

CHURCH AND STATE.

A Certainty That the Pope will Reject the New Religious Law

SEE MORE PRESS OPINIONS ON
THE SUPPRESSION OF MID-
NIGHT MASSES.

(See also Page 12.)

Dec. 24.—The Associated Press says that a high ecclesiastical source is certain that the Pope will reject the new religious law and will continue services in the churches after which they will organize a campaign to pursue no other policy than to retain the property under the conditions of the government. It can be easily vindicated its action by the faithful that they are of the opinion of persecution.

The Catholic organs regard the organization of suppressing Christmas masses as being the formal invasion of the policy outlined above. A source says it is a scheme directed by the Jesuits and that the cry of persecution by every beadle and priest in France, adding: "Yet there is a single thinking Catholic who knows that the suppression of Christmas masses is the work of the Jesuits and not of the government."

Dec. 24.—The members of the college went collectively to the Pope to present their Christmas greetings. The Pontiff received them in his private library and in the most friendly manner. The distinguished prelates, especially Cardinal Oreglia, dean of the college, the chief topic was the situation in France. The Pope said that he would not flinch from the attack, but no more concessions being made, he hoped that the violence and persecution would soon result in better times.

SPAIN AND CUBA

THE FORMER TRYING TO SECURE ARTILLERY LEFT ON THE ISLAND, AND RECOGNITION OF SPANISH DEBT.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—The Foreign Minister, replying to a question in the chamber of Deputies, today said that Spain was still trying to secure the restoration of the artillery left in Cuba when the Treaty of Paris was signed, and was also continuing the negotiations to secure recognition of the Spanish debt on the island.

RECORDER WAS LENIENT

SEVENTY-FIVE HOUSEHOLDERS WERE SUMMONED BEFORE HIM THIS MORNING.

Judge Shotte, sitting in the Recorder's court today, was very lenient in the penalties imposed. First offenders in drunkenness were let off on payment of a dollar fine, and "repeaters," as they are called by the police, were fined ten dollars or, in default, two months imprisonment. But for the fact that it is a holiday, His Honor told some of the latter that they might have been convicted of habitual drunkenness and sent to jail for six months.

A few of the seventy-five persons were summoned for neglecting to place signs on slippery sidewalks in front of their houses, and for allowing icicles to hang dangerously from the roofs of their buildings. In each instance, the defendant had to pay the costs of the prosecution as a warning against future offence.

CARS UP TO MIDNIGHT

SPECIAL CAR SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE.

On Christmas and New Year's eves the special service will be continued up to midnight, after which time a five-minute service will be given until after church services. The ordinary fares will be applied after midnight. On the Park & St. Denis street, the regular service will also be continued to midnight. Last cars will leave St. Denis station for the Mount Royal avenue, and Park Avenue, at St. Laurent and Cartierville, at 11:30 p.m. square for LaCasse and St. Denis street, allowing the passengers sufficient time to arrive at starting points in the different churches.

ROBBED IN HOTEL

DONALD H. BARTENDER ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY AND CHARGED WITH THE OFFENCE.

Donal Vincent, twenty-one years of age, a bartender at Ducloux's hotel, was arrested today for robbing a guest. He was charged with having stolen \$175 from a guest at the hotel a fortnight ago. The victim, a man named Charles, was a guest at the hotel, where he was paid three dollars a week, shortly after which his money was missed, and he was arrested at a hamlet on Saturday last by Constable St. Mary. At the time he had sixty-six dollars in his possession. He has entered a plea of not guilty.

POLICEMAN ROBBED.

Two of the Robbers Were Caught After an Exciting Experience.

THIRD MAN GOT AWAY WITH
THE CONSTABLE'S WATCH.

Two highwaymen were cleverly trapped by the police on Saturday night after an exciting experience. Captain Millette, of the City Hall avenue and Ontario street station, sent Constables Forget and St. George out on plain clothes duty with a view to rounding up a gang of loafers who were suspected of practicing robberies on drunken men around LaZachetiere, Vitre, Craig and St. Lawrence streets.

Constable St. George stood in a gateway on Vitre street at 10:30 o'clock, pretending to be drunk, while Forget hid in a doorway a short distance down the street. In a few minutes three young fellows came out of a restaurant in Vitre street, and seeing the supposed drunken man in a gateway, lost no time in getting after him. One of the trio caught St. George by the throat and forced back his head, while the other two each held an arm and proceeded to go through his pockets. They took watch and chain-tobacco pouch and pipe. St. George had no money in his possession, and the "hold-up men" seemed to be disappointed.

The men were considering what next to do with St. George, when Forget made his appearance on the scene. The trio then made a break to get away, and two of them succeeded in getting into Vitre street, but St. George hung on to the other. The two who got away separated in Vitre street, one running east and the other west. Constable Forget took up the chase to the west, and after an exciting run along the crowded thoroughfare his man was captured. He gave his name as Joseph Dubou, 19 years of age, residing on St. Catherine street east. He is well-known to the police.

The young man held by Constable St. George was Odias Lirette, alias Desrosiers. He gave his address as 475 St. Andre street, and his age as eighteen years.

High Constable Bissonnette says the young man is quite twenty-five years of age. He was employed as a servant by Mr. Bissonnette just over two years ago, and was regarded as a very smart young man. One day he was left in the house alone, and while exploring the different rooms he found \$35 belonging to Mrs. Bissonnette. This money he appropriated to his own use, and when prosecuted for theft was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Subsequently he got into trouble again, and was sent to the penitentiary for two years. He was liberated only last Thursday.

When arrested before Mr. Lafontaine Lirette and Dubois pleaded guilty to a charge of highway robbery. They will be sentenced on Wednesday.

It transpired that the man who took Constable St. George's watch was the one who escaped. The pipe was found in possession of Lirette.

ANOTHER HOLD-UP.

Another hold-up story was related in Mr. Lafontaine's "star chamber" this morning. John Gleason, a waiter, 22 years of age, arrested at one o'clock yesterday morning by Detectives George Sloan and Viens on St. Lawrence street, was charged with having stolen a small sum of money from a man during the time he was under the influence of drink. Gleason is a brother of the young man who was shot down in St. Lawrence street a little over a year ago by Special Constable Celis, who caught him and two other young fellows coming out of a tailoring establishment, which they had broken into. Gleason was arrested near Dorchester street only a few yards from where his brother was shot. He told the magistrate that he was not guilty of the offence charged, and was remanded to next Thursday for enquete.

ADOPT AMERICAN PATTERN.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The technical commission of the general staff has recommended the adoption of an American military web cartridge belt and haversack for the Russian army. This equipment, which is put on in one piece, is far lighter than the present Russian outfit, each piece of which is donned and doffed separately. The American equipment also costs twenty cents less per man.

BURGLARY SUSPECTS

THREE SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD YOUTHS ARRESTED BY THE POLICE.

Three youths, each seventeen years of age, were arrested by Detectives Charbonneau and Leger before Mr. Lafontaine this morning, charged with robbing a victim. They gave their names as Orela Vandel, residing on Panet street; Napoleon Levesque, of Dorchester street east; and Joseph Pelland, of LaZachetiere street east. They are said to have been associated with burglaries at the following places within the past fortnight: John G. Watson, boots and shoes, 201 Notre Dame street east; Merchaux's Avenue Company, 220 Notre Dame street east; and A. Lecomte, boots and shoes, 321 St. Catherine street east. The accused denied all knowledge of the robberies, and were remanded until Thursday for enquete.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McGuigan are spending Christmas in the west.

The Hon. A. R. Angers, who has been seriously ill, is now out of danger.

Miss F. Winifred Learmonth is spending the Christmas holidays in Ottawa.

Dr. Alfred Thompson, M.P., of Dawson City, is staying at the Windsor Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hale Ramsay, Wood avenue, Westmount, have left for Ottawa to spend the holidays.

The Postmaster-General leaves for 'Spencerwood,' Quebec, to-day. Mrs. Rodolphe Lemieux has already left.

The Ven. Archdeacon Norton, Mrs. and Miss Norton have left to spend Christmas at Bishop's Court, Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Christie, of Laclute, will spend Christmas in town with Dr. and Mrs. Grant Stewart.

Mr. Harold Taylor has left town to spend Christmas with his parents, the Rev. G. M. and Mrs. Taylor, of Knowlton.

Miss Daisy Edgell, the third daughter of Mr. A. W. Edgell, is being married to-morrow to Mr. Fred R. Koch, St. Louis, at her parents' residence on Park avenue.

The president and council of the Art Association of Montreal have issued invitations for an art home at the gallery, Phillips square, on New Year's day from four to six.

The Hon. Edward Blake, who has been in Toronto for some time, is so much improved in health that he intends returning to England next month to take his place in the Imperial Parliament.

Miss Flossie Alma Schaffer, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Schaffer, 400 Deslauriers avenue, was married to Mr. Henry Howard Todd, son of Mr. John Todd, on Thursday evening. The ceremony being performed by the Rev. W. W. Craig, rector of St. Luke's Church, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Schaffer. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in white silk and lace, carrying a bouquet of white roses. Her sister, Mabel, acted as bridesmaid, and wore white. Pink roses formed her bouquet. Mr. Henry Scott was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Todd were the recipients of a large number of presents. The honeymoon is being spent in Toronto. A green cloth costume and white furs formed the bride's travelling dress.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Meldrum, 103 St. Famille street, on Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock, the wedding took place of Miss Janie Logan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Meldrum, and Mr. William J. Templeton (of Howick). The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Colborne Heine, the bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of Limerick lace over white tulle and chiffon, with tulle veil and orange blossoms. Her shower bouquet was of white roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Alberta Meldrum was bridesmaid. She wore turquoise blue Romaine Fuset, and carried Killarney roses. Miss Ruth Meldrum, youngest sister of the bride, was flower girl, and was dressed in white tulle, carrying a basket of pink carnations and smilax. Mr. James McIntosh, cousin of the groom, acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Templeton left for Boston and other American cities, and on their return they will reside at Howick, Que.

The following Canadian visitors registered their names at the Canadian High Commissioner's Office, 17 Victoria street, S.W., during the week ending Dec. 11: L. A. Graham, Campbellton; Mrs. L. S. and Miss Joan Malloch, Hamilton; Miss K. Irving, Hamilton; Miss Lillian Spry, Halifax; A. L. and Mrs. Carr, Toronto; C. Stewart, Hamilton; Vancouver; Mr. Jules and Mrs. Tessier, W. A. M. Gosse, London, Ont.; T. W. Goulding, Vancouver; Geo. H. Bland, Toronto; Colonel P. B. Steele, Montreal; F. W. Huebner, Winnipeg; W. H. Spera, Hamilton; Lieut.-Colonel W. G. Gwatkin, Ottawa; Chas. H. Beldoe, Ottawa; Oliver Hall, Victoria Mines, Ont.; Major S. Harris, Medicine Hat; Jessie O. Colvill, N. B.; A. J. McMillan, Roseland; D. V. Cameron, Toronto; Mrs. K. Simpson-Hayes, Winnipeg; Dr. P. A. Castonguay, Quebec; St. Denis Provost, Quebec; Mrs. C. A. Moore, Ottawa; George Turner, Vancouver; Philip N. and William E. Thompson, Vancouver; Mrs. J. F. Kenny, Halifax; Miss H. P. Furniss, Halifax; W. Syson, Grand Pre, N.S.; A. R. Goring Thomas, Toronto.

DAY NURSERY DANCE.

The committee of young people assisting the ladies of the Day Nursery with their dance on Jan. 3, in the Stanley Hall, is composed as follows:—The Misses Stanley Bagge, Miss Maude Baker, Miss Irene Cairns, Miss Nancy Daves, Miss Annie Ewan, Miss Muriel Featherstonhaugh, Miss Heiden, Miss Hays, Miss Gertrude Hinson, the Misses Kingman, the Misses McLennan, Miss Mary MacPherson, Miss Amy Matthews, Miss Essie MacFarlane, Miss Nora Prentice, Miss Isabel Piers, Miss G. Robb, Miss M. Root, Miss Laroque, Miss M. Shorey, Miss G. Symonds, Miss Muriel Thompson, Messrs. Maurice Burke, Wm. O'Brien, Percival Campbell, Stanley Coristine, Eric McQuig, Allan McGee, Basil Hingston, Errol Hall, Holton Learmont, David Robertson, Ross Sims, Fred Shaughnessy, Kenneth Turnbull, Alex. Wilson.

Floor committee.—Messrs. Ross Sims, Stanley Coristine, Eric McQuig, Guy Davis, Allan McGee, Allan Dunlop, Errol Hall, David Robertson, Kenneth Turnbull, Alex. Wilson.

Supper committee.—Messrs. Percival Campbell, Basil Hingston, Fred Shaughnessy, Dudley Oliver.

Musical committee.—Messrs. Maurice Burke, Holton Learmont, W. P. O'Brien and Royal Ewing.

COL. OBROUCHEFF

ASSASSINATED.

Commander of Russian Infantry Regiment Killed by Unknown Man.

Lukew, Poland, Dec. 24.—Colonel Obroucheff, commander of the Eighty-first Infantry, has been killed on his estate near here by an unknown man.

Riga, Russia, Dec. 24.—A large store of explosives for the manufacture of bombs, including a considerable quantity of pyroxilin and detonators, has been discovered at the Aetna factory, of which many of the employees are revolutionists. Seven Lettish bandits have been tried by drumhead court-martial, and shot near Mitau.

BOARD OF TRADE ELECTIONS.

Mr. George Caverhill Will be Nominated as President.

SEVERAL PROMINENT MEMBERS
ARE BEING NAMED FOR SEATS
ON THE COUNCIL.

On 'Change this morning the approaching annual elections of the Board of Trade were the subject of considerable comment. The past year, while it has not developed any really large question within this corporation has been, nevertheless, an exceptionally busy one for the president and council, as well as the other officials, as a large number of important matters of special interest to the Board of Trade and its many affiliated sections have received the attention of the council with good results.

The election of the new council for 1907 will be taken up immediately after the new year and while, on such occasions, there are always rumors of opposition, it is expected that Mr. George Caverhill, the energetic vice-president, will be returned as president by acclamation. This will mean, probably, that Mr. T. J. Drummond, who holds the office of second vice-president, will succeed Mr. Caverhill as vice-president, while several other names are mentioned for seats at the council board. Indications would point to a lively election as a certain section of the Board of Trade is determined, it is said, to contest every seat.

Mr. C. B. Esdale, who has been indefatigable as treasurer during the past year, is likely to again stand for that honor, while several well-known names among the members are mentioned for seats at the council board. Indications would point to a lively election as a certain section of the Board of Trade is determined, it is said, to contest every seat.

THE PATRONAGE SYSTEM.

Trouble in the Hygiene Com- mittee Over Appointment of Inspectors.

SEVEN OUT OF EIGHT NOMINA-
TIONS FRENCH-CANADIAN,
AND ALD. WARD IS
ANGRY.

The evils of aldermanic patronage was forcibly illustrated on Saturday afternoon at a meeting of the Finance Committee, when eight appointments were made in connection with the sanitary, meat and milk inspection departments.

There are seven members of the Hygiene Committee, and in the end it was found that the chairman, Ald. Dagenais, and Ald. Nault had both made two appointments, but that Ald. Ward's suggestion for an English meat inspector had been rejected. Seven out of the eight appointments were given to French-Canadians, and the other was secured by Ald. O'Connell for one of his constituents.

Then Ald. Ward made a bitter protest, and Ald. O'Connell said he did not think that Ald. Ward had been treated fairly by the committee, and asked that the appointments be reconsidered. This stand was supported by Ald. Gadbois, but a suggestion that one of the appointees be replaced by Ald. Ward's nominee was lost by three votes to four. The meeting then degenerated into a series of private conversations, as the result of which it was agreed that the appointments should stand as made, but that Ald. Ward should have the right to make the appointment of one of the milk inspectors when a vacancy occurred.

The names of the inspectors appointed are as follows: Sanitary: Messrs. Bisillon, Galipeau, Cleavey, and Monty; meat, Messrs. J. M. Nault and H. Leclerc; milk, Messrs. A. Edward and M. Mailhot.

J. M. Nault is a brother of Ald. Nault, who secured his appointment.

The salaries are \$800 each for both meat and milk inspectors, while the sanitary inspectors will receive from \$525 to \$575 a year each.

DEATHS DOUBLE BIRTHS.

The deathrate for the past week was more than double that of births in the city of Montreal, the former numbering 150, and the latter only 72. Of the deaths, which included 116 Catholics, 35 Protestants, and six Jews, six were caused by typhoid, two by measles, two by diphtheria, one by erysipelas, four by influenza, two by cancer, three by cerebro-spinal meningitis, 17 by diarrhoeal diseases, and 36 by tuberculosis and allied diseases.

CALIFORNIA AND THE JAPANESE.

JAPANESE AND COREAN LEAGUE DENOUNCE THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—Resolutions denouncing President Roosevelt's message to Congress on the Japanese situation here, resenting his interference in the domestic affairs of this state, expressing want of confidence in Secretary Metcalf, and declaring his report to the President on the Japanese school question to be "utterly unworthy of credence in any particular," and "containing numerous misstatements and misrepresentations, obviously one-sided and grossly exaggerated," were adopted at a mass meeting of 2,500 persons held yesterday by the Japanese and Corean Exclusion League.

COL. ANDRE PROMOTED

Paris, Dec. 24.—Among the Christmas army promotions is that of Col. Andre, who was a member of the court-martial which retired Colonel (now General) Picquart, the Minister of War. Andre is promoted from general of brigade to general of division.

DR. LEGRIS RETIRES

THE CANDIDATES FOR NICOLET COUNTY NOW ARE MESSRS. DEVILIN AND BALL.

Saturday was the day for the nomination of candidates for the representation of the county of Nicolet in the House of Commons, and the contestants in the final struggle are Mr. Charles Devlin, the Liberal candidate, and Mr. George Ball, the Conservative candidate. Dr. Legris, who had many supporters among the Liberal party, sacrificed his personal ambitions by going to the returning office on Saturday and announcing his retirement from the contest.

The public announcement of the two candidates nominated was followed at Beaucourt by a large meeting held in the open air, on the church square, at which addresses were given by both the Liberal and Conservative candidates and other leaders. It is estimated that there was a crowd of from one thousand to twelve hundred people present, representing electors from every part of the county. Among the speakers were the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Mr. F. D. Monk, M.P., and Mr. J. G. H. Bergeron, M.P. Meetings were held at various places throughout the county during the week end, the utmost interest and enthusiasm being shown in the contest.

NO RESENTMENT

SIR WILFRID AND THE CITY COUNCIL.

Referring to a statement published that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, resenting the action of the Montreal City Council in taking so little notice of his offer with regard to the Beauharnois canal water power, had decided to withdraw the offer, the 'Canada' to-day says that one Premier is surely above such petty feelings, and that journal thinks he will not hold the whole city responsible for the act of twenty-one men, who, it is hinted, no longer represent the citizens of Montreal in the matter.

COL. JONES'S APPOINTMENT.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The reported selection of Surgeon-Colonel (now General) Jones, of Halifax, to succeed Colonel Fiset as director-general of the Canadian Army Medical Corps at headquarters, is confirmed. Colonel Jones will be in the city to assume the duties of his office on Friday.

ZERO TEMPERATURES PREVAILING

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:—
'Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heav'n's all-glorious King!
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

But with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Come round the age of gold.
When Peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole earth give back the song,
Which now the angels sing.

—E. H. Sears.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—New Westminster, 42. 36; Calgary, 34. 18; Edmonton, 28. 3; Battleford, 16. 4; Qu'Appelle, 22. 12; Winnipeg, 22. 14; Port Arthur, 14. 4 below; Parry Sound, 8. 2 below; Toronto, 10. 6; Ottawa, 8. 0; Montreal, 10. 2; Quebec, 12. 2; St. John, 40. 3; Halifax, 41. 24.

Fresh northerly winds, fair and cold to-day and Tuesday; zero temperatures on Tuesday morning in most districts.

The weather has been very cold since Saturday in Western Quebec and through Ontario while in the western provinces the temperature has been steadily rising and the weather is now comparatively mild from Manitoba to the Rocky Mountains.

1840-2 Notre Dame street, Montreal, Dec. 24, 1906.—Readings by Hearn & Harrison's Standard Barometer at noon:
Yesterday, 29.50; 11 a.m. to-day, 29.54.
Temperature: Max. Min.
To-day 10 0
Yesterday 10 14

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Count Ignatieff, a member of the Council of the Empire, and former Governor-General of Kiev, Volynia and Podolia, was on Saturday shot and killed in Tver, in the rooms of the Nobles' Assembly. The murderer was seized while attempting to commit suicide.

An earthquake, exceeding that which destroyed Valparaiso, and as severe as that which visited San Francisco last spring, was recorded on Saturday on instruments in the Isle of Wight and at Ljubach in Austria-Hungary. Its origin is believed to have been 4,500 miles away.

A woman living in the Vienna quarter of Paris has been arrested charged with murdering one hundred and twenty new born infants.

The Pope, it is now said, will reject the new religious law of France, order the priests to discontinue worship in the churches and hold it only in private. The formal inauguration of this, it is believed, is the order of the Bishops suppressing to-night all Christmas masses.

Last fall there was organized in London an International Society for the Propagation of Moral Training in the Public Schools. The organization of the American branch has just been completed in Chicago and an International Congress is to be held next year either in New York or London.

His Imperial Highness General Prince Fushimi is to leave Yokohama on Feb. 7 for England. He is specially commissioned by His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan to convey his thanks to King Edward for conferring on him the imperial Order of the Garter. Information has been received that the Prince will make the homeward journey via Canada, stopping off at Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg and other of the principal cities of the Dominion. He will not visit the United States. Prince Fushimi, who is a first cousin of the Emperor, is about forty-five years of age.

The total wealth of great Britain is estimated at £9,188,559,564.

Nine persons were killed, six fatally injured and twenty-five others hurt in a wreck on the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie at Enderlin, N.D., on Saturday night.

Lindsay B. Hicks, the miner in Bakerville, Cal., who was, with several others, embedded in a cave-in fifteen days ago, was rescued yesterday, little the worse for his terrible imprisonment. None of those with him escaped.

The Jews of New York are now objecting to the celebration of Christmas in the public schools, and are keeping their children away from school to-day.

The locomotive firemen on the lines of the Southern Pacific, in Texas and Louisiana are on strike. The trouble is said to arise from the large percentage of firemen who become engineers maintaining their membership and insurance in the firemen's organization instead of joining the Brotherhood of Engineers.

The Japanese and Corean Exclusion League of San Francisco held a mass meeting on Sunday at which they denounced President Roosevelt's action on the Japanese situation in that city as 'interference in the domestic affairs of the state.'

Dr. Legris has retired from the Nicolet by-election and the contest now stands between Mr. Charles Devlin, Liberal, and Mr. George Ball, Conservative.

The steamer 'Beatrice,' laden with coal from Sydney for Halifax, is ashore on Cranberry Head, in an exposed position.

Turo, N.S., is suffering from a serious flood, the water in many cases reaching to the second story windows.

A substantial reduction of freight rates has been announced by the Canadian Northern, to take effect on Dec. 27.

The new steamer 'Strathcona,' running on the eastern shore of Nova Scotia, was totally destroyed by fire at Port Dufferin on Saturday night. All were saved, but if it had not been for the faithfulness of the wheelmen, who stood at his post until the wheel ropes were burned off, all might have been lost.

Two men on St. Lawrence Boulevard, on Saturday night, trying to rob a policeman in plain clothes, were caught after an exciting chase. They were Joseph Dubou, aged nineteen, and Odias Desrosiers, eighteen. A third escaped, carrying with him the constable's watch.

The Bishop of Joliette, who has just returned from a visit to Rome, says that France can no longer be called a Roman Catholic country, as out of a population of forty-five millions not more than ten million persons practice that faith.

The expropriation rolls for the widening of St. Antoine street, from Windsor to Mountain, have been filed in the office of the city clerk.

Mr. John Anderson, seventy-five years of age, formerly well known in Point St. Charles, died in a Centre street car yesterday.

The river road is now open to Longueuil.

The deaths in the city of Montreal this week have been double that of the births.

PRINCE FUSHIMA COMING.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—General Prince Fushimi, cousin of the Mikado, is to pass through Canada in April next, on his way back to Japan.

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 the marriage notice for the death notice for the funeral notice. The announcement of funerals is appended to death notices. Extra; other extensions 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 funeral notices in their immediate families free of charge, in which case name and address of subscribers should be given.

MARRIED.

DAVIDSON-HARNETT. — At the residence of the bride's parents, on Dec. 19, by the Rev. J. M. Tredrea, Mr. Thomas G. Davidson to Anna P., daughter of Mr. James Harnett, all of Oxford Tp.

FRENCH-FENWICK. — In St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, Ont., on Dec. 20, 1906, by the Lord Bishop of Ontario, assisted by the Dean of Ontario and the Rev. Canon Starr, Emma Laura, elder daughter of the late Dr. K. N. Fenwick, to John Poyntz French, C.M.R. (late Captain South African Constabulary).

HENDERSON-STRATTON. — On Dec. 20, 1906, by the Rev. J. M. McLeod, at Billings Bridge, Ont., Gordon S. Henderson, barrister, to Miss Charlotte Stratton, adopted daughter of the late Charles Billings.

HOWARTH-MUIR. — At the residence of the bride's father, Newmarket, Ont., on Dec. 19, 1906, by the Rev. J. A. Neal, Gertrude, eldest daughter of Mr. J. G. Muir, Newmarket, to William Howarth, of Toronto.

HUNTER-NORMAN. — In St. Mark's Church, Barrie, Ont., on Dec. 19, 1906, by the Rev. Dr. Nimmo, Miss Ethel Norman, eldest daughter of William Norman, of Barrie, to William James Hunter, of the Township of Pittsburg.

PADDOCK-HAMILTON. — At the Free Methodist Church, Westport, Ont., on Dec. 19, 1906, by the Rev. C. Cunningham, George Paddock, of Waterbury, N.Y., and Miss Lydia May Hamilton, of Bedford, Ont.

MELDRUM-TEMPLETON. — On Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1906, at the residence of the bride's father, 102 St. Famille street, Janie Logan, second daughter of Mr. Jas. Meldrum, to Wm. J. Templeton, of Howick, Que.

PATTERSON-RODEN. — At Gananoque, Ont., on Dec. 19, 1906, by the Rev. Mr. Gracie, Isadore Evans, youngest daughter of Mr. E. P. Roden, to Mr. James N. Patterson, both of Toronto.

WILDER-THURSTON. — On Dec. 19, 1906, at the home of the bride's parents, Palermo, by the Rev. J. Hill, Oliver Rodina, second daughter of Mr. Leonard Thurston, to Oliver Wilder, of Hamilton, Ont.

WEIR-DAVIDSON. — At the residence of the bride's parents, Chatham, Que., by the Rev. James Fraser, on Dec. 11, 1906, Margaret Edith, eldest daughter of Robt. Davidson, to Captain Joseph Davidson Weir, also of Chatham, Que.

DIED.

COOK. — At Ormstown, on Saturday, Dec. 15, 1904, Ellen Kea, beloved wife of John Cook, aged 58 years and 5 months.

COOPER. — In Kingston, Ont., on Dec. 19, 1906, Thomas C. Cooper, aged sixty years.

DENOVA. — At Dalkeith, Ont., on Dec. 18, 1906, John Denova, in the 32nd year of his age.

GREIG. — At Howick, Que., Dec. 13, 1906, Jane Elliot, wife of Thomas Greig, in the fifty-fifth year of her age.

HENDERSON. — In Cobourg, Ont., on Dec. 21, 1906, James Henderson, M.D., in his 49th year. Accidentally killed.

HOUSTON. — On Dec. 21, 1906, Thomas Houston, late cashier for R. G. Dun & Co., Toronto, in the 73rd year of his age.

LAMPMAN. — Entered into rest on Dec. 9, 1906, at her residence in Sombra Township, Hannah Smith, wife of the late William Lampman, and daughter of the late Capt. Israel Smith, of Howard Township, aged 80 years and 29 days.

LEGGETT. — On Dec. 21, 1906, at the residence of his son, 41 Cambridge street, Ottawa, Henry Leggett, aged 64 years.

LAN. — At Galt, Ont., on Dec. 21, 1906, Charles John Logan, B.A., aged 61 years.

MCCALL. — Suddenly, in this city, on Dec. 22, 1906, Philip McCall, aged 52 years, native of County Galway, Ireland.

PHILLIPS. — In this city, on Dec. 24, 1906, Maria Bridle, beloved wife of the late E. E. Phillips, and mother to Henry, William, Frederick and Thomas Phillips. Funeral private.

REDMOND. — In this city, on Dec. 24, 1906, Edward Francis Redmond, aged 37 years, brother of the late John F. Redmond.

Funeral will leave residence of Mr. E. Tobin, 183 Aqueduct street, on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at 7:30 a.m., to St. Anthony's Church, thence to Cote des Neiges Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

STEVEN. — At Sisson, California, on Dec. 2, 1906, of pneumonia, Robert Steven, in his 64th year, for many years in the service of the Bank of British North America in Canada and Chicago.

Notices received too late for this page may possibly be in time for page 8.

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ORDINATION SERVICE

BISHOP CARMICHAEL AND ARCH-DEACON NORTON OFFICIATED
AT THE CATHEDRAL
YESTERDAY.

At an ordination service held yesterday morning in Christ Church Cathedral the Ven. Archdeacon Norton, rector of Montreal, who was in charge of the service, took the opening part of the Holy Communion, and the Rev. Dr. Symonds read the Litany.

The Rev. H. E. Horsey, who preached the sermon, took for his text Deuteronomy xviii., 15, and began his sermon with a full description of the ministerial office in its historical significance, pointing out that the prophets of the past had their spiritual successors in the clergy of to-day. Mr. Horsey declared that the clergyman obtained not his office by inheritance, he was not chosen from any particular family, nor because of any class distinctions of rank or wealth. The only necessary thing was the call of God and wherever the spirit impelled the messenger he came with a heart responsive to the call, seeking the sanction of the Church and the ordination of the Bishop. "The clergy," continued Mr. Horsey, "with a specialist's knowledge of God yet adapting that knowledge to the needs of men and women, from among whom they come and whom they understand, must apply eternal principles of divine life to the lives of a twentieth century people."

Bishop Carmichael conducted the consecration of the candidates, who were presented to him by his examining chaplain, the Rev. J. E. Horsey. There were two candidates for deacon's orders and two for those of priest.

William David Armitage, of Shawville, and Cyrus Wesley Palmer Baugh, who comes from England, were admitted to the diaconate, while the Rev. James Henry Brown, an Englishman, and the Rev. Ernest Edward Dawson, who was valedictorian last April at the Montreal Diocesan College, entered the priesthood.

Mr. Armitage is stationed at Bolton, Mr. Baugh at Thorne and Leslie, Mr. Brown at Clarendon, and Mr. Dawson at Kildare.

JOLIETTE CATHOLICS

RECEIVE HONORS FROM RETURNING BISHOP.

Bishop Archambault, of Joliette, was given an enthusiastic reception upon his arrival in his episcopal town yesterday afternoon. A procession escorted him to the Cathedral, where addresses were presented in the name of the clergy and citizens. In his reply, the Bishop announced that Vicar-General Beaudry had been made a Roman prelate, with the title of Monsignor; Mayor Teller a Knight of the Order of St. Louis, and Mr. A. Gervais, editor of the 'Etoile du Nord,' and Mr. H. Lenouart, ex-Papal Zouave, had been given the papal cross of honor.

FRANCE AND BRITAIN

PROGRESS OF THE NEW CAMPAIGN OF FRIENDSHIP.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Associated Press has obtained some interesting information regarding the progress of Anglo-French relations which led to the recent erroneous reports that the entente of 1901 had been supplemented by a military or naval convention. Mutual co-operation on sea and land in the face of an aggressive move against either is regarded as assured both at the Quai d'Orsay and in Downing street. The machinery of diplomacy has, however, been scrupulously avoided in the accomplishment of this result. No notes or drafts of conventions have been exchanged. Nothing has passed through the only channels recognized by governments as qualified to bind countries which could be challenged by Germany as aimed at her isolation. Nevertheless, in a subtle and quite as effective fashion, the combination against Germany, so far as France and England are concerned, can be considered an accomplished fact. The other ramifications of the entente, which is called in England the policy of 'binding Germany over to keep the peace' (which includes the Russian-English entente, the cementing of closer relations between Spain and England, and the weaving away of Italy from the triple alliance) are also making progress. It was regarded as preferable to lay the basis of mutual support primarily in a broad and deep friendship between the two peoples. The 'entente cordiale' adjusting outstanding differences had no sooner been signed than the campaign of friendship was inaugurated.

All kinds of visits were exchanged, furnishing occasions for celebrating the new found friendship, and now a great Anglo-French exhibition in London has been planned for 1908. Matters had reached such a stage during the Morocco crisis that England's physical as well as diplomatic support was certain had the sword been unsheathed. At that time the military and naval authorities of the two countries were in communication, and after the crisis had passed they proceeded to work out 'in a purely technical fashion' plans of co-operation by land and sea to meet certain eventualities. So intimate had the relations between the military departments of the two countries become last summer that General French, the chief of the English mission, detailed to attend the French manoeuvres, was admitted to the conferences of the French general staff during the manoeuvres, and listened, if he did not participate, in the discussions.

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AMERICAN BRANCH OF NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—In England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and the United States there has been a steadily growing impression that the schools are not being as well utilized as they might be for the purpose of moral training and development of citizenship. A conference to consider the whole matter was held in London last autumn, resulting in the organization of the International Society for the Propagation of Moral Training in the Public Schools.

The American branch has just completed its organization by the election of the following executive committee: Messrs. Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia; Edwin A. Alderman, University of Virginia; G. Stanley Hall, Clark University; R. H. Jones, University of Missouri; Benjamin Ide Wheeler, University of California; H. H. Seeley, Iowa State Normal School; Edwin G. Cooley, Chicago; James M. Greenwood, Kansas City; Andrew S. Draper, Albany, N.Y.; Felix Adler, New York; Clifford Barnes, Chicago. Mr. Clifford Barnes, of Chicago, has been chosen to act as secretary and executive officer, and Mr. Jas. S. Sayer, of New York, treasurer.

This year the International Association is to make a systematic effort to collect information as to the best work being done in moral training in the schools of Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, America and Japan, and for this purpose will send out several expert commissioners. These reports will be published in the autumn of 1907. An International Congress is to be held under the auspices of the Association either in New York or London.

BLOOD OF SAN GENNARO

A SCIENTIFIC DEMONSTRATION OF THE MIRACLE.

Rome, Dec. 22.—At the People's Palace here to-day, Signor Giacci gave a visible and comprehensive demonstration of the yearly 'miracle' of the liquefying of the blood of San Gennaro. (St. Januarius, which is kept in a phial in the Church of San Gennaro at Naples. Signor Giacci showed that this change was effected by the use of a chemical combination, known to the ancients, for the preservation of blood, and that blood treated with it liquefied at a certain temperature. Signor Giacci performed his experiments with calves' blood, adding thereto substances the nature of which he did not reveal. He will make a scientific communication in the matter.

AN INHUMAN MONSTER

A PARIS MIDWIFE CHARGED WITH HAVING MURDERED A HUNDRED AND TWENTY INFANTS.

Paris, Dec. 24.—A midwife living in the Vivienne quarter has been arrested on the charge of the systematic murder of newborn infants. The attention of the police was attracted by the fact that no deaths of children were reported from the establishment, and an investigation resulted in the discovery that the midwife, with the complicity of a servant,

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Halifax, N.S., Dec. 24.—The 'Beatrice' Captain Peters, which left Sydney early yesterday morning, could not leave for Halifax, but ashore Cranberry Head last night. The ship, which prevailed off the coast, and thought the ship was returning to Sydney to harbor. She is in an expected position, and tugs are starting by towing a favorable tide, when at that time was made to float the ship.

NEW FREIGHT TARIFF

CANADIAN NORTHERN MAINTAINS SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN THE WEST.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The Great Northern Railway has announced a new freight tariff, effective on Dec. 24, and voluntary reduction of rates on the south end of Winnipeg. The new rates, which are in effect on the line, are in conjunction with the C. N. R. reductions on all classes of freight, a substantial.

THE LATE MR. PRELONIAINE

A very large number of persons attended the first anniversary reunion of the late Mr. Preloniaine, which was held in St. James' Church, on Sunday, for the repose of the soul of the late Hon. Mr. Raymond Preloniaine. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Abbe Chretien, officiated, and members of the family and persons connected with the deceased occupied seats of honor at the centre table.

WILL ENTERTAIN THE AGED

The young people connected with the Christian Endeavor Society of the Anglican Congregational Church will give a concert to the old people at the Monastery at Longue Pointe tomorrow evening. A special car will leave the church at 8 o'clock.

MAGDALEN ISLAND SERVICE

The steamer 'Harlow' has been ordered, and will now sail from Halifax on the 24th, and from Mulgrave, N.S., on the 27th, carrying mails for the Magdalen Islands. The steamer will call at Grand-Staircase and Amherst, and correspondence should be mailed at Montreal so as to reach the offices mentioned above if possible the day before the steamer sails to ensure connection.

Xmas 1906.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

On Wednesday, the ninth day of January, 1907, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, will be sold by public auction in the office of the undersigned notary, at No. 121, rue St. Anne, in the city of Montreal, the following immovable, to-wit:

A lot of land or emplacement fronting on St. Anne street, in St. Anne Ward, in the city of Montreal, and now known under number one thousand two hundred and seventy upon the official plan of the city of Montreal, containing thirty feet in front and eighty-four feet and three inches in depth, more or less, English measure, bounded in front by said St. Anne street, on the west by St. Anne street, in rear by the lot No. 122, and on the east side by the lot No. 120, with the building thereon erected. The said immovable belongs for one undivided half to the succession of the late one ELMIER BERTRAND, wife of the late one PIERRE DUFORT, in his lifetime carpenter of Montreal, in reason of the legal community of property, in default of a marriage contract, which has expired, and the said late one ELMIER BERTRAND and her said husband the late PIERRE DUFORT.

For the condition of the sale apply to the undersigned Notary.

Montreal, December 24th, 1906.

ARTHUR ECREMENT, Notary.



PUBLIC NOTICE.

The City of Montreal gives notice that it will apply to the Legislature, at its coming session, for certain powers and certain amendments to its charter on the following matters:

Construction of underground conduits and obligation to reserve for the city a special right in such conduits; loans for the construction by the city of such underground conduits and obligation imposed upon persons and companies to place their wires upon certain conditions; loan for the purpose of acquiring or leasing or doing all that may be necessary for the manufacture and distribution of gas and for the purchase of purchasing the rights, plant and moveables of the Montreal Gas Co., or incorporating said company as well as for the purchase of water power and for the distribution and sale of electricity for any purpose whatever; franchises, poles and wires within the limits of the city, loan to improve Water Works, expropriation Wellington Bridge approaches, loan for high pressure water system, taxes on persons or companies producing and selling power, heat, light, water or electricity.

L. O. DAVID, City Clerk. City Hall, 22nd Dec., 1906.

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Of course, the motion carried, and one day a coach and four. With the latest style of driver, rattled up to Eyre's door. And the sleek, well-dressed committee, Brothers Sharkey, York, and Lamb, As they crossed the humble portal took good care to miss the jamb.

They found the choir's great trouble sitting in his old arm chair. And the summer's golden sunbeams lay upon his thin, white hair. He was singing 'Rock of Ages,' in a voice both cracked and low. But the angels understood him, 'twas all he cared to know.

Said Yore: 'We're here, dear brother, with the vestry's approbation. To discuss a little matter that affects the congregation.' 'And the choir, too!' said Sharkey, giving Brother York a nudge. 'And the choir, too,' he echoed with the gravest of a judge.

'It was the understanding when we bargained for the chorus That it was to relieve us, that is, do the singing for us. If we rupture the agreement, it is very plain, dear brother, It will leave our congregation and be gobbed by another.'

'We don't want any singing except what we've bought! The latest tunes are all the rage—the old ones stand for naught: And so we have decided—are you listening, Brother Eyre?—That you'll have to stop your singing, for it hurries the choir.'

The old man slowly raised his head, a sign that he did hear. And on his cheek the trio caught the glint. His feeble hands pushed back the locks, white as the 'silly snow.' As he answered the committee in a voice both sweet and low:

'I've sung the Psalms of David for nearly eighty years. They've been my staff and comfort, and calmed life's many fears! I'm sorry I disturb the choir, perhaps I'm doing wrong; But when my heart is filled with praise, I can't keep back a song.'

'I wonder if beyond the tide that's breaking at my feet, In the far-off heavenly temple, where the Master I shall greet— Yes, I wonder when I try to sing the songs If the angel band will chime me for disturbing heaven's choir.'

A silence filled the little room; the old man bowed his head. The carriage rattled on again, but Brother Eyre was dead! Yes, dead! His hand had raised the veil the future basks before us. And the angel band had called him to the everlasting chorus.

The choir missed him for a while, but he was soon forgot. A few church-goers watched the door; the old man entered not. Far away, his voice no longer cracked, he sings his heart's desires. Where there are church committees and no fashionable choirs.

LEGAL.

ONTARIO.

VOIDABLE DOCUMENTS.

Old Subscriber, Ont.—I. When a man comes near the end of his life, and the doctor gives him morphia powders, and he takes all kinds of nonsense and the doctor will swear he is going to kill him, if that man signs a will or a deed, or a note under the influence of morphia, is that lawful? 2. Is there any difference between being drunk with morphia or drunk with whiskey? Answer: Probably not. Practically none as to the legal effect upon the question of validity of a document executed under circumstances such as suggested.

STORAGE OF AN ENGINE.

A.M.A., Ont.—A has a threshing engine and threshes for B. While threshing at B's, A complains that the engine consumes too much fuel and water and leaves the engine on B's property. B finds that it is not paid for by A to the makers. A had also complained to the makers of the engine and they sent experts to examine it and they find there is nothing wrong with it. Can B claim anything for rent and storage, and what would be the proper steps to take, and who could he claim on? If A refused to pay could B hold engine until he does? Answer: B ought to notify both A and the makers of engine that unless the engine is removed from his premises by a certain stated time he will charge storage from that time. Until this be done B would not be entitled to charge storage unless there was some agreement to pay. After the expiration of the time stated in said notice B would be entitled to hold engine until his charges against it were paid.

ROWDYISM—USE OF WELL.

Subscriber, Ont.—There is a number of young men who make a practice of yelling when passing my house to the station, which joins my lot; they have destroyed my property with stones and their hands, but I can't swear to any one in particular, though I know who they are. Whenever there is a special train at night (and they are quite frequent), it is then they do their work. I can't take them as a mob; if so, how will I proceed? 2. Can A compel B to let him take water from his well. A having been taking water from that well for more than twenty years, he having done nothing in B's time (thirteen years) towards keeping it in repair? Answer: You might complain to the local high constable and demand protection, or you might watch for the miscreants, catch them red-handed in their vandalism, and then summon them before a justice of the peace, and have an example made of them. You are hardly in a position now to take any proceedings, since you are unable to identify the wrongdoers. 3. Do not state the facts sufficiently fully to enable us to give an opinion. There are other circumstances besides mere lapse of time, such, for example, as the conditions under which the practice began, its continuance, or otherwise, which are of almost equal importance in a matter of this kind. Better consult a local solicitor.

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MEDICAL.

MISCELLANEOUS.

M.B.L. would like to know if hair treatments are injurious. She has been troubled for years with her hair falling out, with also dandruff. No. 2. W.J.L. is a young man, thirty-five years of age, unmarried. Has been troubled for some time with constipation, and also a pain in the right side. Sometimes he has slight pain in the back and left side. Has lately been backing up a lot of gas, especially after eating, and in the morning after drinking either hot or cold water. The stools are rather dark in color, and are often hard and scaly. Has no headache. The mouth is dry in the morning, and he has a hacking cough, with dropping of phlegm into the throat. He also feels cold and chilly. Last June had a severe attack of grippe, and has had a cold ever since. Feels weak and 'run-down' at times. His appetite varies from time to time, but is usually poor. Sometimes he drinks little at meals. Uses a fountain pen. Answer—So long as the ends of the hairs are not singed, and no irritating substances, such as coal oil, are applied, treatment is not likely to do harm. I would not, however, advise the use of any of the tonics which are dyes as well as would suggest the following line of treatment: Wash the head once a week until the dandruff is eradicated, and then twice monthly. Use hot water and some mild soap, such as castile. Perhaps the best to soften and remove dandruff is spirits of green soap. This is an alcoholic solution of soap. Apply about a dessertspoonful, rubbing well into the roots of the hair. Then rub up into a lather with hot water. Knead the scalp with the fingers. Then wash off the soap with many changes of hot water, and finally douche with cold. Dry the hair without much rubbing, and preferably in a warm room before a fire. Never use a small-toothed comb. Get one with large, wide teeth, the same thickness all along. Comb the hair frequently, say, three or four times a day. Apply every morning the following tonics: Resorcin, three drachms; boracic acid, one drachm; compound tincture of cinchona, three drachms; castor oil, two drachms; oil of lavender, six drops; rectified spirit, to make six ounces. No. 2. You had better attempt to cure the constipation by dieting. Use foods which are laxative in their action, such as oatmeal porridge, graham bread, soups, fruits and vegetables, sweet stuffs. Avoid milk, pastry, cake, and all rich, greasy foods. It is a good plan to take a small glassful of cold water on an empty stomach, first thing on rising. Do not drink more than a small cup of fluid with any one meal. Water is the best drink for dinner. Do not use tea, especially green tea, unless freshly made, without boiling, and much diluted. About two hours after meals take a glassful of cold water, slowly. It is a plan to start breakfast with fresh fruit, stewed figs or prunes, a baked apple, or something of that kind; then take porridge, and later, bacon. Take moderate exercise in the open air. Attend promptly to the calls of nature. Accustom yourself to try to have an evacuation at the same time every day. Take plenty of time over your meals. Do not see any particular objection to the use of the syringe. I should say it would be preferable to most drugs, and is the best thing to try if dieting fails. If you use castor, take it in divided doses, say, fifteen or twenty drops after each meal. It acts better as a tonic to the bowels when used in this way. You may use the preparations you speak of occasionally, but I do not think it is advisable to take much baking soda, as it hampers digestion. I expect you are run-down as a result of the grippe. The trouble with the throat is no doubt the result of catarrh of the nose. You had better take cod liver oil this winter. A cold bath every morning would be desirable, as it acts as a respiratory and nervous stimulant.

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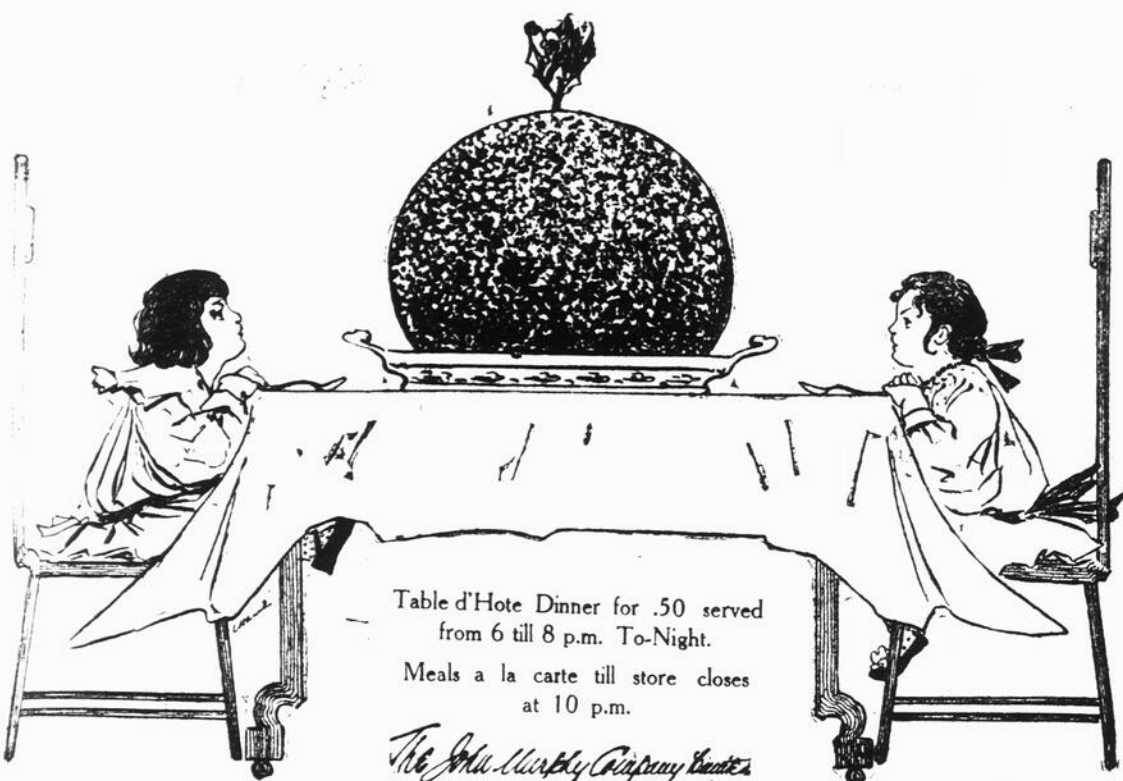


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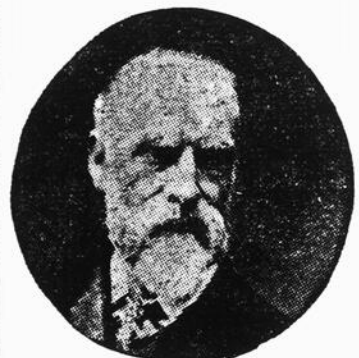
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MR. JAMES BRYCE

WILL GO TO WASHINGTON AS BRITISH AMBASSADOR. BUT DECLINES PEERAGE.

London, Dec. 24.—Mr. James Bryce, it would appear, has declined a peerage, but, at any rate, according to the "Daily Telegraph," he will go to the United States as British ambassador without changing his name, and thus be the first untitled man to represent his country at Washington, and, says the "Chronicle," "Americans who know and honor him as James Bryce will esteem him all the more because he declined a title."

Most of the newspapers this morning print editorials on Mr. Bryce's departure from the Cabinet, and the necessary changes in the ministry. The "Standard" urges that a much larger sal-



MR. JAMES BRYCE.

ary should be attached to the Washington embassy.

The Irish papers of all shades generally regard Mr. Bryce as having been rather a weak than a strong Irish secretary.

The "Tribune," in an editorial, says that the close connection into which Mr. Bryce will be brought with President Roosevelt will give the ambassador an opportunity of pushing forward the work of The Hague conference.

(Canadian Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 22.—The "Pall Mall Gazette" says it would be as well to hear what Canada thinks of the Bryce selection for ambassador to Washington, before decorating it with too much enthusiasm.

The Right Hon. James Bryce, P.C., D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S., M.P. (Liberal), Aberdeen, S., since 1885, Chief Secretary for Ireland, was born in 1838. He was the eldest son of Mr. Jas. Bryce, LL.D., of Glasgow (who died in 1877) and Margaret, eldest daughter of James Young, Abbeyville, County Antrim. He married Elizabeth Marion, daughter of Thomas Ashton, Fordbank, near Manchester, in 1880. He was educated at the High School and University of Glasgow, and Trinity College, Oxford (B.A., 1862, D.C.L., 1870) and was elected a Fellow of Oriel College, in 1862. In 1867 he became a barrister at Lincoln's Inn and practiced until 1882. He was appointed Regius Professor of Civil Law at Oxford, 1870; resigned that office in 1893; was elected M.P. for Tower Hamlets in 1880; appointed Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in 1888; Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster (with seat in the cabinet), in 1892; President of the Board of Trade (1894), Chairman of the Royal Commission on Secondary Education (1894), member of the Senate of London University (1893), Fellow of the Royal Society (1894), corresponding member of the Institute of France (1891), foreign member, 1904, foreign member of the Royal Academies of Turin and Brussels (1896), and of Naples (1903), corresponding member of the Societa Romana in Storia Patria (1885), member of the Society of the Lincei, Rome (1904). The honorary degree of LL.D., of Edinburgh University was conferred on him in 1883; LL.D. of Glasgow University in 1886; Michigan University, in 1887; St. Andrew's, 1902; Doctor of Political Science of the Royal Hungarian University of Buda-Pest, in 1896; Litt. D. of Victoria University in 1897; D.C.L., Trinity University, Toronto, 1897; Litt. D. Cambridge University, 1898; Honorary Fellow of Trinity and Oriel Colleges, Oxford. He was President of the Alpine Club in 1899-1901.

THE JEWS AND CHRISTMAS

THOSE IN NEW YORK PROTEST AGAINST CELEBRATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

New York, Dec. 22.—Having failed to persuade the Board of Education to stop the celebration of Christmas in the public schools, rabbis and other Jews decided to call a strike of school children of their race. If their plans are successful, many of the schools of the East Side will be depleted of a large percentage of their usual attendance.

Jews, representing the reform and the orthodox synagogues, went before the commission on elementary education on Dec. 11, and presented their side of the question. When the Board of Education met last Wednesday and took no action, the Jews decided to call a strike. Their committee made plans to appeal to Jewish parents through the Jewish press to keep their children away from school on Monday, and this has been done. The board does not regard the agitation as serious.

PRISONERS LIBERATED

MR. JUSTICE LAVERGNE'S DECISION AFFECTS FORTY MEN.

About forty prisoners, who were serving twelve month sentences in jail for habitual drunkenness, have been released as the result of Mr. Justice Lavergne's decision in the Court of King's Bench, reported on Friday, to the effect that for a penalty of twelve months for habitual drunkenness was illegal, and that consequently it was beyond the power of the Recorder's Court to impose such a penalty.

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DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED.

A REVOLVER FATALITY NEAR HUNTSVILLE, ONT.

Huntsville, Ont., Dec. 24.—A young man named Charles B. Spencer, aged twenty-four, on Monday evening, Dec. 17, was the victim of a revolver shot from a weapon in the hands of one Arthur E. Topping, both men being employees of the Huntsville Lumber Company, in their camp at Runy Lake. The deceased was brought to Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville, and died at nine p.m., on Tuesday. At the inquest, which was opened by Coroner Casselman on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the hospital, Topping, who was arrested, made a statement in his own defence, which was in part as follows:—

After working near Smithfield for about twelve months after his arrival in Canada from Britain, he decided to come north and work in the lumber camps, which he did about Nov. 1. Having been told that bears, wolves and lynx might be encountered in the northern wilds, he provided himself with a 32-calibre revolver for self protection. On Sunday, Dec. 16, he got into conversation with another employee, Ripper by name, also the owner of a revolver, about the respective merits of their firearms, which they at length agreed to trade even. The following evening, having in the meantime read his bargain, he requested Ripper to trade back, which was done. When the prisoner got his own weapon back he, supposing, as he asserts, that it was not loaded, clicked it three times, and the third time it went off, and Spencer, who was standing about six paces in front of him, received the charge in the breast. The prisoner says his revolver was empty when he gave it to Ripper, and that the latter did not tell him of its being loaded when he returned it.

CLEVELAND STREET RAILWAY AGREEMENT.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 23.—An agreement has been reached between the Cleveland Electric Street Railway Company and two thousand or more of its employees, covering the working conditions. The company agrees to enforce the "closed shop" policy, and all employees who have been discharged since July, as a result of the later controversy since then, are to be reinstated. No advance in wages is given. The agreement is said to be entirely satisfactory to both sides.

ENGINEER KILLED.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—John Paul, of Toronto Junction, engineer of No. 220, C. P. R. engine, pulling out of the Union Station at 2:40 this afternoon, on the Hamilton express, was killed in his cab. It is supposed that he was struck by a semaphore arm just outside Toronto and instantly killed. His body remained in a sitting posture and the train ran as far as Manito before the fireman discovered that he was dead.

THE HON. R. F. GREEN RESIGNS.
Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 22.—The Hon. R. F. Green, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, has resigned his portfolio for private reasons.

FIREMAN KILLED.

Montreal, Ont., Dec. 22.—A freight train, with a pilot attached, left here for the East last night, and while ascending the grade at the outskirts of the town, became stalled. In endeavoring to get clear again, the train backed up an engine, with cars attached, riding on the siding in the yard. These cars were badly injured, and a fireman, Demond, of Stratford, was killed. A fireman Knight, of Goderich, was leg broken.

CRUEL TO LAME HORSE.

James Fitzgibbon was fined \$1 and costs, Judge Scott, in the Recorder's Court, on Saturday, for cruelty to a horse, by working the animal while lame and in poor condition. The S.P.C.A. prosecuted.

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A CHRISTMAS TREE.

New Glasgow, Que., Dec. 22.—The Presbyterian congregation of this place recently had their Christmas tree in the church. The Rev. Mr. Nicholson, of the Anglican Church, conducted the religious exercises, and addressed the children. A Christmas cantata was given by the Sabbath school children, and a few of their friends. The organist of the church, Miss E. Bennett, delighted the audience with instrumental music. Good dialogues, hearty singing, and sufficient collection to cover all expenses, were some of the happy features of the evening. It was possible, the national anthem was sung with more enthusiasm than ever before, and then children and parents went home to admire at leisure their beautiful presents.

MR. MORGAN'S GIFT TO HIS SON.

New York, Dec. 22.—Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan yesterday gave a \$600,000 mansion to his son, Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, jr., as a Christmas gift. The house is the one the young man has been occupying, and is at Madison avenue and 37th street. Near it are Mr. Morgan's own house and that occupied by his daughter and her husband, Mr. H. C. Satterlee. Mr. Morgan's gift, his friends say, indicates that he has determined to protect his Murray Hill block against the advance of trade.

CHEAP LIGHT.

Joseph Milot, 20 years of age, electrician, and Albert Milot, 22 years of age, clerk, were remanded by Mr. Lafontaine on Saturday for enquete on Thursday, charged with having stolen electric power from the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company. It is alleged that the accused were lighting their room in a house in City Hall avenue with electricity after having connected a wire leading into their room with one of the company's lines outside the house.

KILLED BY FALLING TREE.

Quebec, Dec. 23.—Pinned under a falling tree in the woods near St. Ubalde, County of Portneuf, a bushman named Alphonse Levesque, 18 years old, received injuries which resulted in his death a short time after he was extricated by fellow workmen. He was engaged in felling trees when he was crushed underneath one.

SCALDED TO DEATH.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 22.—John McLennan, a radiator builder, stepped into a tank of boiling water, used for dipping the nickelware, at the Taylor-Forbes factory, last night. He was scalded to the bone, and, although promptly rushed to the hospital, died early this morning. He leaves a young widow.

CARNEGIE PENSION FOR PROF. COWLES.

Elmira, N.Y., Dec. 23.—Dr. A. W. Cowles, the first president of Elmira College, has been granted a pension of \$1,200 a year for life, by the trustees of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Dr. Cowles is ninety years old, and lectures three times a week.

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COMPLIMENTS OF STAFF.

PROTHONOTARY RECEIVES SEASON'S GREETINGS.

When the prothonotary of the Superior Court, Mr. D. Monet, arrived at his office this morning he was met by all the officials of his department, who assembled in a body to present him with the compliments of the season. Speaking in the name of his confreres, Mr. L. D. Gaudet, senior deputy prothonotary, extended the best wishes of the whole staff to their respected chief, coupling the name of Mrs. Monet with his own, and expressing the hope that they might have the advantage of working under his guidance for many years to come.

The officials also took this occasion to present their chief with a splendid crayon portrait of himself to be added to the gallery of his predecessors' pictures that adorn the walls of the general office.

In his reply Mr. Monet thanked the officials for their kindness, and after referring to the pleasant relations existing between them and the efficiency of their work, he heartily expressed his own best wishes for themselves and their families.

FREE BUT HOMELESS.

Thirty-five prisoners were liberated from the Montreal jail on Saturday, including twenty-one men and fourteen women. Most of these seemed to be much puzzled when given their liberty, having no place to go to and no money. Many of them told the jail officers that their only resource for the approaching night was to seek shelter in some police station or refuge, and it is expected that several of them will again appear before the court in a day or two, to be sent back to jail. These were released owing to Judge Lavigne's judgment of last Friday.

HOT ASHES CAUSED FIRE.

As a result of dumping hot ashes in a wooden box, the roof of a shed in the rear of the dwelling at 410 St. Dominique street, occupied by Mr. Owen Brennan caught fire this morning at about 9:30 o'clock. An alarm was turned in from box 65. The men from stations No. 6 and 14 soon got the blaze under control.

TWO SMALL FIRES.

Two fires broke out in dwellings yesterday, one the result of an accident in handling a lamp, and the other from an unknown cause. The first was in the house occupied by Mr. Thos. Flynn, 114 St. Urban street. The lamp was overturned on a couch and the coal oil dripped piece of furniture went up in a blaze directly. The firemen succeeded in putting out the fire before any serious damage was done. The second fire occurred in the house of Mrs. Gould, at 450 Mount Royal ave., about 10:45 on Saturday morning. Some curtains caught fire and set ablaze a chair. Fortunately the damage was confined to these articles, the firemen putting out the fire before it had a chance to spread.

TWO FIRES IN THE SAME DAY.

At 215 Drolet street, a private house occupied by Madame Lamoureux, a fire was discovered in the furnace room yesterday morning at 10:25 o'clock. The firemen used a barbecue on the blaze and soon had it out. Later on in the day the fire rekindled owing to the overheating of the furnace and gave the brigade some trouble before it was extinguished.

A SKIRMISH IN CUBA.

TWO INSURGENTS KILLED AND TWO CAPTURED.

Havana, Dec. 22. A despatch from Guines, this province, to-day, announced that a patrol of rural guards had had an encounter with five mounted insurgents. The two parties exchanged shots, with the result that two of the insurgents were killed and two were captured. The fifth man escaped.

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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH, Notre Dame street east—Christmas Day—9 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., morning service, with special Xmas music. Rector, Canon Renaud.

THE ENGLISH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDDEMER, 365 Mountain street (between St. Catherine and Sherbrooke streets)—Rev. Chas. G. Beck, M.A., pastor. Morning service on Christmas day at 11 a.m. The pastor will occupy the pulpit. Hymns: 406, 'O Morning Star, bow fair, bow bright'; 151, 'Good News from Heaven the Angels Bring'; 134, 'Joy to the World, the Lord is Come.' Will be used. The choir will render a Christmas hosanna and the anthem 'Golden Christmas Bells.' The Christmas festival will be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, at 8 o'clock. Seats free. All are welcome.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Dorchester street—Christmas Day service, 11 a.m. The Rev. James Barclay, D.D., LL.D., pastor, will officiate. Special Christmas music, Carol (Newton) 'The First Xmas Morn.' Opening anthem, 'from the Messiah' (Handel) 'Glory to God in the Highest'; anthem 'Tours'; soprano solo, quartette and chorus, 'Sing O heavens and be joyful O Earth'; offertory anthem, 'Maker'; tenor and bass solo and chorus, 'Arise, Shine for Thy Light is Come.' FREDERICK H. BLAIR, Organist and choir conductor.

DIED IN STREET CAR.

JOHN ANDERSON EXPIRED SUD- DENLY YESTERDAY.

The death of John Anderson, 75 years of age, took place suddenly yesterday at Point St. Charles where he was formerly well known as a blacksmith. Mr. Anderson was walking along Centre street, when he was seen to fall, near the corner of Charlevoix street. The conductor and motorman of a passing Centre street car, noticing that he was unable to rise, lifted him into the car, intending to take him to the Grand Trunk station for medical attendance. When the car was stopped at Shearer street, however, life was found to be extinct. The body was taken to the police station until it could be removed to the morgue, where an autopsy will be held this morning to determine the cause of death. The old man had no fixed home, but had relatives in Point St. Charles whom he was accustomed to visit occasionally.

The coroner held an inquiry into the case this morning at the morgue, when it was stated that the dead man, who had suffered from heart disease for some years, was going from his work at the Montreal Water and Power Company's works on the river bank near Charlevoix street, to his breakfast, when he dropped dead. After the autopsy, the coroner returned a verdict of 'death due to heart failure,' without calling a jury.

CORNELL COSMOPOLITAN CLUB.

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 24.—The Cornell Cosmopolitan Club of Ithaca, N.Y., formed for the purpose of uniting Cornell students of all nationalities and extending the influence of the university abroad, was incorporated here to-day. Among the directors are Messrs. F. Gold-einweiser, Kiev, Russia; Leslie M. Mac-pherson, Balranald, N.S.W., and Leopold Reinecke, Languedoc, Cape Colony, South Africa.

DEATH OF MRS. RAMSDEN.

Anne Ramsden, widow of the late Mr. George Ramsden, died last evening, at her residence, 629 Wellington street, in her eighty-second year. She was the mother of Mr. Geo. Ramsden, of Port Hope, traveller for Messrs. Caverhill, Leamont & Co. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon.

FOUR FALSE ALARMS.

The 'humorist' who rings fire alarms for the fun of seeing the brigade dash past has been very busy during the last few days. To the disgust of the fire brigade officials, no less than four false alarms having been sent in between the hours of 12 o'clock a.m. on Sunday and 1 o'clock a.m. to-day. The first was received on Sunday, at 12:35 o'clock a.m. and came from box 53, in St. Henri district. The brigade turned out in double quick time and had their trouble for nothing. At one o'clock this morning the brigade had another fruitless trip to box 373. During the early parts of this morning the brigade was called out twice—once to box 250, and once to an automatic alarm on the premises of the Montreal Suspender and Umbrella Company, at 10 St. Peter street.

OVERHEATED FURNACE.

Fire broke out last night at 9 o'clock in the offices occupied by the City Ice Company at 491 William street. The overheating of a furnace is blamed for the outbreak in the building, which is built of wood. An alarm was sent in to No. 12 station from box 323, and the prompt arrival of the men prevented much damage being done.

COMPANY NOT TO BLAME.

Mr. Justice Fortin this morning dismissed the action of William Matthews, who claimed \$10,000 damages from the Montreal Street Railway Company. This claim was on account of a collision with one of the company's cars when Matthews was nearing the Wellington street subway, at Point St. Charles, in August last. The Court found that no fault or negligence had been shown on the part of the company.

TRADER ASSIGNS.

Joseph Chatelais, trader, of St. Poycarpe, has assigned at the demand of Louis Doucet, with liabilities of about \$1,600.

A LYNCHING CASE.

SUPREME COURT TO PROCEED WITH PROSECUTIONS OF RINGLEADERS.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The Supreme Court to-day decided adversely to the defendant on the preliminary questions involved in the case of Sheriff Shipp and twenty-six others, of Chattanooga, Tenn., charged with contempt of the Supreme Court, in lynching a negro named John after the court had taken cognizance of the case. The opinion was handed down by Mr. Justice Holmes, who announced that with the preliminaries disposed of the court would proceed with the prosecution.

RAILWAY WRECK.

ONE ENGINEER AND TWO FIRE- MEN REPORTED KILLED IN NEW YORK STATE.

Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 24.—A light engine collided with passenger train No. 2, on the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway at Baley's Crossing, near Eagle, at 7:05 this morning. Michael Lynn, of Rochester, engineer, and Henry Gath, of Warsaw, fireman of the passenger engine, were killed; George McNally, engineer of the light engine, was badly injured, and E. Palmer, fireman of the light engine, is reported to have been killed.

The smoker and baggage cars were smashed and the passenger coaches hurled from the track, but no passengers were injured.

NO 'WITNESS' TO-MORROW.

To-morrow being Christmas Day the 'Daily Witness' will not be issued.

ST. ANTOINE DIVISION.

A CONFERENCE AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES THIS MORNING.

At the provincial government offices this morning a conference was held between the Hon. W. A. Weir, Minister of Public Works, and Mr. Peter Lyall, who was the chairman at the recent Liberal convention when Mr. Percy Ryan was nominated as the government candidate in the St. Antoine division by-election for the legislature. It is understood that the unsatisfactory state of affairs brought about by the result of that convention was discussed, and that as an outcome of the consultation an effort will be made to bring about a solution of the difficulty.

An interesting incident was the presence of Ald. James Robinson, who is spoken of in business circles throughout the division as an independent candidate. It is said that Ald. Robinson, after considering the situation, expressed his willingness to contest the seat under certain conditions.

At the close of the conference Ald. Robinson intimated to a 'Witness' representative that he was not present at the government offices in the capacity of a politician, but as a business man and elector interested in an amicable settlement of the impasse in St. Antoine division.

'Then you will accept the nomination as an independent candidate?' was asked.

'That may be possible, although I have not yet finally consented.' 'You will understand,' he said, 'that I am kept very busy with my private business interests, as well as attending to my duties at the City Hall. However, I am giving the matter my careful consideration, and I will wait a few days more before I decide.'

The Hon. Mr. Weir, when seen at his private office in the government building at noon to-day, said that the St. Antoine difficulty had been discussed during the morning, and that it was possible that an announcement regarding the situation would be made shortly.

THE SLEEP OF DEATH.

WOMAN WHO ASKED FOR SHEL- TER FOUND DEAD IN BED TO-DAY.

An old woman whose name and address is at present unknown, rang the bell at the residence of Mrs. Chartrand, 156 Fulham street, late last night, and asked, as a matter of charity, to be allowed to sit near the stove for a time as she was very cold. Her request was willingly complied with, and she sat for some time on a chair near the stove. She appeared to be in a very weak condition, and after some length of time, was seen to suddenly fall over. Mrs. Chartrand assisted her to bed in the house, and she stayed there all night. This morning when Mrs. Chartrand went to call her she found her dead. The coroner ordered the body to be removed to the morgue where an autopsy will be held.

DISTRIBUTING DINNERS.

SALVATION ARMY BEGAN BIG TASK TO-DAY.

At one o'clock to-day the Salvation Army commenced the distribution of 850 baskets of provisions to poor families. In each basket will be five pounds of meat and enough provisions altogether to feed ten persons. In order to carry out this work the officers procured over two tons of meat, 52 sacks of potatoes, 850 loaves, 425 pounds of soda biscuits, 250 pounds of tea, 630 pounds of sugar, seven cases of oranges, 850 plum puddings, 425 tins of corn, and 425 tins of peas.

The collection pots at the street corners will be discontinued this evening. The collections are ahead of last year, and a considerable sum of money has reached Brigadier Hargrave by mail. Through-out the long winter months the Army dispenses a large amount of relief, and anything left over after paying for Christmas cheer will go to this fund.

On Wednesday and Thursday the children will have their annual tea in the St. Alexander street barracks. Twelve hundred children will be made happy—six hundred each night. At the conclusion of the tea meetings will be held at the Citadel on University street.

C. P. R. APPOINTMENTS.

A circular issued from the office of the C. P. R. to-day announces that Mr. D. W. Cradlock has been appointed general traffic agent of the company in China, with office in Hong Kong; while Mr. J. H. Griffin has been appointed district freight agent in San Francisco, to succeed Mr. W. M. Stern, retired.

NEW STREET CARS.

The management of the Montreal Street Railway Company are making arrangements to meet the heavy increase in traffic over its lines during the coming year. The officials expect shortly to place on their city lines about twenty-five large cars of the most improved type. It was stated this morning that several hundred thousand dollars will be expended by the management in the purchase of these new cars.

FIRE IN RUBBISH.

A telephone alarm was turned in at 4:18 on Saturday afternoon for a fire on the premises of James Ballantyne, plumber, 159 St. Antoine street. The men from No. 4 station, on arrival, found the fire in some rubbish. The blaze was soon extinguished by the aid of one stream of water, and the damage done was slight.

ICE ON THE FARM.

On many farms no attention is given to the storing of ice for the preservation of milk, cream, butter and fresh fruits during the hot weather. In the household it will render possible the preparation of many dainty desserts and by means of a small refrigerator cold meats, products of the dairy and the fruits in season may be preserved, bettering the quality and adding variety to the good things that grace the rural table.

As ice will keep almost as well in an inexpensive shed as in a more costly structure, there is no reason why every farmer should not provide an ample supply. The chief requisites are good drainage beneath the ice, plenty of well packed sawdust to keep the air from it, a tight roof to prevent the rain from doing damage and ventilation over the ice so that it will not get too warm under the roof in summer.

In deciding upon a location it is well to have the ice-house convenient to the house or milk room—an exchange advises its location on the north side of another building, if this can be done without causing that building's floor to be damp, or on the shaded side of a grove. This will keep the ice-house cool and prevent unnecessary loss.

There is always a slight melting, and good drainage should be provided in order to allow the water to escape freely. A chisel or sandy bottom several inches deep, with the tile outlet away from the building will answer. Screen the tile so that rats cannot enter.

The building should be constructed much the same as any other outbuilding, only that it is very large the studding should be 2 x 6 instead of 2 x 4 inches. However, if the ice cakes are uniform in size and carefully piled, and frozen together there can be no outward pressure.

The walls may be made by boarding up on the inside of the studding only, or on both sides if the extra expense will not make this prohibitive. The roof should be steep to insure its shedding the rain. A board roof will do, but care should be exercised in laying the boards to have them lap sufficiently to prevent leaking. Small windows in the gables may be provided for ventilation.

The door should be made up of a series of doors all the way up for convenience in filling. Steps are nailed on the 2 x 6 studding at each side of the door and short boards placed on the inside of these from the floor up. These with the doors will form an air space between the door and the packing.

A foot or more of old sawdust is placed beneath and around the ice and thoroughly packed. After removing any ice the sawdust should be replaced and once a week it should be tramped over the top and especially around the walls. This prevents the sawdust cracking and allowing the air to reach the ice.

Several farmers might club together and purchase an ice plough. A convenient depth of ice is from ten to fourteen inches. If the chunks are uniform in size it will facilitate packing. After getting each layer in position adze off any unevenness and sweep the shavings in filling. Steps are nailed on the 2 x 6 studding at each side of the door and short boards placed on the inside of these from the floor up. These with the doors will form an air space between the door and the packing.

When the ice and the weather are right the job should be rushed through. Any farmer who stores several tons in this way will doubtless find that what seems to be a costly luxury will become a convenient and profitable necessity.

SOAP ON MILK VESSELS IS INJURIOUS.

According to experiments conducted in Australia, it has been found that there is a decided objection to the use of any common washing or laundry soaps for cleaning milk vessels. As an illustration, at a recent dairy convention in New South Wales, the judge, in criticising a certain lot of butter, noted on the score-card, 'Tastes of soap.'

Inquiry of the exhibitor later brought out that his own stores several tons in this way will doubtless find that what seems to be a costly luxury will become a convenient and profitable necessity.

It is recommended that only soda, or some other alkaline washing powder be used, and the following is a desirable method in the absence of steam, or water in addition.

As soon as the vessels are emptied, rinse them out with lukewarm water, if available; if not, cold water. Wash thoroughly in water as warm as can be comfortably worked in, using sufficient washing powder to cut the grease. Then rinse in boiling water, or as near it as possible. It would be a little better to use two waters, one to rinse the alkaline water off and the second to simply scald it.

In ordinary practical work, this is more trouble than most people will take, so that one rinsing with sufficient water is reasonably satisfactory. This vessel should then be turned up to drain and dry. If left hot, it should dry without rusting.

While in dairy practice it is recommended that a brush be used while washing and then not wiping the tinware with a towel, experiments performed in the Australian station with tinware steamed, steamed and wiped with a new towel that had never been used, wiped with a so-called clean used towel and with a soiled towel, showed that after wiping with a new cloth towel there were three and a half times as many bacteria left on the surface as in the case where it was steamed only; after wiping with a used towel, one which any housewife would call a 'clean towel,' there were 300 times as many as when steamed only; and after using a soiled towel, one which was not worse than is commonly used in the kitchen for our dinner plates, it showed 4,000 times as many as when steamed only.

THE CHARITY BALL.

THE CHARITY BALL WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ROYAL SCOTS ARMORY ON JANUARY 15.

Lady patronesses—Lady Drummond, Lady Hickson, Lady Hingston, Lady Smaghnessy, Lady Tait, Lady Lister, Mrs. Angus, Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Dandurand, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Ekers, Mrs. Figue, Mrs. Hector Mackenzie, Mrs. Menzies, Mrs. Haver Reed, Mr. R. G. Red, Mr. Roddick, Mrs. Thibaudon.

Chairman, Mr. Peers Davidson; hon. secretary, Mr. A. A. Sandeman; hon. treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Holt.

Reception—Mrs. James Ross, Mrs. Miller, Lady Allan, Mrs. R. W. Redford, Mr. Davidson, Dr. Roddick, Dr. Peterson, Dr. Shepherd, Dr. Cameron.

Supper—Mrs. Jas. Ross, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Redford, Mrs. May, Mrs. Wignone, Mrs. Guy Ross, Mrs. Sandeman (convenor); Mr. W. R. Miller, Mr. R. H. Hooper, Dr. Yates, Mr. R. W. Redford.

Decorations—Mrs. Fayette Brown, Lady Allan, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Yates, Dr. Rutan, Mr. Gordon Lewis, Mr. H. Scott, the Messrs. McLaughlin, Mr. Frimings, Mr. Humble, Dr. Little, Mr. Percival Campbell.

Bridge—Mrs. Yates (convenor), Mrs. C. R. G. Johnson, Mrs. Andrew Allan, Miss Stikeman, Mr. Humble, Mr. Andrew Allan.

Ladies' Dressing Rooms—Mrs. Benson (convenor), Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Gibb, Mrs. May, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Holt.

Press—Mrs. Sandeman (convenor), Mrs. Wignone, Mr. McKim, Mr. Sandeman and Mr. Guy Ross.

Music—Mr. Skinner, Mr. G. F. Benson.

Ventilation—Mr. Malcolm MacDermid, Mr. G. F. Benson.

Precedence—Mrs. R. W. Redford, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Davidson, Dr. Peterson, Dr. Rutan.

Floor and Tickets—Mr. Maurice Ruyre (convenor), Major G. W. Stophouse, Mr. H. P. C. Stikeman, Mr. R. Hickson, Dr. Hingston, Mr. J. C. Watson, Mr. D. Fraser, Mr. Arthur Shores, Mr. R. Pease, Mr. H. Pease, Mr. Max Fyvie, Mr. Fred. Budden, Mr. Charles Hodgson, Mr. Gregor Barclay, Mr. N. Hill, Dr. Coverton, Mr. G. Rogers, Mr. Pierre Boullie, Dr. W. Turner, Mr. Hugh Morris, Mr. J. Meagher, Mr. Rex Denne, Mr. D. J. Angus, Mr. Archibald Allan, Mr. Guy Davis, Mr. J. Creelman, Mr. Royal Ewing, Mr. Paul Lacoste, Mr. B. Carman, Mr. Hope Scott, Dr. Farcy, Major Dodd, Mr. J. Oswald, Mr. Percival Campbell.

SHIPPING NEWS.

THE SS. DOMINION. The Dominion line R.M.S. Dominion, from Liverpool on the 13th inst., arrived at Halifax at 9 a.m. yesterday, left at 11:15 a.m. and was due at Portland at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

Ship	From	To
Steamer	New York	Southampton
Siberian	St. John	Gloucester
Finland	Antwerp	New York
Montreal	Antwerp	Montreal
Memnonia	Antwerp	Philadelphia
Eluria	Liverpool	New York
New York	Southampton	New York
Caledonia	Liverpool	London
Kensington	Liverpool	Montreal
Emp. of Britain	Liverpool	St. John
Canadian	Boston	Liverpool
Umbria	New York	Liverpool
Minchella	New York	London
Devonia	Liverpool	Boston
Cymric	Liverpool	Boston
California	Liverpool	New York
Pennsylvania	New York	Hamburg
Consolation	Boston	Gloucester
Tona	Portland	Leith
Cervona	London	Portland

COMMERCIAL.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Messrs. J. S. Bache & Co., Bell Telephone Building, report closing quotations to-day as follows:

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, Dec.	74 1/4	75 1/2	74 1/2	74 3/4
May	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	77 3/4
Corn, Dec.	41 1/4	42 1/2	41 1/2	41 3/4
May	44 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2	44 3/4
Oats, Dec.	33 1/2	34 1/2	33 1/2	33 3/4
May	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 3/4
Pork, Jan.	16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	16 3/4
May	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 3/4
Lard, Jan.	9 1/2	9 3/4	9 1/2	9 3/4
May	9 1/2	9 3/4	9 1/2	9 3/4
Sh. Ribs, Jan.	8 1/2	8 3/4	8 1/2	8 3/4
May	8 1/2	8 3/4	8 1/2	8 3/4

CATTLE MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Estimated receipts, 12,000; 10 to 20 cents higher. Hogs, \$4.10 to \$4.75; cows and heifers, \$1.50 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.40 to \$3.40; Texas, \$3.75 to \$4.60; westerns, \$3.90 to \$4.75; calves, \$5.75 to \$7.50.

Hogs—Estimated receipts, 30,000; 5 to 10 cents lower. Mixed and butchers, \$6.00 to \$6.35; good heavy, \$6.20 to \$6.37; rough heavy, \$5.90 to \$6.10; light, \$5.90 to \$6.30; pigs, \$5.50 to \$6.20; bulk of sales, \$5.10 to \$5.50.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London, Dec. 6.—To-day's supply of beasts consisted chiefly of fat butchering cows and bulls, trade for which was slow but steady. Late rates being well maintained. Fat cattle met no inquiry. Top prices: Fat cows, 33 ad; extreme, 36 ad; fat bulls, 28 ad to 35 1d per 8 lbs. Increase of inquiry in sheep market, supply consisting entirely of Down and half-breds. Trade was of a very sluggish nature, with lower tendency in value, though not notably so. Best pens made, per 8 lbs., as follows:—8 stone Downs, 6s 2d; 8 stone do., 6s; 10 stone do., 5s 8d to 6s 10d. Calves too few to quote. Quotations per 8 lbs.: Beasts, 2s 8d to 3s 9d; sheep, 4s 2d to 5s 2d. Total supply beasts, 120; sheep, 120; calves, 10; mixed cows, 4.

London, Dec. 6.—Fair supplies and trade slow, but trifle firmer. English beef, 3s 2d to 3s 8d; Scotch sides, 3s 10d to 4s; shorts, 4s 2d to 4s 4d; Deftford and Liverpool killed, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; refrigerated and quarters, best, 3s 6d to 3s 8d; do. seconds, 3s to 3s 2d; do. forequarters, 2s to 3s 6d; inferior beef, 2s 4d to 2s 8d; mutton—Scotch widders, 3s; do. tegs, 3s 4d to 3s 8d; do. ewes, 3s to 3s 6d; English widders, 3s 4d to 4s 3d; do. ewes, 3s 2d to 3s 6d; foreign sheep, 3s 10d to 4s 4d; English lambs, 6s 8d to 7s 4d; veal, 3s 4d to 4s 8d. English pork, 3s 10d to 4s 8d. Duties do. 3s 8d to 4s 4d per 8 lbs.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—John Rogers & Co., Liverpool, cable Canadian cities, 11:20; Canadian ranchers, 10:40.

FINANCIAL.

C.P.R. DECREASED 5 1/2.

The Canadian Pacific, 1912, has decreased 5 1/2 points, to 100, in the last week of trading.

FURTHER DIP IN PR.

New York, Dec. 24.—The price of gold in the market has fallen 1/2 point, to 100, in the last week of trading.

These stocks were the only

PRICES BROKE HEAVILY TO-DAY.

Heavy Liquidation in Evidence and no Effective Support.

SOME VERY WEAK FEATURES LOCALLY.

STOCKS SHOWED CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH AND SOLD UP TO 12—C.P.R. WAS WEAK.

Exchange value of \$1 sterling to-day is 84.82.19

The local market was fairly active considering the holiday feeling everywhere. The Canadian Pacific was weak with the London and New York and Montreal was also down a shade on a volume of business. Nipissing was strong and Montreal Power made a gain of 1/2 to 50. Detroit was weak on the rest of the market. There was a considerable business in Scotia on a rising market opening at 7 1/4 and selling at 7 1/2. The Iron Stocks were neglected entirely.

Telephone is selling ex-dividend to 100 percent.

Lumber is preferred is quoted ex-dividend at 1 1/2 percent to-day.

There is no session of the Winnipeg grain exchange to-day.

Canadian rate in American stocks in London is to 11 percent, which is the lowest in years.

Sales on the New York market to noon were \$41,000 shares.

On Friday November net increased \$6,509. In eleven months the net increase is \$1,000.

There were more good wishes than shares exchanged among the stock brokers this morning and the session closed quietly, a few of the members armed with chalk creating the only noticeable break in the market's calm. On the Board of Trade the members of the Exchange Hall were present smiles and everybody wished everybody else a very merry Christmas.

SATISFACTORY REPORTS FROM DOMINION COPPER

It is understood that officials of the Dominion Copper Company, at a meeting held a few days ago in New York, were well pleased with work being done at the company's mines at Phoenix and at the smaller at Boundary Falls that it was decided to enlarge the smelting works with three more furnaces, giving the plant a total capacity of 4,000 tons of ore per day. With two furnaces now in commission and a third now being erected, this will make six blast furnaces at this smelter. The improvements will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000 and will be paid for out of the earnings. It will require the first part of 1907, probably to get the new furnaces installed.

THE BANK STATEMENT

New York, Dec. 21.—Changes for the week shown by Saturday's returns of the New York associated banks were as follows:

Reserve	Inc. \$4,979,930
Deposits	Dec. 1,439,300
Loans	Dec. 1,439,300
Capital	Dec. 1,439,300
Surplus	Dec. 1,439,300
Assets	Dec. 1,439,300
Liabilities	Dec. 1,439,300
Profit	Dec. 1,439,300
Loss	Dec. 1,439,300
Net	Dec. 1,439,300

ALBERTA WINTER WHEAT FOR THE ORIENT

Calgary, Alberta, Dec. 24.—The Canadian Pacific Railway, through its general agent, has just received orders for the important shipments of Alberta winter wheat to the Orient. One consignment of 100,000 bushels has been ordered by the Japanese people through the Hall Elevator Company of Vancouver. The other consignment consists of two sample cars for Japan. One car will contain all Alberta wheat, and the other Alberta white wheat. The C.P.R. is making an effort to develop a large trade in wheat from Alberta, not to the East, but to the Orient, but the chief difficulty at present is the scarcity of wheat for the Japanese farmers preferring to hold for a higher price. One regular carload of winter wheat as grown in Alberta is expected to be double that of the last season.

LIVE STOCK MARKET, Dec. 4.

At 100 head of butchers' cattle, 25 head of cows, 100 calves, 200 sheep and 100 fat hogs were offered for sale at the East End Abattoir to-day. There was an extra cattle on the market, and the buyers said that the butchers had bought up their stock on last week's market. Prices are without material change. Cattle sold at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 per head, cows at 3 1/2 to 4, calves at 3 to 4, sheep at 1 1/2 to 2, and hogs at 10 to 11 per head.

CATTLE FOR ENGLAND.

(Canadian Associated Press.) Edward Watson & Ritchie report prime quality cattle selling well, middling and inferior very slow. Top quality, 12 to 12 1/2 per lb.; second quality, 10 to 11 per lb.; third quality, 8 to 9 per lb. London, Dec. 21.—Arrivals at Duffield comprised 372 Canadian cattle, which fetched 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 per lb.

EARNINGS OF NIPISSING MINES

For Seven Months of This Year Were Approximately \$60,000—Dividends Paid \$480,000.

VEIN 49 HAS SHOWN GREAT DEGRADATION IN VALUE.

While the report of the Nipissing Mines Company is not ready for publication, it can be stated that the earnings of the company from May to November, inclusive, were approximately \$60,000. The initial dividend was 3 percent, and the following dividend 2 percent, making total dividends of \$480,000 to shareholders, or \$120,000 less than earnings. The recent dividend of 3 percent and 2 percent extra, amounting to \$300,000, is payable until Jan. 21. The report of the Nipissing Mines Co. will show that the ores have greatly deteriorated in value in vein 49. However, the management still has confidence in the property, and the stockholders will be informed that operations will hereafter be conducted on a strictly conservative and legitimate basis. Under proper development, it is believed that the corporation can earn considerably more than the amount of dividends now being paid. Incidentally, certain members of the board of directors claim they were in ignorance of developments on vein 49, and did not know that it had deteriorated in value until the stock of the Nipissing Company had suffered a severe decline.

CANADIAN BONDS ABROAD

(Canadian Associated Press.) London, Dec. 22.—Dominion bonds redeemable in 1908 at \$90, \$101, ditto, 1910 at \$90, 1911 at \$90, 1912 at \$90, 1913 at \$90, 1914 at \$90, 1915 at \$90, 1916 at \$90, 1917 at \$90, 1918 at \$90, 1919 at \$90, 1920 at \$90, 1921 at \$90, 1922 at \$90, 1923 at \$90, 1924 at \$90, 1925 at \$90, 1926 at \$90, 1927 at \$90, 1928 at \$90, 1929 at \$90, 1930 at \$90, 1931 at \$90, 1932 at \$90, 1933 at \$90, 1934 at \$90, 1935 at \$90, 1936 at \$90, 1937 at \$90, 1938 at \$90, 1939 at \$90, 1940 at \$90, 1941 at \$90, 1942 at \$90, 1943 at \$90, 1944 at \$90, 1945 at \$90, 1946 at \$90, 1947 at \$90, 1948 at \$90, 1949 at \$90, 1950 at \$90, 1951 at \$90, 1952 at \$90, 1953 at \$90, 1954 at \$90, 1955 at \$90, 1956 at \$90, 1957 at \$90, 1958 at \$90, 1959 at \$90, 1960 at \$90, 1961 at \$90, 1962 at \$90, 1963 at \$90, 1964 at \$90, 1965 at \$90, 1966 at \$90, 1967 at \$90, 1968 at \$90, 1969 at \$90, 1970 at \$90, 1971 at \$90, 1972 at \$90, 1973 at \$90, 1974 at \$90, 1975 at \$90, 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