quote the Liverpool apple market as follows:—For first class sound fruit Baldwins, and Phoenix and G. Russets, 19s to 21s; Spies, 16s to 18s; American Pippins, Canada Reds and Ben Davis, 17s to 19s; Greenings, 12s to 14s; T. Sweets, 9s to 11s; Wagners, 17s to 19s; lower grades and slack barrels, 2s to 3s less; wasty fruit from 5s to 10s per barrel. Only the choicest fruit made top quotations. The market opened strong, but declined during the day and closed weaker.

Messrs. Simons, Jacobs & Co., Glasgow, cable as follows: Market for good sound fruit is active and strong.

BUTTER.

The market is steady and firm. One small shipment to New York was made this morning, and others may follow, as supplies become more plentiful here, as finest creamery brings 29 cents there. No English shipments are being made, as local values are above a parity.

Jobbers quote 21c to 21½c for finest creamery, with extra quality worth 22c.

Dairy butter is still in active demand at 18c to 18½c for rolls and 18c to 19c for tubs.

Receipts to-day were 274 pkgs per Grand Trunk Railway.

CHEESE.

Some business is reported to be now doing in cheese, but it is difficult to get any accurate information, for holders are not securing the prices they anticipated. It is reported, however, that 12c has been secured, but as holders are offering at 11¾c it is not probable that much has moved at the higher figure.

Receipts to-day were 294 boxes.

LIVE STOCK MARKET, Jan. 8.

There were about 350 head of butchers' cattle, 15 calves and 250 sheep and lambs offered for sale at the East End Abattoir to-day. The butchers were present in considerable numbers, but trade was slow, as high prices were being asked all round. Prime beeves sold at from 4½c to 4¾c per lb.; pretty good animals at from 3½c to 4¼c, and the common stock at from 2½c to nearly 3½ per lb. The calves were a poor lot, and sold at from $2.50 to $5.00 each. Sheep sold at from 2¾c to 3¼c per lb., and lambs at from 4c to 4¼c per lb.; but choice lambs would bring 4½c per lb. There were only seven fat hogs at the C.P.R. stockyards this morning, and 4¼c per lb., had been offered, but refused for them.

AMERICAN CATTLE MARKETS.

New York, Jan. 6.—Beeves, receipts, 2,755; steady for steers and bulls; cows are steady to 15c lower; all sold. Steers, $4.50 to $5.90; tops, $6 to $6.25, oxen, $4.65 to $5.30; bulls, $3.25 to $4.70; cows, $2 to $4.25. Cables steady; exports, 440 cattle and 4,800 quarters of beef. To-morrow, 663 cattle and 1,800 qrs of beef. Calves, receipts, 417; veals steady; barnyard calves, slow; veals, $5 to $9; barnyard calves, $3 to $4. Sheep and lambs, receipts, 3,496; sheep, firm; lambs, 10c higher; all sold. Sheep, $3 to $4.50; lambs, $5.75 to $6.70; culls, $4.50 to $5.25. Hogs, receipts, 3,472; market steady to $4.75 to $4.85.

East Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 6.—Receipts, cattle, only two loads on sale; the market was unchanged in tone under fair demand and mild weather. Calves sold about on the same basis of yesterday, the supply being light; choice to extra, $8.25 to $8.50; good to choice, $8 to $8.25.

Sheep and Lambs—The offerings were about 30 loads. The market ruled steady; the bulk of the sales were at the outside quoted figures, with a couple of loads sold at a higher figure. Lambs, choice to extra, $6 to $6.25; good to choice, $5.75 to $6; common to fair, $4.75 to $5.75. Sheep, choice to extra, $4.75 to $5; good to choice, $4.50 to $4.75; common to fair, $2.75 to $4. At the close the offerings were pretty well cleared up, and the close was steady.

Hogs—The market became active with 40 loads on sale. The trade opened easy, became stronger and then declined. The action of the market was irregular at a range of $4.60 to $4.70.

Heavy were quoted during the best hours of the day, $4.65 to $4.70; mixed, $4.65; Yorkers, $4.60 to $4.65; pigs, $4.60 to $4.65; roughs, $4 to $4.10; stags, $3.25 to $3.50. The close was on a basis of 5c to 7½c lower, medium being quoted $4.65; Yorkers and pigs, $4.60.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

Edinburgh, Dec. 26.—Messrs. John Swan & Sons' (limited) weekly report on the live stock trade says:—The number of fat cattle on offer this week was not quite so large, and while the best class met a better trade, secondary were cheaper. Fat cows were a larger show, and met a quieter trade. Fat sheep were shown in similar numbers, and owing to the bad reports from the southern markets trade was rather quieter. Calves and pigs were a large show, and met a good demand at recent rates. There was a small show of store cattle on offer, and were mostly sold at late rates. Store sheep were shown in small numbers, and while the best class were easily sold at fair prices, secondary were left unsold. Milch cows were also shown in smaller numbers, and experienced a stiff selling trade, except for the best class, which made high prices, being up to £31. Best beef made from 6s to 8s 6d per stone. Mutton from 7¾d to 8½d per lb.

London, Dec. 27.—Offerings of beasts yesterday consisted principally of runts and shorthorns from the Midland counties, with a few bulls and rough cattle from the south-western districts. Fat beasts made slow sales, and the rates were purely nominal. Norfolks, 4s 6d to 4s 8d; runts, 4s 4d to 4s 6d; Irish, 4s per 8 lbs (offal given in). The small numbers of sheep penned met with little demand, and rates not worth quoting. As will be noted, the market day was altred from Monday to yesterday. Total supply:—Beasts, 120; sheep, 130.

Newcastle, Dec. 27.—Yesterday's quotations:—Prime heifers, 7s 9d to 8s; steers, 7s 6d to 7s 9d; second class, 6s 6d to 7s; coarse and inferior, 5s 6d to 6s 6d; small porkers, 7s 9d to 8s 6d; large, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; good sheep, 8½d; veal, 7½d to 8d per lb. Cattle, 695; sheep, 1,858; pigs, 1,945.

Salford, Dec. 27.—Quite a holiday market yesterday. Small supply, and few buyers. At market: Cattle, 784; sheep, 2,631; calves, 33. Quotations: Cattle, 5¼d to 6¾d; sheep, 8d; calves, 5d to 7¼d per lb.

Liverpool, Dec. 27.—Yesterday's supply:—Beasts, 286; sheep, 636. Best beasts, 6d to 6¼d; second, 5½d to 5¾d; third, 4½d to 5¼d; best Scotch sheep, 8¼d to 8½d; other sorts, 6d to 7½d. A decrease of 1,006 beasts and 4,883 sheep. Little or no demand for all classes at about late rates.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The fair activity of yesterday's trade at the Western Cattle Market was continued again to-day. Prices in most branches were firm. The quality of stock was medium, but there were a few choice lots sold. The run was fair, about 700 cattle, 1,000 hogs, 730 sheep and lambs and 9 calves.

Export Cattle—This branch continues firm good heavy steers fetching from $4.65 to $5, and higher in a few cases. Light exporters sold at $4.25 to $4.50 per cwt.

Export bulls were a trifle firmer, selling as high as $4.50 per cwt. for 1,600 lbs. or more, and as low as $3.25 per cwt., according to weight and quality.

Butchers' Cattle—There were some good prices paid for one or two extra choice heifers, but the average choice cattle sold around $4 to $4.40, good heifers and cows, mixed, from $3.25 to $3.75, and common to medium stock at $2.50 to $3 per cwt.

Feeders—Comparatively none offered. Demand for this class continues fair, especially for choice short-keep steers, weighing around 1,200 lbs. Such stock would fetch $4 to $4.25 and $3.60 to $3.80 for average heavy feeders.

Stockers—Save a few odd lots this branch was unrepresented on the market. Demand is not good; prices nominal as quoted in table.

Milch cows are easier with a weaker demand. The average receipts to-day sold at $30 to $45 a head.

Bulls—There were very few stock or feeding bulls offered; market was dull at nominal prices as quoted.

Sheep and lambs were firm with a fair-sized run. Export ewes sold at $3.25 to $3.65 per cwt., and lambs at $3.75 to $4.60 and $4.75 for picked ewes and wethers.

Hogs unchanged at $4.37½ per cwt. for select weights of 160 to 200 lbs. natural weight, $4 for light fats and $3.75 for thick fats.

HOLIDAY TRADE IN CANADA.

(Dun's Review.)—Although the holiday business was very large throughout most sections of Canada, the New Year's business has not yet reached large proportions. At Halifax, both wholesale and retail trade is quiet, but prospects are bright. Toronto reports the retail holiday business the largest on record, but wholesale trade is quiet, although remittances are satisfactory. A generally satisfactory holiday trade at Quebec has been succeeded by very quiet conditions.

Nothing new is reported at Winnipeg in the condition of business, although collections show a slight improvement.

The usual holiday dulness continues in British Columbia, but collections are reported fairly satisfactory.

ENGLISH TRADE FOR DECEMBER.

London, Jan. 6.—The statement of the Board of Trade for the month of December, 1899, shows a decrease of £4,625,900 in imports, and an increase of £1,060,100 in exports.

More gold was engaged from the Continent and from New York to-day, the Bank of England giving facilities.

The December trade returns are less unfavorable than is apparent on the surface. The feature in the imports is the decline of £4,000,000 in the cotton imported from the United States. The gold imported for the month was £1,998,000, and the amount exported was £1,456,000.

FAILURES IN THE UNITED STATES.

New York, Jan. 6.—Dun's Review says: Failures in 1899 were 9,393 in number, with liabilities of $123,132,679. The last days of the year added a few to the number, and some millions to the known liabilities of firms and banks which failed close to the end, so that commercial defaults reached $90,879,889, of which $30,792,164, were in manufacturing; $48,924,771 in trading, and $11,162,954 in brokerage, promoting and other commercial liabilities. Yet it remains true that the failures of 1899 were in amount smaller than in any other year of the past 25, excepting 1880 and 1881, while the average of liabilities—$77.50 per firm—was smaller than in any previous year, and most important test of all, the ratio of defaults to solvent payments through clearing house, 97 cents per $1,000, is not only the smallest ever known in any year, but smaller than in any quarter save one, the third of 1881. There is nothing unsound in the business of the great industries, but an extensive revision of prices may disappoint extreme expectations. Two ways of stimulating business are adopted.

OTTAWA MARKET.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—A Catholic holiday always has a demoralizing effect on the size of the market, and to-day was no exception to the rule. The attendance of buyers and sellers was not as large as at the average Tuesday or Thursday market. Some private sales of pork were made for as high as $5.50 cwt., but they were exceptional cases, as the buyers, as a rule, did not seem to care to allow more than from $5.25 to $5.40 cwt. A few sales of beef of the best quality were made for $6 cwt., hindquarters, but in the majority of cases from $5 to $5.10 cwt. was the price paid. Of late the quality of a considerable proportion of the beef offered has not been of a very high standard. Butter was rather scarce. Rolls sold for 23c to 25c per lb., and prints for 25c to 26c per lb. There was a fair supply of vegetables. The sale prices ran as follows: Potatoes, 60c to 65c per bag; turnips, 40c per bag; onions, 20c peck; parsnips, 10c gallon; and beets, 10c gallon; carrots, 7c gallon; cabbage, 10c head. Hay, $9 to $10 per ton. Oats sold for 29c and 30c per bushel.

COUNTRY MARKETS.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 6.—White wheat, per bushel, 65c to 66c; red ditto, 65c to 66c; spring ditto, 65c to 66c; peas, ditto, 54c to 60c; barley, ditto, 36c to 40c; oats, ditto, 30c to 30½c; corn, ditto, 37; cloverseed, ditto, $5.50 to $5.75; timothy seed, ditto, $1.50 to $1.75; white wheat flour, per brl., $3 to $3.75; strong bakers, ditto, $3.25 to $3.50; dressed hogs, per cwt., 5¼c to 5½c; apples, per bag of a bushel and a half, $1 to $1.10; dried apples, per bag of 90 lbs., 45c; butter, in rolls, per lb., 19c to 20c; do., in firkins, per lb., 18c to 19c; eggs, per dozen, 19c.

Guelph, Jan. 6, 1900.—Flour, $1.85 to $2.10; red wheat, 66c to 67c; white wheat, 64c to 65c; bran, $13; middlings, $16; barley, 40c to 42c; rye, 50c to 52c; peas, 55c to 60c; oats, 26c to 27c; hay, $8 to $9; potatoes, per bag, 35c to 40c; dressed hogs, $5 to $5.20; sheepskins, 50c to 80c; hides, $7 to $8; butter, 20c to 22c; eggs, 20c to 22c; chickens, pair, 40c to 60c; ducks, pair, 50c to 75c; and geese, per lb., 5c to 6c; turkeys, per lb., at 9c to 10c.

ECCLESIASTICAL APPOINTMENTS.

Archbishop Bruchesi has made the following new appointments: The Rev. P. M. Moulin, acting pastor at St. Basile le Grand; the Rev. A. E. Deschamps, vicar at St. Eusebe; the Rev. Robert Dufault, vicar at Ste. Cunegonde; the Rev. A. Lessard, vicar at Caughnawaga.

STE. AGATHE WEATHER.

The following readings are reported from St. Agathe for Jan. 4 and 5:—Thermometer; maximums, 16—5 and 31—0; minimums, 1—5 and 11—0. Direction of wind; on Jan. 4, west; on Jan. 5, south-west.

CARD FROM LIEUT. ARMSTRONG.

Lieut.-Col. Ibbotson, commanding the 5th Royal Scots, this morning received the following brief post-card message from Lieut. Armstrong, of the Scots, now serving with E Company: 'Camp de Aar, Dec. 4, 1899.—Scots all well.'

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The Boys' Page.

A Scots Grammar School.

(By Ian MacLaren, in the 'Saturday Evening Post.')

(Concluded.)

Spiug had fought many pitched battles in his day, and was afraid neither of man nor beast, and his heart sank within him for the first time in his life when he crossed the bridge and climbed the hill to the residence of Mr. Dugald MacKinnon. Nothing but his pledged word, and a reputation for courage which must not be tarnished, since it rested on nothing else, brought him up the lane to Bulldog's door. He was before his time, and Nestie had not yet come to meet him, and he could allow his imagination to picture what was within the walls, and what might befall his unfortunate self before he went down that lane again. His one consolation and support was in the lop-eared rabbits; and if it were the case, as Nestie had sworn with an oath which had never been broken at the Seminary, that there were rabbits within that dreadful enclosure, there was hope for him; for if he knew about anything, he knew about rabbits, and if any one had to do with rabbits—and although it was incredible, yet, had not Nestie sworn it with an oath?—there must be some bowels of mercy even in Bulldog. Spiug began to speculate whether he might not be able, with Nestie's loyal help, to reach the rabbits and examine thoroughly into their condition, and escape from the garden without a personal interview with its owner; and at the thought thereof Spiug's heart was lifted. For of all his exploits, which had delighted the Seminary, none, for its wonder and daring, its sheer amazingness, could be compared with a stolen visit to Bulldog's rabbits. 'Nestie,' he murmured to himself, as he remembered the little Englishman's prodigal imagination, 'is a maist extraordinary leear, but he said "as sure as death."'

'Why, Spiug, is that you? You ought to have opened the door. Come along and shake hands with the master; he's just longing to see you.' And Spiug was dragged along the walk between the gooseberry bushes, which in no other circumstances would he have passed unnoticed, with the air of a dog going to execution. He heard someone coming down the walk, and he lifted up his eyes to know the worst, and in that moment it appeared as if reason had deserted the unhappy Spiug. It was the face of Bulldog, for the light of that countenance could not be found on any other man within the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Yes, it was Bulldog, and that Spiug would be prepared to swear to in any court of justice. The nose and the chin, and the iron-grey whiskers and hair, and above all those revolving eyes. There could not be any mistake. But what had happened to Bulldog's face, for it was like unto that of another man? The sternness had gone out of it, and—there was no doubt about it—Bulldog was smiling, and it was an altogether comprehensive and irresistible smile. It had taken the iron lines out of his face, and given his lips the kindliest of curves, and changed his nose of its aggressive air, and robbed the judicial appearance of his whiskers, and it had given him—it was a positive fact—another pair of eyes. They still revolved, but not now like the guns in the turret of a monitor, dealing destruction right and left. They were shining and twinkling like the kindly light from a harbor tower. There never was such a genial and humorsome face, so full of fun and humanity, as that which looked down on the speechless Spiug.

Nor was that all; it was a complete transformation. Where were the pepper-and-salt trousers, and the formal black coat and vest, which seemed somehow to symbolize the inflexible severity of Bulldog's reign? and the hat, and the gloves, and the stick—what had become of his trappings? Was there ever such a pair of disreputable old slippers, down at the heel, out at the sides, broken at the seams, as those that covered the feet of Bulldog in that garden? The very sight of those slippers with their suggestion of slackness and unpunctuality and ignorance of all useful knowledge and general bohemianism, was the first thing that cheered the heart of Spiug. Those slippers would tolerate no problems from Euclid and would laugh a cane to scorn. Where did he ever get those trousers, and from whose hands did they originally come, baggy at the knee and loose everywhere, stained with garden mould and torn with garden bushes?.

Without doubt it was a warm night in that sheltered place on the side of the hill; but would any person believe that the master of mathematics besides writing and arithmetic, in Muirtown Seminary, was going about in his garden, and before the eyes of two of his pupils, without the vestage of a waistcoat? Spiug now was braced for wonders, but even he was startled with Bulldog's jacket, which seemed of earlier age than the trousers, with which it had no connection in color. It may once have had four buttons, but only two were left now; there was a tear in its side which must have been made by a nail in the garden wall; the handle of a hammer projected from one pocket, and a pruning-knife from the other. And if there was not a pipe in Bulldog's mouth, stuck in the side of his cheek, 'as sure at death'! There was a knife in his hand, with six blades and a corkscrew and a gimlet, and a thing for taking the stones out of a horse's hoof—oath again repeated—and Bulldog was trying the edge of the biggest blade upon his finger. Spiug, now ascending from height to height, was not surprised to see no necktie, and would have been prepared to see no collar. He had now even a wild hope that when he reached Bulldog's head it might be crowned with a Highland bonnet minus the tails; but instead thereof there was a hat, possibly once a wide-awake, so bashed and shapeless and discolored, and worn so rakishly, partly on the back and partly on the side of his head. Spiug was inwardly satisfied, and knew that no evil could befall him in that garden.

'Spiug, my mannie, how are ye?' said this amazing figure. 'Ye've been long o' coming. There's something like a knife, eh?' and Bulldog opened up the whole concern and challenged Spiug to produce his knife, which was not so bad, for it had six departments and one of them was a file, which was wanting in Bulldog's.

'Show the master your peerie, Spiug,' said Nestie. 'It's split more tops than any one in the school; it's a r-ripper,' and Nestie exhibited its deadly steel point with much pride, while Spiug endeavored to look unconscious as the owner of this instrument of war.

'Dod, I'll have to try myself,' said Bulldog. 'It's many a year since I've spun a top. Where's yir string?' and he strode up the walk winding the top, and the boys behind looked at one another, while Nestie triumphed openly.

'Are you f-frightened, Spiug?' he whispered. 'Ain't he great? And just you wait; you haven't begun to see things yet, not h-half.'

Upon the doorstep Bulldog spun the top with a right hand that had not lost its cunning, but rather had been strengthened by much cane exercise. 'It's sleeping!' he cried in huge delight. 'If ye dare to touch it, pity ye!' but no one wished to shorten its time, and the three hung over that top with fond interest, as Bulldog timed the performance with his watch, which he extricated from his trouser pocket.

'Ye're a judge o' rabbits, Spiug,' said the master. 'I would like to have yir advice,' and as they went down through the garden they halted at a place, and the robins came and sat on Bulldog's shoulder and took crumbs out of his hand, and, a little farther on, the thrushes bade him welcome, and he showed the boys where the swallows had built every year, and they, also, flew around his head.

'If ye dinna meddle wi' them, the birds'll no be afraid o' ye, will they, Dandie?' and the old terrier which followed at his heels wagged his tail and indicated that he, also, was on good terms with every living thing in the garden.

No one in the Seminary ever could be brought to believe it, even although Spiug tried to inculcate faith with his fists, that Bulldog had carried out a litter of young rabbits in his hat for inspection, and that, before the three of them laid themselves out for a supper of strawberries, Spiug had given to his master the best knowledge at his command on the amount of green food which might be given with safety to a rabbit of adult years, and had laid it down with authority that a moderate amount of tea-leaves and oatmeal might be allowed as an occasional dainty.

After the attack on the strawberries in which Spiug greatly distinguished himself, and Bulldog urged him on with encouraging words, they had tarts and lemonade in the house, where not a sign of cane or tawse could be found. Bulldog drew the corks himself, and managed once to drench Spiug gloriously, whereat that worthy wiped his face with his famous red handkerchief and was inordinately proud, while Nestie declared that the thing had been done on purpose, and Bulldog threatened him with the tawse for insulting his master.

'Did ye think, Spiug, ye could manage a piece o' rock before ye go?' and Bulldog produced the only rock that a Muirtown man will ever think worth eating—Fenwick's own very best, thick, and pure, and rich, and well-flavored; and when Spiug knew not whether to choose the peppermint, that is black and white, or the honey rock, which is brown and creamy, or the cinnamon, which in those days was red outside and white within, his host insisted that he should take a piece of each, and they would last him till he reached his home.

Spiug, and Bulldog bade farewell to his pupil at the garden gate, 'ye're the most aggravating little scoundrel in Muirtown Seminary, but ye're fine company, an' ye'll, maybe, be a man yet, an' Nestie an' me will be glad to see ye when ye're no engaged wi' yir study. Ye'll no forget to come, Peter?'

Peter's tongue, which had been wagging among the rabbits, again forsook him, but he was able to indicate that he would seize an early opportunity of again paying his respects to Mr. Dugald MacKinnon in his own home; and when Bulldog thrashed him next day for not having prepared an exercise the night before, the incident only seemed to complete Spiug's pride and satisfaction.



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Montreal, 5th December, 1899.
HUTCHINSON & OUGHTRED,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made at the next Session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec to ratify, confirm and amend the Charter of the DOMINION ABATTOIR & STOCKYARDS COMPANY; to change the name of the said Company; to increase its powers in regard to the holding of real estate, stocks and bonds, and otherwise. Montreal, 11th December, 1899. HALL, CROSS, BROWN, SHARP & COOK, Attorneys for Appellants. 12

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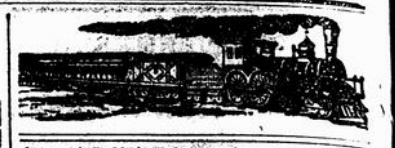
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TWO GIRLS.

(Sarah Doudney, in 'The Young Woman.')

Lily Durham was standing at the window, looking out across a flat roof to the afternoon sky above the house-tops. It had been raining a little all day, and a mist hung over the great city. Seen through the haze, the tower of the Langham Hotel and the sharp spire of All Souls assumed colossal proportions; but as the evening advanced there was a faint light above the grey west. It was likely that to-morrow might be a fine day.

Fine days or wet days made very little difference to Lily; she was, perhaps, just a shade more miserable when she came indoors drenched with rain and splashed with mud. But no sunshine could dispel the heavy cloud which had settled down upon her life. And the last letter from home had effectually put out the feeble glimmer of hope lingering somewhere in the depths of her heart.

Agatha had written an affectionate gossipy letter. 'I know you want every scrap of news that can be had, wrote she. 'Well, I met Mrs. Ryle yesterday, and she said that Morris was in Edinburgh. It seems that he has got engaged to a girl he has met there. She was merely spoken of as "a young lady," so that I did not hear her name.'

'Her name doesn't matter in the least!' moaned Lily to herself. 'I shall write at once and tell Agatha to avoid Mrs. Ryle. If she does happen to meet her again, she is not to ask a single question.'

Even in her happiest days Lily had never really liked Mrs. Ryle, although she had first met Morris Waring at her house in Seamouth. Mrs. Ryle was Morris's aunt, and Lily had always suspected her of secretly disliking her nephew's engagement. Nevertheless, that engagement would have remained unbroken if the girl herself had only been self-controlled at the right moment.

There had been a hot quarrel about a very silly thing. But, alas! it is the silly things—the little foxes—which so often spoil the pleasant vines of life. Of the two, Lily was the greater sinner. She had that evil love of a scene which has darkened the days of many a young woman; and, when Morris would have stopped, she persisted in going on to the bitter end. And when she had got to the end, and had said all the wild things that an excited girl can say, she found that Morris was a changed man. He was perfectly quiet and cool, and went his way with merely a brief word of farewell.

That was two years ago. Lily's mother was a widow with two daughters, and after Morris's departure the Durhams lost some money. Lily, in her wretchedness, was almost glad of an excuse to go away. She obtained a secretaryship in London and came up to town to live in Ryan House, Hartland street, with a crowd of other working-girls. Instead of being established in a cubicle, she was fortunate enough to get half of a big bedroom, provided with two little beds, a large folding screen, and plenty of air.

For two months her companion had been a silent woman, who taught languages all day, and was glad to hold her peace at night. They knew nothing of each other's lives; they had never gone beyond the commonest words of daily intercourse. Each lived in a little space of her own, and hugged a bosom sorrow. If each had produced her grief, saying, 'Look at this—see what I have to carry!' there might have been a good deal of comfort for them both.

When the silent woman said a brief good-bye, poor Lily had a very bitter moment. It was true that Miss Gresham, the lady-superintendent of Ryan House had assured her that her new companion was a charming girl of her own age, who would be a desirable friend. Lily liked Miss Gresham (as every one did); but the thought of a girl-friend was simply hateful. Probably she would have to listen to a long recital of some lover's perfections. A charming girl would be sure to talk about a man; it was in the natural order of things. And that was just the sort of talk which Lily did not want to hear. She began to wish that she could have someone old and ugly and sad for a room-mate.

It was half-past three, and the intruder might appear at any moment. Usually, Lily was still at work at this time; but her employer, suffering from headache, had dismissed her earlier than usual. The weather was very mild for December; the fire had not yet been kindled, and the window was open. There was something almost spring-like in the soft air that fanned the girl's sad face, and the sky was getting clearer. Lily had just caught sight of a faint blue cleft above the spire, when there was a bumping on the stairs, and then a knock.

'Come in,' said she aloud, in a resigned voice. And inwardly she added, 'Ugh! she has arrived!'

She had. Her name was Constance Keith, and she was small and pretty. A Scotch girl, Miss Gresham had said; but she looked more like an Italian. Soft dark eyes with heavy lids, velvet cheeks, and rich red lips—surely she was a true child of the South. In spite of strong prejudice, Lily could not feel that she was going to dislike her.

'What a nice room!' she said in a sweet voice.

It was a very nice room. The walls were a light shade of terra-cotta; the recesses were draped with artistic cretonne—tulips grouped tastefully on a dim green ground; the shelves above the fireplace held a few books. Constance looked round her with a satisfied air, and then took off her hat and coat, evidently ready to make herself at home.

'There is tea to be had in the refectory downstairs,' said Lily. 'I daresay it will refresh you after your journey.'

A little later they went down to tea together, silently admiring each other. Constance looked up at the tall slender figure by her side, and thought how nice it must be to carry yourself with an air of distinction, and have grey eyes and coil of golden-brown hair. And Lily looked down on her small companion, saying to herself that very few could resist the charm of that soft Southern face.

'I have come to London to work,' said Constance frankly. 'My poor old father has had some heavy losses, so it was settled that he should live with my married sister. There is a Scotch doctor in Harley street who wants a secretary, and I am engaged to go to him every day.'

'You are fortunate,' Lily said. 'Many of us have to wait a long time before we find anything to do.'

'Yes; Doctor Macgregor is one of my father's old friends,' Constance went on. 'And his wife is very kind, so that I don't feel I am in a world of strangers.'

Lily sighed. She herself was living in a world of strangers, and she had not tried to turn them into friends. Miss Gresham, entering the refectory for a moment, saw the two girls seated side by side, and went away, smiling. She had worked quietly to bring them together.

Days lengthened into weeks, and weeks into a month; and then Lily discovered that Constance, soft and sunny little thing as she was, had a trouble which was lying very close to her heart. It was on a Sunday afternoon that this discovery was made, when it was still early, and the wintry daylight was lingering in the girls' room. Lily, who had been to church that morning, was sitting by the window with Tennyson's 'Idylls' in her hand; but her thoughts had wandered far away from Arthur and his knights. Her own mistake, which had embittered her life, had come back to confront her in the Sabbath quietness. Alas! how happy she might have been!

'And I love him still—that's the worst of it!' she murmured. 'And he is engaged, I suppose it isn't right even to think of him. But what can you do when a man's face suddenly rises up before you, as clear as a picture?'

The door opened, and Constance came softly in.

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ALMOST TOO LATE.

('Band of Mercy.')

'Seven years old to-day, Master Geoffie! Dearie me! It seems but yesterday that you was born. Well! I wish you many happy returns, my dear, and here's my little present.'

'Oh, nurse, you dear, good old thing, what have you got for me?' and the petted darling of Tendring Hall, the country seat of Wilfrid Haughton, Esq., M.P., flung his arms impulsively round the woman's neck. It was she who had tenderly loved and cared for him the first six years of his childhood, but failing health had compelled her to give up her duties, and a young bright-faced country girl undertook the task which good Nurse Wharton was unable to discharge. However, she constantly saw the 'young master,' as she called him, for owing to Mr. Haughton's kindness and generosity she was enabled to live in a cottage on the estate, where, by the needlework accomplished by her clever fingers, she managed to eke out a comfortable living.

Geoffie undid the package with excitement shining in his bonnie blue eyes. 'It's something alive, I know it is, nurse, 'cause there's holes in the brown paper,' he said, delightedly.

Already he had received some beautiful presents; his father's gift was a Shetland pony, with a fine long tail, whilst his mother had presented him with a cricket bat, 'better than any of the fellows at our school have got,' so Geoffie announced it; besides which, he was the fortunate little recipient of many other gifts. Geoffie was a pupil at the grammar school, and he began to feel himself quite a man; as a matter of fact, though a child of loving impulse, he required a somewhat strong hand, and had proved to be too much of a charge for a daily governess.

'My brother made the cage, Master Geoffie, and he sends it to you with his best wishes; and the little white——

'Oh! you dear nurse, it's mice!' cried the boy, regardless of his grammar-school education. And so it was, for in a good-sized cage, all neatly filled up for their dwelling, were two little white mice, with the brightest of pink eyes.

Geoffie's joy was unbounded, and the kindly woman was amply repaid for her loving thought of him, at seeing his delight.

Hettie, the present nurse, was called upon to admire the gift, which she did somewhat grudgingly, saying afterwards in the servants' hall, 'whatever did old Nurse Wharton bring that there present for. I can't abide them nasty white mice.'

Happy Geoffie! His seventh birthday was a dream of delight, and after a whole day's holiday, which was as full of pleasure as any little boy's could possibly be, he fell asleep, as contented as a little prince.

'Don't forget to feed your white mice, Geoffie,' said mother next morning. 'Remember, they are entirely in your hands and dependent on your care for everything.'

'Forget them, mother!' repeated Geoffie in a slightly offended tone, 'I am too fond of them for that.'

'Yes, my dear boy, I know you are at present, but I fear you are apt to grow tired of your pets. Remember the guinea-pigs and rabbits.'

'Oh! well—' began Geoffie, with a flush of shame, 'I know I grew tired of them, but I gave them away to some one who wanted them very badly. I never neglected them,' he added, with childish dignity.

'I should not like to think my boy was fickle,' said his mother, with a loving glance at his serious little face.

'What's fickle, mother?'

'Changeable in your love, dear.'

'I can't be fickle, mother, dear; for I love you morning, noon and night,' said Geoffie, springing up on his mother's knee, and kissing her fondly.

What more could she say?

Duly the little mice were fed, and their bright, pink eyes looked out expectantly for the coming of the child, with their ration of bread, soaked in milk, which formed their chief diet. Their very dependance upon his care, seemed to bring out all Geoffie's best and tenderest qualities, and even his own meals were secondary to the fare of the little white mice.

'Too hot to last!' said Hettie, with a sniff; but the good-natured girl, whose 'bark was worse than her bite,' rather than any creature should suffer, would gladly have fed the little things herself, had Geoffie shown any signs of neglect.

One day poor Hettie was in great distress, her mother was taken seriously ill, and required her immediately at home. Amid tears and regrets she bade farewell for a time, to her little charge, and started off in the carrier's cart to the little country village where her home was situated.

On the same Sunday came a letter for Geoffie, from his godfather, Sir Geoffery Linne, the contents of which filled him with delight.

'I am sending you, my dear boy,' the old gentleman wrote, 'a little fox terrier, for I know you have had a wish to possess one, and "Foxy" is one of the best of his kind.' Then followed a list of the dog's clever tricks, which made Geoffie shout with laughter.

In due time the dog arrived, and all other pets paled into insignificance in comparison with him. The Shetland pony waited in vain that day for the piece of sugar his young master was wont to give him, and in their cage the little white mice languished.

It was night, and Geoffie, in his cosy white bed, lay solundly sleeping. Towards midnight, in his dreaming, a strange thing happened; the bed in which he slept seemed to become, all in an instant, a small cage, and he felt in himself a wonderful change taking place. A soft whiteness covered his body, and he grew smaller and smaller, his arms and legs taking the form of the four tiny legs of a little white mouse.

He was not lonely in his cage, for a little companion, almost the counterpart of himself, frisked and played about with him. In a few seconds he seemed to grow accustomed to the change, and then quite forgot that he had known any other existence save that of a mouse.

Presently to the cage came the young master, bearing in his hands a breakfast for his pets, and the pink eyes of the wee creatures seemed to express to him a roguish 'thank you' for the welcome food. So happy were the mice in their little cage that the dream brought a smile to the face of the sleeper.

(To be Continued.)

BIBLE THOUGHTS.

MONDAY, JAN. 8.

GOD'S THOUGHTS ABOUT ME.

'How precious (rare, valuable) are Thy thoughts unto (toward) me, O God!' (Ps. cxxxix., 17.) They are numberless. 'More in number than the sand' (verse 18). 'They are very deep' (Ps. xcii., 5); cannot be compared with man's thoughts. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are . . . My thoughts than your thoughts.' (Isa. lv., 9.) 'I know the thoughts that I think toward you. Thoughts of peace.' (Jer. xxix., 11.) 'The Lord thinketh upon me.' (Psa. xl., 17.) 'Casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He careth for you.' (I. Pet. v., 7.) The child of God is never out of God's mind. A mother may forget her child, but God will never forget His own. In the darkness of night Jesus saw His disciples toiling in rowing through the rolling billows, and He walked on the waves for their deliverance. The three men in the fiery furnace were visited by 'a fourth, who was like a son of the gods.'

'The Spirit said, 'Go near, and join thyself to this chariot." And Philip ran thither.' That is not what some of us do. When God gives us a call, we begin to creep thither. How many creeping, limping Christians there are! They have got something to do for God's glory, and they crawl instead of run. 'I have a natural indisposition to occupy a post of publicity or to excite anything like general observation.' My friend, what has thy natural character to do with it? Is it by your natural, or by your supernatural character, that you are going to glorify God? . . . Whenever God intimates His will, run, and you will find the cross will grow very light to willing feet. It is heavy to the man who crawls, but light to the man who runs.—Aitken.

I have learned, I hope, the uselessness of forecasting. I don't mean that one should be heedless and careless about the future—far from that; but merely that, having done whatever seems for the best to-day, we should simply and reverently leave the result in God's hands. I often long to give a simple recipe to anxious people: let them write out over night what they expect to have happen to them the next day, going as much into detail as they can; and then the next evening let them write what really did happen. I do not mean that it will necessarily be either better or worse than their anticipations, but only that it will be so utterly different, nine times out of ten, as to prove the futility of forecasting.—Margarent Vandergrift.

You have lost the key of a chest, and after trying all the keys you possess you are obliged to send out for a smith. The tradesman comes with a huge bunch of keys of all sorts and sizes. To you they appear to be a singular collection of rusty instruments. He looks at the lock, and then he tries first one key and then another. He has not touched it yet; and your treasures are still out of your reach. Look, he has found the likely key; it almost touches the bolt, but not quite. He is evidently on the right track now. At last the chest is opened, for the right key has been found. This is a correct representation of many a perplexity. You cannot get at the difficulty so as to deal with it aright, and find your way to happy result. You pray, but have not the liberty in prayer which you desire. A definite promise is what you want. You try one and another of the inspired words, but they do not fit. You try again, and in due season a promise presents itself which seems to have been made for the occasion; it fits as exactly as a well-made key fits the wards of the lock for which it was originally prepared. Having found the identical word of the living God, you hasten to plead it at the throne of grace, saying, 'O my Lord, thou hast promised this good thing unto Thy servant; be pleased to grant it!' The matter is ended, sorrow is turned to joy, prayer is heard.—C. H. Spurgeon.

An old lady kept a few poor little withered, dried-up snowdrops between the pages of her well-worn Bible. She had an only son—a bright, bonny boy. A lady gave him a bunch of snowdrops one dirty day. His mother had just finished scrubbing the boards of her room, when he came into the house and asked for some water and a glass to put them in. The mud came off his boots on to the clean boards, and his mother was very cross and angry with him. She threw the flowers into the dustbin and ordered her lad to go at once to school. Poor little fellow! All the gladness faded out of his face in a moment, but he obeyed his mother and went to school. The clock struck four, but her boy did not return home. She waited and wondered, but still there was no sign of him. She went to the door and looked down the street, and saw, surrounded by a crowd, a tall policeman carrying a little motionless figure in his arms. It was her darling son. He had been run over. He lived long enough to ask his mother to forgive him for not wiping his boots, but his blue eyes closed for ever in the sleep which knows no waking here. When his mother found that he was dead, she picked up the snowdrops, washed them and dried them, and placed them in her Bible. Years after many friends asked her why she kept the faded flowers, but they all received the same answer. It was this: To remind her of her hasty words, and help her to be gentle, forbearing, patient, and loving; but above all to fill her with hope. She believes that she will see her lad in the home above. Have you any hope of meeting your friends in heaven? If there are any on earth with whom you have had hasty words, go as quickly as you can and make it up with them. You never know how soon they may be called away for ever beyond the reach of earthly love or kindness.—'The Christian.'

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'Pooh! pooh!' said His Majesty, 'I cannot turn Day into Knight.'

At the next levee which was about Christmas, His Majesty was again entreated to knight Mr. Day. The King inquired if he was married, and was answered in the affirmative.

'Well, well,' said His Majesty, 'Let him be introduced, and I shall work a couple of miracles. I will turn Day into knight, and make Lady Day at Christmas.'

A CRISIS IN PARIS.

A crisis impends.

The secret society which has been plotting the reform of French spelling now shows its hand, and all Paris is instantly in a turmoil.

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'A ba!' shouts the Revolution, bent upon the elimination of all silent letters.

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VERA DOUGLAS.

IDENTITY OF THE DEAD WOMAN ESTABLISHED.

New York, Jan. 8.—A Paris cable says that the identity of Vera Douglas, the woman who died last month in the French capital and who was known in two continents by reason of her adventurous life, has been discovered. She was the daughter of Stephen Douglas, a farmer at Mitchell, Ontario. Vera Douglas at one time had a Russian grand duke in her train and her conquests in New York and the old world were notable on account of her beauty. The above story is corroborated by the young woman's parents, who have been notified of her death and her body will probably be shipped to them.

DEPOT AT CHATEAUGUAY BURNED DOWN.

Chateauguay, Que., Jan. 8.—The Chateauguay railway station of the C.P.R. was entirely destroyed by fire on Saturday night, at about half an hour after midnight. Fortunately there was no wind at the time, otherwise an adjacent house would have suffered too. It is said that the fire originated through some defect in the chimney. It is the second time very recently that the road has suffered in a similar manner. It is only a month ago since the Chief of the Montreal Fire Department was interviewed regarding a hand reel for fire protection at Chateauguay; but nothing definite was accomplished in the matter.

YOUNG LADY SANDBAGGED.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—A young lady passing along Gerrard street, opposite the jail grounds, shortly after seven o'clock to-night, heard moaning sounds from the grounds, and gave an alarm. The search party found Miss Rachel Ferguson, 28 First avenue, a cashier at one of the Nasmith Company's stores, lying on her face and just relapsing into unconsciousness. She had been sandbagged, beaten and then dragged along the ground face down, as one cheek was torn and bloody where it had been in contact with the gravel. Miss Ferguson's purse was missing, and it was evident that the assault had been made with robbery as the object. The poor girl was unable to give any account of what had befallen her, and now lies unconscious and in a critical condition at her father's residence.

A CLOSE CALL.

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 8.—James C. Boughner, a well-known foreman at the Waterous Engine Works, here, is thankful that he is alive to-day. He came home late in the evening after the rest of the family had retired, and, feeling hungry, repaired to the pantry, where he made a hearty meal of some bread and butter, which he found on a shelf. Shortly after he was seized with a strange numbness; which quickly extended over his whole body. The family was aroused, and a doctor hastily sent for, who arrived just in time to save the patient's life. Some strychnine had been spread upon the bread to poison rats, and this was what he ate.

SCHWAN'S COLUMN ADVANCING.

Manilla, Jan. 8.—General Schwan's column, advancing to the south, occupied Binang. One American was killed and three were wounded. Nine of the enemy's dead were found on the field after the fight. A number of rifles were captured, and several prisoners were taken.

Johnson, a deserter from the 6th United States Artillery, clothed in a major's uniform, was found among the insurgent dead at Novelta, yesterday.

General Wheaton is moving toward Perez Das Marinas, to-day.

PROF. SCHENCK DISGUSTED.

New York, Jan. 8.—A Vienna cable says that Prof. Samuel L. Schenck, the professed discoverer of the secret of sex, who was censured by his brother members of the faculty of the University of Vienna for too much self-advertising, has, in an interview, expressed his contempt of the Vienna University. He says that he will settle either in Switzerland or America, and openly practice his system.

KILLED BY A MADMAN.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—The murder of Miss Rachel Ferguson at the jail gate on Friday night has by investigation been shown to have been the diabolical act of a madman, moved by an insane impulse, perhaps temporary, to destroy women, and further to have been the only successful one of four attempts on the lives of as many women all made within the space of an hour.

ACCIDENT TO SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 7.—A Calgary despatch says:—Sir Charles Tupper was thrown from a buggy while crossing the river from Edmonton to St. Athene, yesterday, and was badly shaken up. His injuries are not serious, and he is proceeding to Winnipeg.

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 8.—Alfred E. Burr, the veteran editor of the Hartford 'Times,' died to-day. Mr. Burr was the oldest editor in the United States, in the matter of continuous service on one newspaper.

PROMINENT TORONTO MERCHANT GONE.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—Mr. J. D. Benjamin, of the well-known hardware firm of Samuel Benjamin & Co., dropped dead this morning shortly after reaching his office. Heart failure is supposed to have been the cause. Mr. Benjamin was well known to nearly all the business men of Canada and was highly respected by all. He was prominent in Jewish circles, but his charities, and they were many, were not confined to that element. He gave freely and liberally to all deserving institutions. He was reported to have been very wealthy.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.

Dunham, Jan. 8.—The Waterloo District League Convention will be held in Granby on the last Monday and Tuesday of this month. The president of the conference, the Rev. Hugh Cairns, is expected to be present. A delegation from each society in the district is expected to attend.

WHITE PASS BLOCKED.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 8.—The White Pass Railway is blocked with the heaviest snow-fall on record. It will be months before there is a clear track.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT.

The Water Committee is meeting this afternoon to discuss the question of appointing Mr. Geo. Jamin, C.E., acting assistant superintendent, assistant superintendent of the Water Department.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 8.—Mr. Robert Hendry, aged a hundred and one years, died on Sunday at the residence of his son, on Johnson street. He has been a resident of Kingston for nearly sixty years.

NEW YORK CANALS.

New York, Jan. 6.—The final report of the State Canal Commission is ready, says the 'Press' to-day. The report recommends that sixty million dollars should be expended in improving the inland waterways.

A PROFITABLE YEAR.

Quebec, Jan. 8.—As far as the County of Chicoutimi is concerned, its dairy industry during 1899 yielded $159,317, an increase of $59,004 over the previous year.

MR. CARBRAY ILL.

WAS STRICKEN WITH APOPLEXY AND NOW LIES IN A CRITICAL CONDITION.

Quebec, Jan. 8.—Mr. F. Carbray, Conservative local member for Quebec West, was suddenly stricken down by apoplexy last evening and lies in a critical condition. Though reported slightly better to-day, he has received the last rites of the Church.

UNDER THE BAN.

CHURCH AT ST. IGNACE FORMALLY CLOSED TO PUBLIC WORSHIP.

As announced in the last issue of the 'Witness,' Canon Archambault visited the parish of Ile St. Ignace, on Saturday last, to promulgate the archbishop's decree concerning the desecration of the local church, which had taken place on the previous Sunday. The canon read and explained the episcopal enactment to the parishioners assembled in the church, its tenor being to the effect that the ban must be placed upon the temple and the parishioners deprived of the benefits of public worship, until such time as they express regret for their fault. After doing this and earnestly urging his hearers to use no delay in making the proper amends, Canon Archambault proceeded with the formal ceremony of placing the ban upon the church. The altar was striped of its cloth, the light was put out of the sanctuary lamp, and the church door was closed, a funeral knell being tolled meanwhile.

Until further orders the curé of Ile St. Ignace will reside in Berthier ,and the parishioners will be given only the strictly necessary acts of his ministry.

FUNERAL TO-MORROW.

The remains of the late Mr. D. H. Hogg, who died in London on Dec. 23, have arrived. The funeral will take place from his late residence, 122 Fort street, on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at ten a.m., to Mount Royal Cemetery.

CAPTAIN HOWARD HERE.

'Gatling Gun' Howard, who goes to South Africa with the second contingent, was in Montreal to-day. After calling on Lieut.-Col. Gordon, he left for a short visit to his home, near Lachute.

THE BIOGRAPH.

The magnificent moving pictures which have been shown at Windsor Hall are to be continued all this week at the same place. Every afternoon and evening there are shown from 60 to 75 pictures, and during the intermission, Mr. Kenny, of Toronto sings the ever popular songs. The man behind the gun' and the 'The Absented-Minded Beggar.' Those who have not seen the pictures yet should not miss the opportunity. The matinees for ladies and children are well attended.

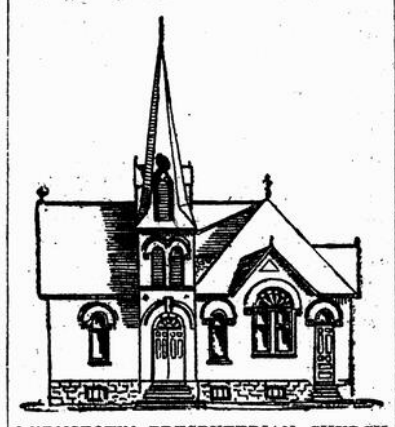
CALL ACCEPTED.

THE REV. HUGH PEDLEY WILL BE PASTOR OF EMMANUEL CHURCH.

The Rev. Hugh Pedley has replied to the call sent him to the pulpit of Emmanuel Congregational Church. He has accepted the call in succession to the late Rev. Dr. Evans, but has asked for a delay of three months. This request has been acceded to and Mr. Pedley will assume charge early in April.

NEW CHURCH OPENED.

Yesterday was a red letter day in the history of the Presbyterians, of Burnstown, Renfrew county, Ont., it being the occasion of the opening of their handsome new brick church, which has just been completed. The Rev. Dr. Moore, of Ottawa, was the special preacher. Other clergymen present were the Revs. A. E. Mitchell, B.A., Almonte; James Rattray, Eganville; D. J. Mc-



BURNSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lean, M.A., Arnprior; Hugh Taylor, Lochwinnoch, and the pastor, the Rev. D. J. Graham. During the day addresses were delivered by the Hon. F. R. Latchford, M.P.P.; Mr. John Ferguson, M.P.; Mr. Thomas Mackie, M.P.; and others. The services were largely attended throughout the day, large numbers being present from the surrounding towns and country. The collections which were taken up for the building fund, were very large. The music, which was rendered by a strong choir, elicited much praise,

DEATH OF MR. GILBERT CANNON

The death took place at Pembroke, Ont., on Sunday, Dec. 24, of Mr. Gilbert Cannon, for many years a prominent citizen of Almonte, Ont. Mr. Cannon was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, where he was born in 1829. He came to the Almonte district in 1835, since which time he was actively identified with the growth of Almonte and Ramsay. For the last twenty-five years or more he was actively connected with the factories of the district. He was one of the stockholders in the first paper started in Almonte, the 'Examiner.' This was in 1858. He was connected with the old Free Kirk on the eighth line of Ramsay. The funeral took place on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Almonte, a large number of the town's prominent citizens meeting the body at the railway station ,where it had been brought from Pembroke. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell. The chief mourners were four nephews of the deceased—Messrs. J. A. Gemmill, Q.C., of Ottawa, and Messrs. W. C. Lennox and Edward Irving, of Pembroke.

BUSINESS MEN AT PRAYER.

A special prayer meeting for business men was held to-day in the Long Room of the Mechanics' Institute, commencing at 12.15. The Rev. T. J. Mansell, of Dominion Square Church, conducted the meeting, assisted by the Rev. F. M. Dewey. There was a very fair attendance. After prayer and sacred song, and the reading of a passage of scripture, the Rev. Mr. Mansell delivered a brief address in the course of which he remarked that business men should recognize that it is the will of God that they should serve Him in their life and that they were engaged in that particular business for which God intended them.

The meetings will be continued throughout the week at the same hour. At to-morrow's meeting the Rev. Jas. Fleck will preside.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The service in the German Lutheran Church on Sunday morning, owing to the continued illness of the Rev. E. Riedel, was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Henkel, of Rankin, Ont., who preached a very impressive sermon to a fairly large congregation. The Rev. Mr. Henkel leaves for home during the course of the coming week and will not occupy the pulpit next Sunday, as was at first expected.

BOARD OF OUTDOOR RELIEF.

During the week ending Jan. 6, 162 families were relieved by the Board of Outdoor Relief. Fifty-four quarter tons of coal and five quarter cords of wood were delivered. The board acknowledges with thanks the following donations:—Mrs. E. H. King, $25; Mr. James Crathern, $25; Mr. E. Rawlings, $25; Mr. Geo. Hyde, $20; Mr. Alexander Henderson, $2.

THE LATE MR. MASSON.

In the death of Mr. Andrew Masson, whose funeral was held on Wednesday last, Ottawa has lost one of those sturdy, independent pioneers whose industry and honesty of purpose has done so much for the upbuilding of the capital city. In municipal and mercantile affairs he took an active part, and his interest in both he held up to the last moment. Mr. Masson was also a promoter of several successful schemes for the advancement of the city and the development of the surrounding country. He came to Ottawa in the year 1854 from his native place in Nairnshire, Scotland. For eleven years he was engaged in the milling business with the late Hon. Thomas McKay, filling a responsible position. It was in the year 1865 that Mr. Masson founded the business in the present stand on Wellington street, since which time it has been successfully carried on by him. The late Mr. Masson was a promoter and director of the Ottawa & Gloucester Road Company, which planned and built the present highway from Ottawa to Metcalfe. He was also a director of the company which built the road from Ottawa to Merivale. Thus were his efforts in part responsible for the development of the surrounding townships. Mr. Masson was also one of the founders of the Ottawa Ladies' College, and took an active part in the conduct of the affairs of that institution till it was taken under the control of the Presbyterian Church. Deceased was one of the first worshippers in Bank Street Church, which, with others of the Knox Church congregation, he founded when additional accommodation was made imperative by the increase in membership. During all this time Mr. Masson was a constant and appreciative reader of the Montreal 'Witness,' considering it a good guide on almost any question at issue. Mr. Masson served the city four years at the council board, and in these years, 1878, 1879, 1880 and 1881, he dealt successfully with some of the most important questions which came before that body. In politics deceased was a Liberal, though in the years of intense racial agitation, he was an Equal Righter. Nevertheless he was a man who had respect for every one's creed and convictions, gaining widespread confidence in return.

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES.

BOTH ALD. LAPORTE AND ALD. KINSELLA TO HAVE OPPOSITION.

Mr. Lawrence A. Wilson, president of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, has been asked to accept nomination for seat No. 1, in Centre Ward, in opposition to Ald. Laporte, and it is thought that he will accept. If he does not, it is the intention to tender the nomination to a well-known member of the bar.

Mr. Denis Tansey, jr., well-known from his connection with the Shamrock Lacrosse team, has been tendered the nomination for seat No. 2, in St. Ann's Ward, in opposition to Ald. Kinsella, and will in all probability accept.

VILLE MARIE BANK.

A STOCK-BROKER ARRESTED ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

On Friday afternoon and Saturday the prosecutors and the judges connected with the Ville Marie Bank case busied themselves looking up authorities with a view to following the evidence given in the Lemieux enquete of Thursday and Friday by further arrests. About three o'clock on Saturday afternoon a warrant was issued by Judge Choquet on complaint of Col. Sherwood, chief of the Dominion Police, for the arrest of Walter L. Fellows, stock-broker, of 11 St. Sacrament street. The charge is that 'Walter L. Fellows did at divers times, unlawfully receive and have bank notes or bills, the same being current coin of Canada in lots of from fifty dollars to ten thousand dollars at a time, belonging to the Banque Ville Marie, knowing the notes and bills to have been stolen from the said bank.' Shortly after the warrant was issued the accused was arrested by Chief Detective Carpenter and Superintendent McCaskill and taken to the central police station.

Application was made to Judge Choquet for bail, but His Honor would not grant it and the accused was taken to No. 14 police station to await his trial. He remained there all day yesterday.

A careful revision of the account of J. J. Herbert with Walter L. Fellows, as produced in court on Friday shows that while there were entries to Herbert's credit amounting to a hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, as stated, some of the amounts are cross-entries and after deducting them the net amount is now said to be a hundred and nineteen thousand dollars. The books further show that about eighty-three thousand dollars was lost. A diligent search is being made for the missing ledger in which the account was opened. Further revelations are promised as the case proceeds.

NEW YEAR'S CONCERT.

The New Year's concert given in the Old Brewery Mission on Friday evening last was one of unusual excellence, the commodious hall being well filled with an audience which appeared to enjoy every number on the programme, and evidenced its delight by frequent bursts of applause. The artists who so generously gave their services were in good form and put forth their best efforts to please, with unqualified success. Mrs. Ennis, in her well-selected songs, proved that she thoroughly understands the art of pleasing an audience, and in her 'March of the Cameron Men,' evoked great enthusiasm. Miss Greer's selections were sweetly rendered, and gave evident satisfaction. Mrs. A. More, in her piano and piano-banjo solos, played with a verve and dash that set the feet of her hearers going in unison with the string music; her whistle solos were also well received. Mr. Tedford's fine tenor voice was heard to great advantage in 'The Road to Mandalay.' Miss Donaldson's recitations were mirth-provoking, and in voice and gesture she gave evidence of thorough training and cultivation. Mr. Geo. Hodge, an old time favorite with Brewery Mission audiences, was in fine voice, and his songs touched all hearts. Mr. C. Cousins' flute solo was executed with much taste and feeling, and was listened to with delighted appreciation. The appearance of Mr. Fred. Hickey was the signal for tumultuous applause, and for some time he stood smiling at his reception ere he could proceed, then in his inimitable way sung several irresistably funny songs that brought down the house, good-naturedly responding to several encores. Miss Murphy, as an accompanist, was all that could be desired, as was also Mr. Birks. Mr. A. F. Oughtred, as chairman, filled the position admirably and in a short address stirred the emotions of those present in his references to 'our boys' who have left for the seat of war to help fight the battles of the empire. A short address was given by the superintendent, Mr. McConica, and the entertainment was brought to a close by the audience rising, and with great fervor singing 'God Save the Queen.'

MISS WHEELER'S BIBLE READINGS.

Miss Emily Wheeler, for many years a missionary in Hanpoot, Turkey, is expected to arrive in Montreal on Jan. 13. She will be the guest of Mrs. Moodie, 185 Mance street, during her stay in this city. The Bible readings will be given in the Evangelistic Hall, St. Catherine street, from eleven to twelve daily, beginning on Monday, Jan. 13, and will be open to the public. The general subject of the Bible readings will be a missionary view of the Christian life and its possibilities. Miss Wheeler will be willing to tell of the thrilling experiences of the missionaries during the Armenian massacres as she has opportunity during her stay in Montreal, and also of the great work which is being done for the orphans.

STANLEY LODGE, A. O. U. W.

The following officers of Stanley lodge, No. 5, A.O.U.W., were installed on Saturday evening: Bro. Thomas Foster, past master workman; Bro. J. McDowall, master workman; Bro. F. A. Boissiere, foreman; Bro. W. Tait, overseer; Bro. A. Ross, recorder; Bro. L. Lussier, financier; Bro. J. C. McGill, guide; Bro. Charles Michaud, inside watchman; Bro. R. Eagan, outside watchman; Bros. Dr. Guerin, Dr. Hackett and Dr. Cameron, medical examiners; Bros. Thomas Foster, James Field and W. Papps, trustees.

HOCKEY.

A MONDAY MATCH.

The Rosedale and St. Laurent hockey clubs will play their first match in the City and Suburban League this evening between 7 and 8 o'clock at the Ontario rink. The Rosedales will line up as follows: F. Johnston, goal; Geo. Fulton, point; W. Bullen, cover point; John Brodie (capt.), Hugh Bullen, R. Stephen, Geo. Overing, forwards. F. Bush and S.Brodie, spares.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The Dominion line SS. Vancouver, which left Liverpool on Dec. 28, arrived at Halifax on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Dominion line SS. Vancouver, from Liverpool at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28, arrived at Portland, Maine, at 12.30 p.m., yesterday.

The Allan line SS. Orcadian, from Philadelphia for Glasgow, arrived out on Saturday afternoon.

The Allan line SS. Hibernian arrived at Boston at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The Allan line SS. Parisian sailed from Portland at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The Allan line SS. Assyrian sailed from Portland for Glasgow at 7 p.m. on Friday.

The Allan line SS. Pomeranian, from New York, arrived at Halifax at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Allan line SS. Carthaginian arrived at Philadelphia at 6.30 p.m. yesterday.

The Allan line SS. Sarmatian arrived at New York at 9 a.m. yesterday.

The Allan line SS. Parisian arrived at Halifax at 4.45 p.m. yesterday, and sailed for Liverpool at midnight.

The Head line SS. Glen Head sailed from Belfast for St. John, N.B., on Saturday.

The Elder, Dempster & Co. SS. Memnon, from Portland arrived at Bristol yesterday at 10 a.m.

The Manchester line SS. Manchester Importer sailed from St. John, N.B., for Manchester on Saturday.

The Head line SS. Dunmore Head sailed from St. John, N.B., for Belfast at 2 o'clock on Saturday morning, the 6th inst. with a large general cargo.

The Canadian-Australian SS. Miowera, left Brisbane for Vancouver on Jan. 5.

RESCUED AT SEA.

New York, Jan. 8.—The British steamer Georgian, which arrived to-day from London, rescued at sea on Jan. 6, Captain Strange and crew of thirty men; also the captain's wife, two children and nurse, from the German steamer Ella. The Ella foundered at sea on the same day. She was bound for Halifax from Perth Amboy, N.J.

The Ella was burning distress signals at the time she was sighted by the Georgian. The Georgian quickly bore down. Capt. Strange reported his vessel waterlogged, and cargo shifted, and decks at an angle of forty degrees. Owing to the stormy weather and the dark night the rescue was not attempted until the next day, when at 7 a.m., the Georgian's lifeboat was launched in charge of the chief officer, Mr. Field, and six seamen. After three dangerous trips they succeeded in taking off all who were on board. During the transfer to the Georgian's lifeboat the men were obliged to jump into the sea, the captain's children being securely strapped on the backs of two of the seamen. All hands were almost completely exhausted on reaching the Georgian's deck. At eleven a.m. on Jan. 6, the Georgian proceeded on her course. The Ella was fast settling down in the water, and shortly before noon was seen to sink bow first.

THE SNOW TROUBLE.

Street Railway Company and Road Committee Agree.

FUND TO BE CREATED FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS—LAW POINT SUBMITTED TO COURTS.

The Road Committee held a lengthy meeting, this morning, and, after considerable discussion, arrived at an agreement with the Street Railway Company regarding the removal of snow from the streets occupied by the tracks.

The agreement was effected on the basis of a report submitted by a sub-committee of the Road Committee, that had had a consultation with the street railway officials. Under this agreement the company is to make a deposit of $30,000 at once, and another of $25,000 on Feb. 1. The city is to make on account of the same fund, a deposit of $15,000 at once and another of $12,500 on Feb. 1. These deposits are to be used by the city for removing snow from the whole area of the tracked streets, and if insufficient, the additional sum required is to be contributed by the parties interested in the same proportions, namely, two-thirds by the company and one-third by the city. The clause of the by-law as to the responsibility for the removal of snow is then to be submitted in a friendly case to the courts, and a final apportionment of the cost is to be made according to the interpretation of the courts.

This report having been approved, it now goes to the City Council.

It was decided to re-open the corporation quarries on Fletcher's Field and at Cote des Neiges, Mr. Godon to be foreman at the former, and Mr. Downes at the latter. To distribute the patronage further, it was decided to purchase 165 toises of stone from quarries in Hochelaga Ward.

Ald. Gallery introduced a deputation from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, regarding the construction of ramps or bridges at the St. Gabriel Ward dyke. These gentlemen explained that since the closing in of the guard pier, the teams engaged in the ice harvest had to climb the dyke to reach the city. The sides of the dyke are almost perpendicular, making it a cruel task for the horses to surmount it with their heavy loads.

Ald. Gallery explained that it was an equal hardship for the horses of habitants crossing with hay and other heavy loads. A bridge would certainly be a great advantage, and would save many horses from much actual cruelty.

The city surveyor was authorized to proceed with the construction of a bridge at once.

CITY ITEMS.

Chs. Narbonne, mason, has assigned at the demand of Sylvain Narbonne, with liabilities of about $2,500.

Archbishop Bruchesi paid his annual visit to the Montreal jail yesterday and spoke words of consolation and encouragement to the prisoners in both languages.

There are thirty cases on the roll of the January term of the Court of Appeal which will open on the 15th inst. Country cases will be heard on the 16th and 17th.

A young man, named George Moore this morning pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery. By using the name of his father, W. W. Moore, on a cheque he obtained $44 from the Spencer Orchestra Company. He was committed for trail, and will be senced in a few days in the Court of Special Sessions.

Dr. Charles Jacob Goldsmith, who was recently found guilty on several charges of theft, was sentenced on one charge to two months' imprisonment. Sentence in the other cases was suspended on condition that the end of this short term Goldsmith leaves the country. The Court was of the opinion that the accused was a Kleptomaniac, and not criminally fully responsible for his actions.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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The ladies' committee of the Western General Hospital acknowledges the following donations for Christmas:—Mr. C. J. McCuaig, $5; Mrs. Pennell, $1; Mrs. Fisk, $1; Mrs. Stearns, $1; Mrs. Knox, $1; Mrs. Robb, $1; Mrs. Battersby, $1; Mrs. F. J. Hart, Mrs. Clarence McCuaig, Mrs. James Perrigo, ex-Alderman Cunningham, Dr. Irvine, Lady Hingston, Mrs. Edward Kavanagh, Mrs. Coristine, Mrs. Dobbin, Mrs. Hugh Watson, Mrs. A. P. Willis, Mr. Kirk, A Friend, each one turkey, Mrs. Jas. Williamson; two turkeys; Mrs. S. H. Ewing, one turkey and one goose; Mrs. Nelson, one goose; Mrs. F. W. Campbell, one goose; Mrs. R. A. Becket, one turkey, three cakes; Miss Dow, one turkey, oranges; W. Tempieman, one turkey; Mrs. McNamee, one ham; C.A., twenty pounds rice; Mrs. Hodgson, roast beef; Mrs. J. Foley, roast beef; Mrs. J. Brown,barrel apples; Mrs. G. Armstrong, box raisins; Mrs. J. W. Marling, oranges; Mrs. H. Shorey,case oranges; Mrs. E. P. Heaton, case mixed fruit; Mrs. Pennell, two cream cakes, one pound fruit do., one plum do.; Mrs. McKeown, one Christmas cake; Mrs.Barlow,pies and buns; Mr. Armitage, two quarts cream; Mrs. Sawyer, pie and shortbread; Mrs. Burnett, 'Peerless Cooker,' value $5.50; Lang Mfg. Co., three boxes biscuits.

THE COMING SESSION.

SEVERAL MORE ITEMS OF PRIVATE LEGISLATION ANNOUNCED.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—To-day's 'Canada Gazette' adds several more items to the bill of private legislation for the coming session.

A number of concerns are seeking extensions of time for the completion of their undertakings, and amendments to their charters, including the Oshawa Railway Company, the Thousand Islands Railway Company, the Bay of Quinte Railway Company, the Western Alberta Railway Company, the Northern Commercial Telegraph Company, the Quebec Bridge Company, and the Montreal, Ottawa & Georgian Bay Canal Company. The latter company also asks to increase the number of its directors.

The Nova Scotia Steel Company will seek power to dispose of its business.

Application will be made for the incorporation of a new life insurance company, to be known as the Crown Life.

The Merchants Bank of Halifax will ask sanction for the changing of its name to that of the Royal Bank of Canada.

The Kingston & Pembroke Railway Company will ask power to extend its line from Renfrew across the Ottawa river to Bryson, and the northern or eastern branch of the Ottawa river.

The Toronto Hotel Company will apply for dominion incorporation.

The Dominion Mills Company will seek the ratification of its charter, and the increase of its stock.

The St. Lawrence Terminal Steamship Company will apply for power to build an elevator, wharves, etc., at Sorel, and to operate steamboats.

The Quebec Southern Railway Company will seek the right to acquire the United Counties Railway and to build from Iberville to Lacolle, and to connect the above mentioned line with Valleyfield.

The Quebec Railway Light and Power Company will seek amendments to its charter.

RAILWAY COMBINE.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMERICAN ROADS.

New York, Jan. 6.—An important railway conference has been in progress for the last two days at the Waldorf-Astoria. Those present were Mr. M. E. Ingalls, president of the Big Four and Chesapeake & Ohio systems; Mr. Henry Fink, president of the Norfolk & Western, and Mr. A. J. Cassat, president of the Pennsylvania system, says the 'Tribune' to-day. Mr. John K. Cowen, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, is also said to have been present. It is said in the near future a great combination will be effected and that the following roads will be in it: The Boston & Maine, which, as it owns the road, also means the Maine Central and the Fitchburg North of Boston; the New York, New Haven & Hartford, which, on account of its ultimate traffic relationship with the Pennsylvania, could not well stand aloof, and the Boston & Albany, now controlled by the New York Central—these roads practically covering the field of New England. Besides these, it is claimed that the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Big Four, the Norfolk & Western and the New York Central system, including the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern and the Michigan Central, as well as the Nickel Plate and West Shore will be included. It is not known just what kind of a combination is aimed at, but it is said it will certainly be of such a nature as to prevent future competition and against rate-cutting in passenger and freight rates.

NEW AMERICAN ISLAND.

STARS AND STRIPES HOISTED OVER SIBUTU.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The United States navy has taken possession of another island in the east. The news was contained in the following despatch :—

Cavite, Jan. 5.

'On Dec. 21, Wentzbaugh, commanding the 'Albay,' (a little gunboat), hoisted the flag on Sibutu Island, and the chief, Dato, provided and raised the pole. Natives and North Borneo authorities pleased.

'WATSON.'

The island lies at the south-western angle of the boundary line of the quadrangle enclosing the Philippine group. It is probably, not positively, outside of the line, and lies very near the coast of Borneo, commanding the principle channel between that island and the Philippines. The Sultan of Jolo, whose group is close to this island, is believed to claim jurisdiction over it ; and, as his authority is recognized by the native tribes on the north coast of Borneo and vicinity, it is believed that his claim is well founded. It was probably at his instance that the naval officer commanding the gunboat moved.

MURDERED BY A MOB.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 5.—W. W. Watt, (white), was taken from the station house by a mob early to-day and shot to death, for assaulting Mrs. T. M. Simpson, wife of an employee of the shipyard. About four o'clock this morning a mob of armed and masked men came to the station house, disarmed the sergeant, and at the point of revolvers made him unlock the cell where Watt was crouching, pleading for life. The prisoner was taken out to a strip of woods on the edge of the city, about three-quarters of a mile from the station-house, tied by his hands to a tree, and shot to death. Probably as many as forty bullets entered his body.

THE ANCIENT CAPITAL.

A PROTEST.

Quebec, Jan. 6.—The 'Evenement' protests against what it considers the false and prejudiced construction which some of the English press are trying to place on the recent assault in the streets here upon Captains Benyon and Thacker, of the Royal Canadian Artillery. It says that the object of the press in question is to excite prejudice against the French-Canadians by endeavoring to create the impression that the officers were attacked because they were English and going to fight the Boers. And adds: 'Let them take the trouble to consult the authorities and they will get quite a different version of the row from the one published. There was a row, we admit, but a row such as happens every day between well-bred people, whose tempers are too quick. If this misrepresentation goes on, it will be the duty of the municipal authorities to hold an investigation and to let the public know the true details of this sorry incident.

IMPORTANT CHANGE.

As the result of the protests from Quebec against the way in which it has been treated by the Intercolonial Railway, Sir Wilfrid Laurier wired from Ottawa that after careful examination of the question, the government has come to the conclusion that the interests of the locality would be best served by cancelling the night service and giving a day service. Accordingly from Tuesday next, the night train which reaches Levis at 1 a.m. will be discontinued and replaced by a day train which will leave Montreal shortly before noon and reach Levis at 5 p.m. The exact hour will be published on Monday.

WHALE PURCHASED.

Some days ago mention was made of the stranding and capture at Maria, on the Baie des Chaleurs, of a huge whale, measuring seventy-five feet in length. Mr. A. Dombrowski, of this city, has purchased the great fish from its captors for two thousand dollars and sent down a gang of men from here to cut it up and extract the oil, of which it is estimated to contain fifty thousand gallons.

NOTES.

Judge Henri Taschereau and Madame Taschereau, of Montreal, are at present the guests of Lieutenant-Governor Jetté at Spencerwood.

Only 5,156 cases were taken out in the Circuit Court here last year, against 5,912 in the previous year.

The glorious uncertainty of the law received a very unique illustration in the Recorder's Court yesterday. A young man charged another with having assaulted him on New Year's Day. The defendant pleaded that he had been quite as much assaulted by the compainant, who had nearly chewed off his finger. A witness for the complainant testified that it was a free fight, instigated by the witness himself. The consequence was a suprise party. The Recorder ordered the complainant and his witness into the same box with the defendant, charged them with disturbing the public peace, and fined each of them five dollars and costs. It is seldom that every one connected with a suit gets such a practical demonstration of 'even-handed justice.'

AN AUSTRIAN PROFESSOR.

GETS INTO TROUBLE BY ALLEGED SELF-ADVERTISING.

Vienna, Jan. 4.—Dr. Schenk, professor at the University of Vienna, and president of the Embryological Institute, who a year ago published a book in which he claimed he had discovered the secret of exercising an influence over animals and men, so as to fix the sex of offspring, today received permission from the Minister of the Interior to retire on a pension as a result of a demand by the Vienna medical faculty for his dismissal for the alleged frivolous publication of scientific matter constituting a form of self-advertisement.

CANADIAN TRADE.

GOVERNMENT STATEMENT FOR THE PAST YEAR ISSUED IN BLUE BOOK FORM.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The statement of the public accounts of Canada for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, was issued on Saturday in blue book form from the government press. There is in the main figures little that has not already been given to the public in the monthly statements appearing in the 'Canada Gazette.' The receipts on consolidated fund account amounted to $46,741,249, and the expenditure for the same period to $41,903,500. The surplus of receipts over expenditure was therefore $4,837,749. The capital expenditure was $5,927,925, of which $5,003,807 was laid out in the canal improvements ; $3,201,220 was paid out in railway subsidies, of which $2,322,500 was for the Crow's Nest Line; $138,784 to the Ottawa & New York, $136,000 to the Drummond County, $68,331 to the Victoria bridge, $46,400 to the Montreal & Ottawa, $32,000 to the Great Northern, $64,700 to the Montford Colonization, $22,080 to the Ottawa, Arnprior & Parry Sound, and $69,952 to the East Richelieu Valley.

The Deputy Minister, in his report, makes reference to the increased demand for notes of the one and two-dollar denominations, which at the close of October stood at $9,421,885, as compared with $7,266,937 in 1893. As further indicating the expansion of business generally Mr. Courtney points out that the circulation of bank notes in October went up to $50,454,221, the largest in our history. In the same month of 1895 the returns show a circulation of $34,671,028, an increase of 43 percent in four years, and this notwithstanding the increase in the number of branches established by the banks and consequent greater use of cheques in the statement of business transactions.

During the year no entry has been made for interest due from the following sources :—Albert Railway Company, Three Rivers Harbor Commission, Quebec Harbor Commission and Fredericton & St. Mary's Bridge Company.

WILL RUN AS AN INDEPENDENT.

London, Ont., Jan. 6.—Mr. W. H. Bartram, barrister, of this city, this morning announced his acceptance of an independent nomination in East Middlesex for the Ontario Legislature. He says he stands for British responsible government and the overthrow of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. There is a large Orange vote in East Middlesex. The Liberal and Conservative candidates are already in the field.

ELECTORAL LISTS.

CIVIC OFFICIALS AND CLERICAL ERRORS DEFINED.

The electoral lists were again before the Recorder's Court on Friday afternoon, Mr. Recorder Poirier presiding. Several important decisions were rendered.

The case of Mr. R. Roy, Q.C., consulting city attorney, was taken up, the objection in his case being grounded on the contention by Mr. Globensky, advocate, that 'permanent salaried officers or employees of the city in receipt of an annual monthly or weekly salary' were not entitled to have their names on the voters' list. The Recorder decided that Mr. Roy did not come under the category of a paid, permanent official, the salary given him being merely a retaining fee. His name was therefore maintained on the voters' list.

The absence of material witnesses in some cases led the Recorder to remark that if such failed to appear on subpoena they would either be fined or sent to prison.

Mr. Cross, advocate, contended that a person who was put on the list as an agent, but who was really a butcher, should be disqualified. The judge ruled otherwise.

When a man swore that he called at a certain office alleged to be tenanted by a certain man, and had never found him in and it was contended that his name should not be admitted to the list the Recorder decided that such evidence was insufficient and the name was allowed to stand.

The name of Mr. Andre Brisset, 25 Gosford street, was objected to because he was not a British subject. It was shown that Mr. Brisset was born in France and had not taken out naturalization papers in Canada. His name was struck off.

The court adjourned until two o'clock this afternoon.

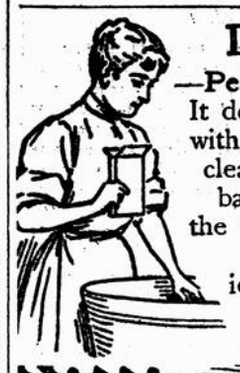
MR. D. M. SPENCE FOR THE FRONT.

Mr. D. M. Spence, brother of Ald. Spence, the well-known secretary of the Dominion Alliance, Toronto, goes to South Africa with the quota from Peterborough, Ont., and when he arrived in Montreal on Friday he gave the 'Witness' office a call. The Peterborough 'Review,' of Jan. 3, says of the enthusiasm of Mr. Spence's friends :—'No man could wish for a more enthusiastic send-off at the hands of his fellows than was tendered by the members of the Y.M.C.A. last evening, to Mr. D. M. Spence.' It must have been an inspiring scene, when, after presenting Mr. Spence with a well-filled purse, the Y. M. C. A. men 'chaired' him in a chair festooned with Union Jacks, and carried him to the drill shed, where he joined his comrades on the way to Montreal.

COURT M'GILL, I.O.F.

A very enjoyable social was given by Court McGill, No. 1855, I.O.F., on Thursday night. The occasion was a public installation of officers. The ceremony being followed by music, both vocal and instrumental, refreshments also being served. Bro. Victor Morin, Supreme Vice Chief Ranger, assisted by Bro. Godin, of Court Balmoral, installed the following officers:—C.D.H.C.R., Bro. C. Edlington; P.C.R., Bro. F. E. Jones; C.R., Bro. W. J. Lanskail; V.C.R., Bro. H. E. Vennor; Rec. Sec., Bro. J. H. Gardiner; Fin. Sec., Bro. T. Cox; Tres., Bro. T. R. Lanskail; S.W., Bro. A. R. Clapperton; J.W., Bro. John W. Gardiner; S.B., Bro. W. Stewart; J.B., Bro. J. O. Lefebvre; Orator, Bro. Barbour; Physician, Bro. Dr. Neil D. Gunn; Organist, Bro. J. H. Bethune; Fin. Com., Bros. Cliffe, and Payne; Trustees, Bros. T. R. Lanskail and T. Cox.

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NEWFOUNDLAND.

INSTRUCTIVE LECTURE BY PRINCIPAL REXFORD.

As usual, during the course of lectures to teachers, the lecture-room of the High School was filled on Friday, when the Rev. E. I. Rexford, principal of the High School, gave a very interesting lecture on 'Newfoundland and Labrador,' illustrated with lime-light views.

Mr. Rexford first referred to Britain's magnificent system of colonial possession, and the attitude of the colonies towards the Mother Country, in a time when they could be to her a source of strength. Newfoundland was her oldest colony. When the Norsemen touched upon its shores they called it the 'land of barren rocks ;' the Gaspé fishermen gave it a name meaning 'land of cod-fish,' and this idea continued pre-eminent. Those who considered it destined for higher purposes had steadily pursued their course. In the midst of disasters by fire, and burdened by debt, the colony had struggled on. Now its prospects were brightening, and Canada looked forward with pleasure to the time when it would have joined the Dominion.

The speaker, by means of maps, showed the relation of Newfoundland to the rest of the continent, the island really including the submerged portion known as the Grand Banks. The coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador were very similar, the Atlantic breakers having worked the shores of each into the same contour of fiord, headland and bay.

The physical characteristics of the island were also explained. Its industries were steadily increasing. The coal formations were very rich and worked with great ease. The copper and iron mining were also growing industries. Wood, excellent for pulp, grew in the valleys and along the largest rivers, as well as timber of larger growth. Its beautiful lakes filled with trout, and its interior wilderness the haunt of innumerable cariboo, rendered the island a sportsman's paradise.

There were many fine views shown.

HOW LAWYERS LIVE IN QUEBEC.

An instance of the hardship to which traders are subjected by process of law is shown in the case of a country merchant whose note for $211 in favor of a city firm became forty-one days overdue. The matter was placed with a commercial firm, on hearing from whom the merchant immediately sent his creditor a cheque for $215 to cover all charges. A few days after, a writ was served with a bill of costs amounting to $35, and $3 alleged debt for the lawyer's letter, and this was followed up by an execution, making an extra cost, notwithstanding the early payment of the debt, of $45. The result will be disastrous to the unfortunate country merchant.

NEW SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS

Captains McNaney and Young, the newly appointed officers for the Point St. Charles corps, arrived in the city on Saturday. They come from St. Johnsbury, Vt., where they are succeeded by the former 'Point' officers. It is announced that Brigadier Pugmire, who has been for some months past secretary for the Army's social operations in the Dominion at headquarters, Toronto, will shortly succeed Major Hargrave as commander of this province. The latter expects to leave there a week from next Tuesday.

A 'REFUGE' CONCERT.

The inmates of the House of Refuge on Dorchester street were given a treat on Friday night in the form of an enjoyable concert in which the following took part: Miss Donaldson, Mrs. A. Neville, Mr. C. M. Hodge, Mr. E. Vernot, Mr. W. Tobin, Mr. T. Copping, Master O. Copping, Mr. R. L. Werry and Mr. E. Matthews. The meeting closed after a few appropriate remarks by Mr. Morrison with 'God Save the Queen,' in which all joined heartily. Mr. W. McClellan, jr., acted as chairman.

A RECEPTION SOCIAL.

A reception social was tendered to the Rev. E. A. Mackenzie, the newly inducted pastor of St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, in the lecture hall of that edifice, on Friday evening, with a view of affording the members of the congregation an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with Mr. Mackenzie. The event was a highly successful one.

A GOOD TEMPLAR FOR THE FRONT.

The usual weekly meeting of Unity Lodge, I.O.G.T., was rendered specially interesting on Friday night by the presence of Bro. Alf. Smith, of E Battery, R.C.A., who was present, to take leave of the lodge on the occasion of his departure with the Transvaal contingent. During the evening the following resolution was moved by Bro. J. W. Roch, grand secretary, seconded by Bro. Crerar, provincial deputy, and carried by a standing vote:—'That the members of this lodge recognize with pride the enlistment of a brother in the Second Canadian Transvaal Contingent; that they express their appreciation of his visit on this the eve of his departure, and that they have confidence that in every circumstance in which he may be placed, and whatever peril he may be called upon to face, he will bear himself like a Good Templar, a Canadian, and a soldier of the Queen; that they wish him God-speed and a safe return, and assure him that in his absence their thoughts will often turn towards the brethren who are fighting for the Empire on the veldt of South Africa.'

After the usual closing ceremonies the members joined hands and united in 'Auld Lang Syne,' and 'God be with you till we meet again,' and three hearty cheers and a tiger for Bro. Smith.

SHORT SENTENCES.

John Shannon pleaded guilty on Friday to stealing iron from Williamson's warehouse and was sentenced to $10 fine or two months. John Mann pleaded guilty to the theft of a coat and was sent to jail for six months.

George Page, for creating a disturbance at the drill shed on Thursday night was fined $10 or two months.

Jas. Barr, Thos. Anderson and Peter Malcolm were fined $20 each in the Recorder's Court for fighting on New Year's day, when one man got a broken leg.

Annie Lewis, charged with keeping a disorderly house, on St. Dominique street, was on Friday sent to jail for three months, after which she will pay a fine of $100 or remain there for six months longer. Three inmates were sent down for two months with a fine of $25 or three more months; one was sent down for six months with the additional fine of $50 or three other months. Four men were fined $5 each, and one $10.

THE METROPOLIS COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the banner council of the Royal Templar Order in Canada was held on Friday in their council chambers, 2444a St. Catherine street. There was an unusually large attendance. The reports of the various officers were very encouraging, there being two hundred members in good standing with a balance of $125 on the right side. The followig officers were installed by Bro. H. G. Munro, district councillor, assisted by Bro. A. B. Parker, grand secretary. : Select councillor, Bro. John Best; P.C., Bro. S. Wilson; vice, Sis. Mrs. J. Best; chap.; Bro. Woodworth; treas., Bro. Thos. K. Clarke; F. S., Bro. R. R. Elliot; R.S., Bro. J. Y. Clarke; herald, Sis. C. R. Robertson; deputy, Bro. Maynard; guard, Bro. Fred. D. McLachlan; sentinel, Bro. J. O. Secord; organist, Sis. Chillingworth. After installation a very pleasant social time was spent.

CITY ITEMS.

The visiting governors to the Montreal General Hospital for the week commencing Monday, Jan. 8, 1900, are: Mr. Robert Archer, Capt. G. H. Matthews, Mr. W. J. White, and the Hon. Wm. Owens.

Judge Tellier rendered judgment on Friday in the case of Cantwell vs. the City, ordering an expert to determine whether a property referred to in the declaration has suffered depreciation in value by the level of the sidewalk being changed.

Wong Mang, the sixty-year old Celestial charged with keeping a disorderly house on Lagauchetiere street, on Friday pleaded guilty to the charge before Mr. Recorder Weir and was fined $50 or three months' imprisonment. It was represented that the accused had been in this country only two years, that he did not know he was breaking the law, and that he was consumptive and his friends were raising money to send him back to China. Chief detective Carpenter asked that sentence in hiscase might be suspended, but the Recorder did not accede to the request. Sam Hang, on the same charge, pleaded not guilty, but was found guilty and sentenced to $25 or two months. John Doyle, who said he was a heavy smoker and had to smoke somewhere was fined $25 or three months, and John Rucker, colored, was fined $25 or two months. A couple of others were remanded to Tuesday.

GENERAL BULLER AS A LEADER.

(New York 'Evening Post.')

London expectation evidently is that Buller will soon fight a great battle. Certainly his strong reinforcements would indicate that. And if one may judge from his nature, as depicted in Mr. Edmund Gosse's 'Character Study' of him in the 'North American,' he must be uncommonly eager to wipe out his defeat. One of his mottoes is, 'The only thing to do is to keep right on.' Somebody once said to him, writes Mr. Gosse, after he had come in from a long and bruising walk, 'I believe that if the truth were known, you would like to start off again to-morrow.' 'You are quite mistaken,' Sir Redvers replied, 'I should like to start off to-night.' To this energy he is said to add the magnetism of a born commander. Mr. Gladstone once heard Joshua referred to as a soldier without a modern parallel. 'Joshua! Joshua!' he exclaimed. 'Why, Joshua couldn't hold a candle to Redvers Buller as a leader of men!'



Desperate Householder writes out advertisement:—'To be disposed of, a monkey. Very comical and playful. Lively companion; full of fun. Would exchange for gold fish or anything useful.'—'Punch.'

ANOTHER CHECK.

Boers Beaten off at Ladysmith After a Determined Assault.

BOER DUPLICITY AGAIN.

Seventy of the Suffolks Taken Prisoners While Bravely Attacking the Enemy.

ENEMY'S REPULSE ON THURSDAY WAS A DISASTROUS ONE—EIGHTH INFANTRY DIVISION TO BE SENT.

London, Jan. 7.—The War Office last evening issued the following :—

'From Buller, Frere Camp, Jan. 6.—The following telegram was received from General White, Jan. 6, 9 a.m. :

' "The enemy attacked Caesar's Camp at 2.45 a.m. in considerable force. The enemy was reported repulsed, but the fighting still continues." '

General Buller wired the War Office the following, dated Jan. 6, from Frere Camp :

'The following message received from General White, at Ladysmith, at 1 p.m. to-day :

' "Jan. 6.—11 a.m.—Attack continues, and enemy has been reinforced from the south."

The following was received at 4 o'clock this afternoon, from General White :

' "Jan. 6.—12.45 p.m.—Have beaten the enemy off at present, but they are still around me in great numbers, especially to the south, and I think renewed attack very probable."

'The sun has failed, and I cannot get further information from Ladysmith until to-morrow.'

THE ATTACK RENEWED.

General Buller sends the following from Frere Camp, dated to-day (Sunday) :

'This from White, dated Saturday, 3.15 p.m. :

' "Attack renewed. Very hard pressed." '

'I have absolutely no more news, and there is no sun. There is a camp rumor that White defeated the enemy at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and took 400 prisoners.

'I sent all available troops yesterday to make a demonstration at Colenso. The trenches there were all occupied by the enemy.'

WHITE DEFEATS INVADING FORCE.

London, Jan. 8.—A special despatch from Frere Camp, dated Saturday, Jan. 6, 7.20 p.m., says :

'General White heliographs that he defeated the Boers this morning. They crept up so close to the defending force that the Gordon Highlanders and the Manchesters actually repulsed them at the point of the bayonet.'

A despatch to the 'Daily Chronicle' from Frere Camp says : 'Saturday's bombardment of Ladysmith was the heaviest yet recorded. All the heavy guns were working, and the Boers seemed to be pouring in shell from every available lighter gun.'

FIRING HEARD AT FRERE.

The 'Daily Telegraph' has the following from Frere Camp, dated Saturday, Jan. 6, 10.35 a.m. :

'A very heavy bombardment went on at Ladysmith from daybreak until 8 this morning. It is believed that an action was in progress, for musketry fire was also heard. It is possible the garrison was making a sortie, for the Boers at Colenso hurriedly left their trenches and rode toward Ladysmith.

'Our big gun at Chieveley Camp fired several rounds at the enemy as they were leaving their Colenso lines. General Buller has ridden on to Chieveley with his staff.'

FIGHT LASTED FOUR HOURS.

The 'Daily Mail' has the following dated Jan. 6, at noon, from Frere Camp:

'At 3 o'clock this morning very heavy firing began at Ladysmith. It lasted fully four hours, and must have meant either a sortie by the British or a determined attack on the garrison by the Boers. Our shells could be seen falling on Umbulwana Hill, and the enemy were replying.

'Besides the cannon reports, there were sounds indicating smaller pieces of artillery in action. The fighting must have been at closer range than has been the case up to now.

'Our naval guns at Chieveley sent their usual fire into the Boer trenches there, but there was no further movement here.'

MORE TROOPS FOR THE FRONT.

The War Office has decided upon immediate steps for sending an eighth infantry division to South Africa. Some of the regiments for this division will be taken from Gibraltar and Malta. They will be replaced by militia.

It is stated that Lord Edward Cecil, a son of the Marquis of Salisbury, is ill of a fever in the hospital at Mafeking. A report from Boer sources about a week ago stated that he had been wounded.

The Mansion House fund for the relief of refugees from the Transvaal has reached £500,000.

According to a private telegram received in London the Earl of Ava, son of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, was dangerously wounded in the thigh during a recent assault on Ladysmith.

FAILED TO MATERIALIZE.

TWO NIGHT ATTACKS ABANDONED WHEN THE BRITISH DEFENCES WERE REACHED.

London, Jan. 7. — The 'Times' publishes a despatch from Ladysmith, dated, Jan. 1, recording two night movements on the part of the Boers to assault the town. These had to be abandoned when the British defences were reached; but, the correspondent says, it was apparent that the great attack would not be long delayed. 'Loyally supported by the civilians, the garrison can hold out for a considerable period. We are not yet reduced to half-rations. The greatest difficulty is proper accommodation for the wounded and sick.'

Little doubt remains as to the meaning of the Boer attack. A despatch from the Boer camp at Colenso, dated Thursday last, and sent by way of Lorenzo Marquez, mentions that a thunderstorm had turned the dry ravines into torrents, and flooded the Tugela. Doubtless General Joubert felt sure that he had secured a couple of days in which he could attack Ladysmith without interference from Gen. Buller, who, even if he decided to attempt to relieve the town, would probably occupy three days in reaching it by even a victorious advance.

BOER ACTIVITY.

ENEMY WILL STOUTLY OPPOSE BULLER'S ADVANCE ON LADYSMITH.

Ladysmith, Monday, Jan. 1 (by runner to Frere Camp, Jan. 6).—Large convoys with stores can be seen trekking toward Colenso. The Boers are actively patrolling the country and have massed their forces to the southward to oppose General Buller's advance. Every hill and kopje between here and Colenso has been strongly fortified. General Joubert is again in the field. It is difficult to estimate the number now about us, as the Boers keep well under cover and never show themselves, but a majority of their forces are between General Buller and Ladysmith. It is impossible to go outside the town limit without being shot at.

A heavy rifle fire was heard on Dec. 30 in the direction of Sundays River.

Persistent rumors are in circulation of quarrels between the Transvaal and Free State commanders.

The active bombardment has little effect. Heavy rains washed out the camp of the 29th Hussars, but the men and their horses escaped without injury.

A big concert was held to-night. Everybody is apparently cheerful.

ENEMY WAS SILENT.

ATTACK ON TRENCHES AT COLENSO FAILED TO DRAW HIS FIRE.

London, Jan. 8.—A special despatch from Frere Camp, dated Saturday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m., says :

'At two o'clock this afternoon the whole of General Clery's division marched out of camp to attack Colenso. General Hildyard's brigade was on left and General Barton's on the right, with cavalry on the extreme right.

'The attack slowly developed, and at 4.30 o'clock the British field guns advanced on the centre and commenced shelling the Boer positions on the flat land between Hlangowona Hill and Fort Wylie. About this time a heavy thunderstorm raged over the enemy's position.

'At 5.30 o'clock our troops were still advancing, and had reached a point near Colenso. The naval 4.7 and field guns were busily dropping shells into the enemy's trenches along the river, and the forts of the enemy had made no reply.'

BOERS IN A PLIGHT.

ROAD TOWARD BRIDGES ACROSS ORANGE RIVER COMMANDED BY BRITISH GUNS.

London, Jan. 7.—The War Office also publishes the following :—

'General French reports that the Boer commando which made the attack on Jan. 4, lost 50 killed, besides wounded and prisoners. The commando was dispersed.'

A despatch from Capetown gives the Cape 'Times's' account of the engagement of Jan. 4, referred to in the above paragraph. It says :—

'About daybreak 1,000 Boers, supposed to be reinforcements, advanced on the left from Norval's Pont, and came in contact with the pickets of the Inniskilling Dragoons. Our men retired at first, but rallied, and charged on the Boers, killing several and wounding many. The enemy fled to sheltered kopjes, and opened fire. The Berkshires and Suffolks replied, and there was a lengthy fusillade.

'The Horse Artillery then advanced with four guns and opened a shell fire on the Boer riflemen, who retired. Then there was an artillery duel, the Boers using four guns and two Maxims.

HUSSARS SUPPORT THE ARTILLERY.

'The 10th Hussars then advanced, supported by a section of the Horse Artillery. The Boers on the right retired, leaving 200 men to hold the hill and to protect their retreat.

'Our artillery thoroughly searched the hill, while 150 Mounted Infantry dismounted and advanced under cover of the fire of the guns. They stormed and carried the hill, killing and wounding 50, while 19 were taken prisoners. We suffered no losses.

'The Boers appear to fear that their retreat is being cut off.

'The road toward the bridges is commanded by three British guns.'

THE BOER VERSION.

Lorenzo Marquez, Jan. 4.—A despatch from the Boer headquarters near Dordrecht says :—'The British have been compelled to retreat from Dordrecht. Fighting continues around Colesberg, where the British occupy some of the outside kopjes. Bullets are dropping inside the town.

'Fifteen British were wounded. They are being attended by us, with the help of Dr. Baarne, an English physician.

'The horses, oxen, mealies and flour taken from the prisoners have been sent to Pretoria, by way of Vryburg.'

SEVENTY CAPTURED.

FRENCH'S FORCE MEETS WITH A MISADVENTURE.

London, Jan. 7.—The War Office publishes the following despatch from General Forrestier-Walker, commanding at Capetown: — 'General French reports under date of Jan. 6: "The situation is much the same as yesterday; but I regret to report that a serious accident has happened to the 1st Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. From news just come to hand from them I gather that, with the authority and with the knowledge of General French, four companies of the 1st Battalion advanced by night against a low hill one mile from their camp. They attacked at dawn, Lieut.-Col. Watson, commanding, gave orders to charge. He was at once wounded. Orders for retirement were given.

' "Three-quarters of the force retreated to camp. The remainder held their ground until they were over-powered by greater numbers, when they surrendered. Seventy were taken prisoners, including seven officers." '

HOW IT HAPPENED.

London, Jan. 8.—The loss of seventy prisoners through a Boer bugle call for the British retreat is not serious, especially when Major-General French has taken as many prisoners with fair fighting, but he is the only British general who has seemed to be fully on guard against Dutch duplicity, and his prestige is now somewhat clouded. His official report bulletined at a late hour stated that the 1st Essex Regiment had replaced the 1st Suffolk, that a medical officer had been sent out to collect the wounded and that prisoners in the enemy's hands would not exceed seventy. His tactical position is unaltered by this slight reverse, and the enemy's losses from the artillery fire have been heavy.

There is no change in the situation at Modder River, and on Major-General Gatacre's line.



MODDER (MUD) RIVER, SHOWING THE SCENE OF LORD METHUEN'S ENGAGEMENT.

Furthest off is the south bank, on which the battle was fought. Mimosa scrub afforded the Boers cover. The ground rises a little from the river bank.—'Illustrated London News.'

MISUSE OF THE WHITE FLAG

STORIES FROM SOUTH AFRICA CONFIRMED BY GENERAL YULE.

London, Jan. 8.—General Yule, who succeeded to the command of General Symons's forces after the latter had been fatally wounded at Dundee, arrived at Southampton on Saturday, the condition of his health having necessitated his return to England. In an interview he confirmed reports of the Boers' misuse of the white flag. He said that he was of the opinion that General Buller's best chance was in a flank attack on the Boers north of the Tugela River. He did not believe that the war would last very long as the Boers were running short of supplies. Afterwards annexation of the republic was alone possible. The colonists would hear of no other solution.

BROTHERS ALL.

London, Jan. 6.—A delightful little incident is reported in one of the latest Cape papers. It occurred when the town was 'Clean mad with excitement,' over the advent of the Canadian contingent:—

'A bluejacket brushed up against two Australian troopers and a Canadian. As he passed, he patted them gently and lovingly on the shoulder. ' "Good boys," he said, with an indescribably benignant smile, "Good boys. You're all right. You're the best sort. Good luck to you." '

'The colonists smiled their acknowledgments and the quartette parted—never, probably, to meet again.'

CONCERT FOR THE SOLDIERS.

New York, Jan. 7.—Passengers who arrived on the steamship 'Lucania' from Liverpool yesterday morning speak with delight of a concert which was held on board on the evening of Jan. 4, for the benefit of the widows and orphans of the British soldiers killed in the Transvaal. The returns—£80—were brought to the 'Herald' office soon after the steamship's arrival, by Messrs. W. F. Newman and E. H. Caswell, of Montreal, with the request that the money be forwarded to the Rudyard Kipling fund of the London 'Daily Mail,' Messrs. Newman and Caswell were the leaders in arranging the concert, which took place in the smoking room.

WILL NOT RETIRE.

London, Jan. 8.—The 'Daily Mail's' correspondent at Naouw Poort cables that he interviewed prisoners who were taken on Jan. 4. Some of them wept, thinking of their wives and children, but when asked if they thought the Boers would win, they answered: 'We shall see. We do not intend to retire.'

CANADIAN KILLED AT LADYSMITH.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 8.—Mr. E. W. Weeks, of the C.P.R., has received the sad news from the War Department of the death of his brother Harry, who was a member of the second rifle brigade under Col. Metcalfe, at Ladysmith. The young man met with his death on Dec. 10 while with a party making a bayonet charge on the Boers to capture some of their guns.

PATRIOTIC FUND.

Plan by the Governor-General for Systematic Relief.

ANXIOUS THAT EVERY CANADIAN SHOULD CONTRIBUTE.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—The Governor-General's secretary asks the publication of the following letter by Canadian papers:

'I am directed by the Governor-General to inform you that His Excellency has for some time been aware of the great eagerness displayed throughout the Dominion to contribute to funds for the assistance and relief of Canadian soldiers now serving in the field, and he believes that funds collected by many different associations would probably be best administered under the direction of a carefully-selected central committee at Ottawa. With this view I am to inform you that an influential committee, of which Mr. Courtney, C.M.G., Deputy Minister of Finance, will be treasurer, is being formed under the direction of His Excellency for the administration of a relief fund for the benefit of Canadian soldiers serving in South Africa.

CANADA HAS A PART.

'The funds already collected for the Red Cross Association have been devoted to the special object of assisting the sick and wounded in the field, and His Excellency considers that for this purpose only, the Red Cross Association offers far the best machinery for their distribution; and also that it is important, in view of the patriotic part that Canada is playing in the defence of the Empire, that she herself should contribute to the central association for the care of sick and wounded imperial soldiers.

'The proposed relief fund to which His Excellency now refers will be entirely distinct from the Red Cross Association. The objects it will have in view it is proposed to class under the three following heads:—

'(1) For the benefit of the widows, orphans and other dependents of officers and men of the military forces of Canada, who may unfortunately lose their lives in, or in connection with, the war operations in South Africa.

'(2) For the benefit of the soldiers themselves, or employees of the Canadian Government, attached to the contingent in South Africa, who may have been disabled by wounds, or sickness, etc., etc.

'(3) For the benefit of the wives and children and dependents, separated at home from husbands and fathers and guardians by the exigencies of the campaign.

LORD MINTO A PATRON.

'The foregoing organization to be formed under the title of "The Canadian Contingent Patriotic Fund," with their Excellencies, as patron and patroness, and of which distinguished public men throughout Canada will be invited to be vice-patrons.

'A general committee will be formed representative as far as possible of the different provinces and chief towns, with a small executive committee for the distribution of funds.

'His Excellency is of opinion that it would not be advisable, owing to the different conditions existing in various localities, to attempt to lay down any particular method for the collection of funds. Such collection he would be inclined to leave to the people of the locality to organize in such manner as they think best; the amounts collected by such local branches would be remitted to the treasurer of the central fund, at Ottawa, and be applied subject to the regulations approved by the general committee.

'His Excellency is anxious that the proposed patriotic fund should assume as far as possible a Canadian national character, and that the population generally will not hesitate to contribute the smallest sums from 10 cents upwards.

WILL BEGIN AT ONCE.

'The Hon. William Mulock has very kindly consented to give the assistance of the post-offices, both as regards the notification of the general scheme, and general transmission of correspondence to the central committee.

'His Excellency thinks it advisable to make known the proposed organization at once, in view of the large sums which are at present being collected and he hopes shortly to publish a fully revised plan,

'I have the honor to be,
'HARRY GRAHAM,
'Captain and A.D.C.
'For Governor-General's Secretary.
'Government House, Ottawa, Jan. 7, 1900.'

FOUR NURSES GOING.

SECOND CONTINGENT WILL TAKE ALONG A NURSING STAFF.

Ottawa, Jan 8.—The War Office has given its sanction to the sending of a staff of four nurses with the second contingent. The following ladies have been accordingly chosen for the nursing staff: Miss Horne, of Montreal; Miss De Barah Hurcomb, of the Perley Home, Ottawa; Miss Richardson, of Regina, and Miss Macdonald, of Pictou, N.S.

THE WESTERN MEN.

His Excellency the Governor-General will not be able to witness the departure of the second contingent from Halifax, the near approach of the opening of parliament requiring his presence here. He will, however, review a portion of the contingent here, it having been decided that the mounted police, which will form the prairie section of the mounted rifles, shall break their journey to Halifax by detraining here, and resting some time in Ottawa, during which time they will parade some of the streets and be reviewed and be addressed by His Excellency at some central point, probably in front of the parliament buildings. Major Williams says that the start for the east will be made at 9.30 this morning.

Early yesterday morning a part of the Regina contingent, consisting of one officer, twenty non-commissioned officers and men and sixty-two horses reached here. The entire train as made up for the east will consist of sixteen cars; one for baggage, forage and saddlery; the commissioned car, three tourist cars and the rest palace stock cars for the horses. A portion of a tourist will be fitted up for the officers. There will be eighty-five horses from Winnipeg.

Montreal will be reached early on Thursday and a stay of several hours will be made at that point. Halifax will be reached on Friday evening.

Captain Ducharme received a message from headquarters in the east stating that more volunteers were wanted for the artillery with the second contingent. Gunners or drivers are wanted and drill qualification is not insisted upon. Captain Ducharme replied that he could probably send twenty men.

THE TORONTO DIVISION.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—Colonel Kitson returned from Ottawa yesterday morning, bringing orders that the portion of the mounted infantry battalion, now being organized here, shall move to Halifax on Thursday of this week. The officers at the barracks are arranging for a street parade and public farefell on Wednesday. There is a good deal more anxiety at the fort over the departure of the contingent than on the first occasion as a good many of the men are married and will leave families behind them. The discovery has been made that a member of the Maxim gun detachment from one of the city regiments now with the first contingent, was so eager to go that he returned himself as unmarried, fearing that if he applied as a married man, he would be rejected. His wife has been in great distress financially and is now receiving assistance from her husband's regiment.

DOINGS AT QUEBEC.

Quebec, Jan. 8.—The Army Temperance Association in connection with the R. C. A. and some friends are tendering a dinner to the Quebec volunteers of the second contingent, at the Victoria Park on Wednesday evening next, at eight o'clock, which will be held under the auspices of the officers of the Royal Canadian Artillery, and promises to be a grand affair.

The Sydney and Newcastle detachment for E Battery, some thirty men and eighteen horses, arrived on a special train of the Intercolonial Railway at nine o'clock last night. Five men arrived to-day from St. John, N.B., and two more are expected this morning.

Major Ogilvie needs eighteen men more to complete the recruitment for E Battery.

In most of the Protestant churches of the city yesterday reference was made to the progress of the war. The Rev. D. Tait, pastor of Chalmers Church, spoke of the power of prayer and advocated special prayer for the triumph of the British arms in South Africa.

Captain Turner, of the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars, son of the Hon. Richard Turner, who is going to South Africa with the second contingent as a lieutenant in the Canadian Mounted Rifles, is to be married to-day in the Anglican Cathedral to Miss Goodday, who returned here from England last night, having been a passenger by the 'Lucania.' Captain Turner's younger brother, Albert Turner, is already at the front as a private in the first contingent.

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