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EVERYTHING FOR THE CHRISTMAS TABLE HAS GONE UP IN PRICE.

The Turkey for Sunday's Dinner is Selling at Twenty-Four Cents a Pound.

A RECORD MARKET DAY.

Hundreds of Farmers' Sleighs Loaded With Beef, Hogs, and Poultry, Dead and Alive.

The good house-wife plodded about Bonsecours Market this morning with a rather worried look on her face. Down between the long rows of waggons she passed, stopping every now and then to ask a question, examine a fowl or lift one and guess at the weight, and every time she paused she learned nothing to lift the burden. She walked past the booths and into the great building, but it was the same there. Everything has gone up in price.

Last Christmas it was thought that the limit had been reached. 'Surely, we will never have to pay more than this for our turkey,' they said, but a year made a great difference, and the statement at the market this morning was that prices on all those things which combine for that wondrous repast, the Christmas dinner, had gone up from 15 to 18 percent during the year. Was it any wonder that the housewife looked worried?

But finally the worried look had to go. It could not stand against the flood of good things that met the eye at every turn. All the farmers were jovial, and it is little wonder, a great many of the buyers were jovial, too, thinking of what was going to happen to the turkey, and the good housewife forgot that the big gobbler had cost her twenty-four cents a pound, or perhaps it was chickens and every pound of flesh and bone mean twenty cents.

It was a big market this morning, one of the biggest in a long time. The roads all over the island are in fine condition and the farmer loaded up his little sleigh until it could hold no more. When he had crammed everything in that was possible, he put his wife on top, holding on to the frozen leg of a huge hog, and found a place for himself somewhere. Then, just as the sky began to turn grey, just when the lanterns could be put out, they started jingling up the line to the river road, went round the bend in fine shape and were half-way to the city, before half the world had turned over for the first time, to get another snooze.

All morning the market was crowded. The procession started at the foot of Nelson's monument. Standing there one could obtain a view of the double line of hundreds of sleighs, all brightly painted, red, green, yellow, and all loaded with huge sides of beef, hogs, crates of chickens and all kinds of fowl, some of them alive and cackling and crowing a most distinct testimony of that fact.

Over the back of a big sleigh there grinned one of the biggest porkers that was ever brought into the market. It was a whopper. When they did lift it out, it took six men to do it. All hogs when they are dressed grin a most foolish grin. Perhaps it is because they are dressed, perhaps in anticipation of the juicy chops that will be hacked from them. There were numberless little rabbits strung up by their tails at fifty cents a pair. Their white fur did little to protect them this winter.

Everything that is necessary for the Christmas dinner. Big rosy cranberries by the barrel were bursting to be made into sauce. Apples that would be far better lined up against a pork chop, all mushy and cooked, than in a peck measure waiting to be sold. Vegetables that make the finest decorative frieze for a plateful of turkey. Mince meat that only needed a little crisp crust and some warming to give off an odor that would have frankincense and myrrh stifled.

Holly was for sale, and mistletoe, evergreen by the bushel could be purchased at half-a-dozen places. There was also a great demand for Christmas trees, and the supply was more than adequate.

JAPANESE DIET OPENS.

Tokio, Dec. 23.—The Diet was opened to-day. The Emperor being indisposed, was not present, and the speech from the throne was read by Marquis Katsura, the Premier and Minister of Finance.

RAVAGED RESTAURANT.

Albert Benoit, who resides on Edmonton stret east, was fine d ten dollars and costs, and two dollars or eight days for damaging a restaurant yesterday belonging to Mr. Joseph Kouri.

NO NEWS OF LOST AIRMAN

Cecil S. Grace Supposed to Have Fallen in North Sea.

LEFT FRANCE FOR DOVER.

Apparently Became Confused in Fog and Flew in Wrong Direction.

London, Dec. 23.—There was no news this afternoon of the fate of Cecil S. Grace, the Royal Aero Club aviator, who disappeared in the fog while attempting a return flight from Calais, France, to Dover yesterday. It is feared that he fell into the North Sea. A great fleet of motor cars were out all night searching every nook of the east coast of England, while warships scattered along the shores and dotting the seas brought their wireless apparatus into play, making inquiries concerning the airman. These efforts were continued to-day.

Grace went out for the Baron De Forest prize of $20,000 offered to the British aviator who, in a British made aeroplane shall cover the greatest distance, including the passage of the English Channel, during the present year. P. T. Sopwith had set a mark of 174 miles. Graham-White prepared for the competition, but met with a serious accident before he could get away. The days during which the record of Sopwith might be eclipsed were few, and Grace decided to make the try yesterday in the face of diverse weather conditions.

A heavy fog hung over the Channel and obscured the aviator soon after he ascended at Dover. He crossed the Channel safely, and two hours and a half from the start passed over Calais. He reached the Belgian frontier and was going fast after Sopwith's figures when he encountered adverse winds that compelled him to turn back. He alighted west of Calais, and at 2.10 o'clock again ascended, pointing his aeroplane toward Dover.

Grace was soon once more enveloped in the fog that had become more dense. Those who saw the start say he took a north-easterly course. It is evident that he lost his bearings, for had he had his proper directions he would have reached Dover without trouble, for he had the power and his aeroplane must have behaved well. Instead of approaching Dover, however, he was sighted later far to the north-east over the Goodwins, and exceedingly dangerous shoals that extend off the south-east coast of England, some seven miles east of Deal.

At this point the airman made a grave mistake in his reckoning, for, with land but a few miles on his west, he veered to the east, and when last seen was heading over the North Sea. At this point he was swallowed up by the fog, and since then nothing has been heard of him.

AFTER GAMBLERS

Two Suspects Arrested, But Released on Bail.

This morning Detectives LeHuquet and McCann made the arrest of 'Eddie' Sullivan and 'Marty' Finn, alias Flynn, on the charge of having kept a common gaming house at No. 47 St. John street.

The warrant was granted by Judge Bazin, on a complaint signed by Chief Carpenter.

Both the accused were released on bail on depositing $100 in cash. The enquete will take place on the 29th.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Goderich, Ont., Dec. 23.—Geo. Vanstone, who beat to death his five-year-old son, Freddie, on the night of December 15, was arraigned before Magistrate Butler yesterday afternoon and committed to stand trial on a charge of murder.

Vanstone will come up at the assizes in March next.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Theodore Ostrowski, former treasurer of the Polish Roman Catholic Union, was arrested yesterday on the charge of embezzlement of the society's funds. The warrant charges the embezzlement of $92,000, and was sworn to by Stanley Adamkiewicz, president of the society. Ostrowski was released on $5,000 bonds.

CARDINAL'S BEQUEST

Case About Administration of $1,000,000 Left for Investment in Canada.

JUDGMENT THIS MORNING.

Financier Wanted $46,000 as Commission, But Must Account for Whole Sum.

No less an issue than the administration of the sum of $1,051,700, bequeathed by Cardinal Vaughan for investment in Canada for the welfare of the Roman Catholic Church in the Dominion was involved in a judgment rendered by Mr. Justice Demers this morning. The defendant in the case did not appear to present his plea, and judgment was given by default, condemning Antoine Robert, a financier, of 180 St. James street, Montreal, to pay the Royal Trust Company the sum of $49,197.50.

The present action was entered in September 28, 1906, but it is only a part, and a subordinate part, of a much larger story, which goes back in the first instance to 1893. In that year Cardinal Vaughan, Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, left the defendant Robert the sum of $1,051,700 for investment in Canada. The bequest was made with the concurrence of a large number of eminent Roman Catholic prelates and priests—John Cuthbert Hedley, Bishop of Newport; Edward Isley, Bishop of Birmingham, and the Rev. Fathers Henry, Slotter, Gilbert, Johnson, Rossell, and Hill. Mr. Robert did indeed invest the money, but with his administration two of the priests above named were not satisfied. They were the Rev. Father Henry, superior-general of the Society of St. Joseph for Foreign Missions, and the Right Rev. William Anthony Johnson, provost of the Archdiocese of Westminster, England.

Some years back Father Henry took legal proceedings to enforce Mr. Robert to account for $50,000 which he said he had entrusted to him to be invested as a loan to the Reverend Sisters of St. John's Hospital, Fargo, Dakota. Twenty-five thousand dollars of this sum Father Henry admitted had been duly invested, but at enormous trouble and expense he sued for an account of the remaining half. Witnesses were brought on the one side from Dakota to represent the Reverend Sisters, and on the other from England to represent the Archdiocese of Westminster. One June 4th, 1908, that trial ended with a judgment by Mr. Justice Lorainger awarding Father Henry $4,316. The case went to the Court of Review, and in November, 1909, the judgment was confirmed by that tribunal, sitting under the presidency of Mr. Justice Tellier.

The present action is connected with these proceedings, but independent and does not rise out of them. In fact it begins at an anterior date. The plaintiff in the case is the Royal Trust Company, and the declaration affirms that on Feb. 24, 1905, the defendant, again Mr. Antoine Robert, by deed of hypothec signed in the presence of a notary engaged himself indebted to Father Henry, and to Provost Johnson in the sums of $25,000 and $21,000 respectively, payment of which debt was to be made to the Royal Trust Company. As security, Mr. Robert hypothecated a large amount of property in Montreal, in the wards of St. Antoine and St. Ann's.

Mr. Robert, in his defence, admitted that the sums of $25,000 and $21,000 are part of the bequest of Cardinal Vaughan, which he was entrusted to invest. He claimed, however, that he was under no obligation to account for them to Father Henry and Provost Johnson. Although they had concurred in the bequest they were not executors of the will and could not be ruled as creditors of Mr. Robert. He made a statement showing how he had invested the money, which was divided into a large number of portions of about $10,000 and upwards, and in some cases left and lent out to different bodies for the good of the church. The sum so invested fell short of the total amount of $1,051,700 by $46,000, and Mr. Robert claimed that he was entitled himself to that amount as commission in payment for his services as a financier. In any case he was, he said, in no way bound to account for it to Father Henry and Provost Johnson, and he declared that it was in error that the put his name to the deed which transferred the liability to the Royal Trust Company.

After answering the plaintiff's pleas it seems that he defaulted, with the result that this morning the records came down to the prothonotary's office with a brief note by Mr. Justice Demers, written on the cover, to the effect that judgment was given for the plaintiffs by default in the amount of $49,197.50.

The record of the different cases involved presents an enormous volume of legal material, but the issue decided to-day is that the financier must account to the Trust Company, as representing the colleagues of the late Cardinal, for the whole of the bequests for investment in Canada, including even the sum which he wanted for his own commission.

RECTORY BURNED.

Athens Building Totally Destroyed With Contents.

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 23.—The Anglican rectory at Athens, a large brick structure, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday with its contents including a valuable library, the property of the Rev. R. B. Patterson, who with the other members of the family were absent from town.

MR. HAMAR GREENWOOD.

Will Likely Receive Government Post.

London, Dec. 23.—It is stated that Mr. Hamar Greenwood is about to receive a post in the government. His re-election in Sunderland would be opposed probably by Mr. Samuel Storey, the former Radical, who won the great tariff reform victory in Sunderland in January.

MAURENTANIA'S RECORD TRIP

Achieved the Feat of Crossing Atlantic Twice in Twelve Days.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM.

Harbor Ablaze With Searchlights, Flares, and Rockets When Liner Arrived.

Fishguard, Wales, Dec. 23.—The Mauretania, which left Liverpool on Dec. 10 in an attempt to make a record voyage to New York and back in 12 days, arrived here at 10.22 last night, the quick voyage across the ocean enabling Continental passengers to reach their destination before Christmas.

This was the first time that a disembarkment from an ocean liner at night has been attempted at this port, and the harbor was ablaze with searchlights, flares and rockets when the Mauretania steamed in with her band playing and decks crowded with passengers.

By the aid of four tenders six hundred passengers and the mails were landed with the greatest expedition, the first special train for London leaving at 11.47.

The passage from New York occupied four days, 15 hours and 57 minutes, the vessel maintaining an average speed of 25.07 knots. In honor of the occasion th company has given the entire crew two days' extra pay.

BUILDING BY-LAWS.

Committee on Revision Sat Last Evening.

Mr. J. Venne, of the Architects' Association of Quebec, presided yesterday afternoon at a sessio nof the special committee appointed to codify and revise the building laws for the city of Montreal.

The draft proposal before the committee was 'that no changes shall be made in the plans and specifications of any building after they have been approved by the superintendent, which shall affect the construction, strength and sanitation of any building, without the consent and approval in writing of the superintendent.'

Mr. T. Charpentier, representing the Builders' Exchange, was not satisfied with this, and wanted certain details added, which he claimed would guard the small builder.

Mr. W. J. Francis, of the Society of Civil Engineers, contended that a builder must follow his plans, and if he desired to change he must just take out another permit. Finally, it was decided to recommend that no changes shall be made in the plans and specifications of a building after permit has been issued, unless plans and specifications for the proposed change have been approved by the superintendent. A further addition was made to the effect that all buildings shall be erected, repaired or altered according to the provisions of the by-laws.

In respect of a clause by which it is proposed that the owner may be refunded any amount in excess of $5 for a permit for work which is not charted on within twelve months, Mr. Charpentier suggested that a sliding scale should be adopted by which this amount returnable would be adjusted according to the size of the contract.

In reply to a query by Mr. Francis, Mr. Chausse, building inspector, could not cite any case where this regulation bore hardly on a poor man, but on the other hand pointed out that frequently his transfer of land led a man to change his intention, and if he were to be refunded entirely, the department would have gone to considerable trouble for no remuneration. An amendment to refer the clause back for re-drafting was lost, and on the motion of Mr. S. D. Vallieres, of the Estate Agents' Association, it was agreed to recommend that no refund be made.

KIPLING AND A NAME.

Writes Letter Strongly Opposing the Changing of Medicine Hat.

Medicine Hat., Alta., Dec. 23.—Mr. Rudyard Kipling has written a characteristic letter to the citizens of Medicine Hat, on being informed that the city contemplated changing its name. He adjures Medicine Hat not to sell its birthright of a name that is unique and already world famous. He urges the citizens to hold joyously and proudly to the name they bear, and thinks Medicine Hat can well afford to bear such a name when he remembers a few places he knew in the United States such as Schenectady, Tonawanda, Schoharie, Cohes and Poughkepsie.

After long argument to show that the name is the city's greatest asset, he concludes by suggesting that the city that would change its name because it is ashamed of it should be re-christened Judasville.

NOT FOR SALE.

Says General Manager of the Quebec Central Railway in Regard to Recent Rumors.

Mr. J. H. Walsh, general manager of the Quebec Central Railway, according to the 'Witness' correspondent at Sherbrooke, has heard of no negotiations looking to the purchase of the Quebec Central Railway by the Boston & Maine Railway. The English proprietors of the railway, he said, were satisfied with the property, and had no desire to surrender control of the line.

CUBA'S FIRST PRESIDENT.

Widow of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes Dead.

Havana, Dec. 23.—Senora Anne de Quesada de Cespedes, widow of the first President of Cuba, is dead.

Carlos Manuel de Cespedes was a Cuban revolutionist. In 1868 he headed an armed revolt which spread until nearly the whole island, except the coast towns, had declared against the Spaniards. A congress of the revolutionists declared Cuba independent, and elected Cespedes President in 1869.

SPAIN ADOPTS 'PADLOCK BILL' WHICH CAUSED DISRUPTION OF RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN

Measure Regulating Religious Orders Passed With Big Majority After All Night Session.

VOTE WAS 108 TO 20.

Many Amendments Voted Down—Premier Declares Bill Means Resumption of Vatican Negotiations.

Madrid, Dec. 23.—After a stormy all night session the Chamber of Deputies to-day passed the Government's 'Padlock Bill' by a vote of 108 to 20.

This is a notable victory for Premier Canalejas, obtained after a bitter fight, involving not only the opposition in Spain, but the Vatican, whose seal of disapproval was set up on the legislation even before it had been submitted to the Cortes.

As originally drawn the bill prohibited the creation of further religious establishments in the country until the revision of the concordat had been completed or definite laws on the subject passed. In the Senate the government accepted the amendment of Baron Sacre Lirio, limiting the period of interdiction against new congregations to two years. The Senate passed the measure on Nov. 4, the vote being 149 to 58. The majority in the Upper Chamber was greater than had been anticipated. Its passage in the Lower House had been expected.

The objection to the measure by the Holy See was based on the contention that whereas negotiations were under way for the revision of the concordat of 1851, Spain could not in good faith adopt any legislation adversely affecting the congregations until these negotiations had been concluded. It was claimed that in the meantime the status quo should be maintained.

Senor Canalejas insisted upon a programme of religious liberty, and maintained that the matter covered by the 'Padlock Bill' was not properly a subject of diplomatic exchanges between Madrid and Rome. In this attitude he has appeared to have the support of King Alfonso. Much bitterness was engendered, and Canalejas himself, an avowed Catholic, bore the brunt of the clerical opposition.

The final fight was waged until the deputies were pretty well exhausted physically. Amendment after amendment was voted down. At seven o'clock this morning, Senor Canalejas intervened, and in a strong speech disclaimed any hostility upon the part of the government toward the religious orders. He insisted nevertheless upon the necessity of passing the bill, in order that the government might resume complete negotiations with Rome.

Senor Salaberry, the Integralist, responding, declared that the opposition would fight to the bitter end, but Vasquez Mella d'Candido, leader of the Carlists, finally surrendered, saying that he did so out of pity for the stenographers, after however, registering a final protest on behalf of the Pope, who he said, would be grieved greatly

The final vote was taken at 9.30 o'clock, after which the Chamber adjourned.

MISSIONARIES' EXPULSION.

Austria-Hungary Joins Germany in Protest to Portugal.

Berlin, Dec. 23. — Austria-Hungary has joined with Germany in a protest to Portugal against the announced expulsion on Jan. 1 of Austrian and German missionaries from Portuguese colonies.

PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT

President to be Elected for Five Years—Members for Three.

Lisbon, Dec. 23.—The plan of government for the new Portuguese Republic has been decided by the provisional cabinet. It is based upon the parliamentary system of France with certain modifications adopted from the United States.

The President of the Republic will be chosen by parliament for a term of five years and he will be ineligible for re-election until a regular term has intervened. As in France, the cabinet will be appointed by the President in accordance with the political complexion of the legislative body, but the ministers of war, marine, finance and public works, being considered non-political, will continue irremovable in the event that the government loses the confidence of parliament. Members will be elected for three years.

ARTIST'S FRIENDS MEET.

Friends of the late Mr. Henri Julien, the Canadian artist, met last night at the Club Canadien, and decided to form a committee to accept subscriptions for the works of the deceased, which are to be published. The Government, for its part, will buy, it was said, 500 volumes of the work.

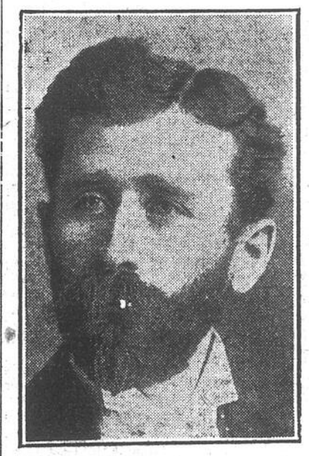
MR. MORIN ELECTED

Centre Ward Returned Him Yesterday by Majority of Fifty.

SUCCEEDS ALD. RESTHER.

Defeated Candidate, Mr. Brodeur, Has Filed a Protest Against Mr. Morin.

Mr. Victor Morin is the new representative of Centre Ward in the Council, having been elected yesterday to



MR. VICTOR MORIN.

this position, rendered vacant by the death of Ald. Resther.

Mr. J. A. A. Brodeur, Mr. Morin's opponent, made a good run. Of the 644 votes polled he secured 297 as against 347 for Mr. Morin.

The vote by polls was as follows:—

Poll.	Location.	Brodeur.	Morin.
No. 1—290	St. Paul St...	37	27
No. 2—309	St. Paul St...	37	64
No. 3—107	St. James St..	24	66
No. 4—11	Place d'Armes Square.... ..	65	66
No. 5—21	Fortification lane...	67	67
No. 6—83	St. James St..	67	67
		297	347
	Majority for Morin...		50

The returns, read at the City Hall, by Senator David, City Clerk, were quietly received, the two candidates and a few friends alone being present.

Mr. Morin was called upon for a speech, but merely stated his intention to do the best he could for the city and live up to the platform laid down in his letter to the electors.

Mr. Brodeur had little to say, but filed a protest with the City Clerk, on the ground that Mr. Morin had not submitted his resignation as city notary in time to qualify as a candidate. This question will be discussed in the courts, but in the meantime Mr. Morin will hold the seat in Council.

Mr. Morin has for many years practiced as a notary in Montreal, being senior member of the firm of Morin and Mackay. He is now secretary of the Chamber of Notaries of Montreal. As a citizen, Mr. Morin has been prominent principally through his interest in all philanthropic work, and for the aid he has given in the fight to overthrow the old evil administration and to replace it by one of honest business men. He was a director of the Citizens' Association up to the time he decided to run for the seat rendered vacant by the death of Ald. Resther.

Mr. Morin is a member of the executive of the Independent Order of Foresters, having been supreme chief ranger of that order a few years ago. He is at present president of the Association Immobiliere de Montreal, and secretary of the Non-Alcoholic League.

A NAVIGATION PROBLEM.

Suggestion That Lake Captains be Allowe dto Take Boats to Quebec.

The suggestion having been made that masters of vessels engaged in the navigation of the lakes, who hold a masters' certificate should be allowed to take their vessels through the port of Montreal, and down the ship channel to Quebec.

The Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, asked representatives of the shipping interests to meet him yesterday in order that he might hear what arguments the inland companies might have in favor of their request, and also how such a request would be received by the ocean steamship lines.

The Shipping Federation apparently felt that the rights of the pilots would be infringed upon should any such license be granted. They urge however that if masters of inland vessels take out a regular pilots' certificate there can be no objection to allowing them to take their vessels down to Quebec, when necessary. At the same time they pointed out that masters of ocean steamships who possess a much higher certificate are compelled by law to carry a pilot.

On the other hand the inland navigaton interests urge that as the masters of vessels have already proved their competency to handle their vessels, and as these ships have not anything like the draught of ocean going vessels to pass down to Quebec under command of their masters when necessary.

As Mr. Brodeur stated that he was not in a position to formulate any plan of action at the present time, but was merely seeking for information, nothing definite was decided.

These present included Messrs. Andrew A. Allan, president of the Shipping Federation; R. W. Reford, W. I. Gear, James Thom, C. J. Smith, representatives of the Montreal Transportation Company, Dominion Coal Company and the Sincennes-McNaughton Company, with Mr. Robb, secretary of the Shipping Federation.

PEDDLED WITHOUT LICENSE.

Julius Fingold, charged before Mr. Recorder Dupuis with peddling without a license, was allowed to go on suspended sentence

MR. MONK SEES PRIZES GIVEN

Education Should Embrace Patriotism, He Tells Children of Lachine Academy.

POLITICAL FIERY FURNACE.

Principal Deplores Number of Pupils Who Leave With Education Only Begun.

Opposing the Government's naval policy is strenuous work, and the opposition leaders, like all other honest workmen, deserve their holidays and must have their little recreations. So Mr. Bourassa goes to Europe to ask the French Academy what 'crotte' means, and Mr. Monk, thoroughly pleased to get some relaxation, is genuinely delighted to watch the skillful evolutions and drill of a number of charming little girls, and to listen to the strong voices of the little boys who are to be the lusty manhood of to-morrow burst into jubilant strains at the prospect of beginning their holidays. The closing of Lachine Academy yesterday afternoon began with a patriotic song, the boys and girls sang in unison 'O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.' Patriotism came strongly to the fore in Mr. Monk's speech.

After speaking of the progress the school had made and the credit it reflected on principal and teachers, he said the happier part of his life was that connected with teaching—12 years as a school commissioner in Montreal, and afterwards as a university lecturer. He spoke of his regret that he had not remained faithful to that vocation, but had left it for the fiery furnace of public life, 'where one has perhaps less opportunity to do good than in such a gathering as we have had here this afternoon for the last two hours.'

'There is nothing after all,' he continued, 'so very important as education, and I think it would be well if we gave more time to the teaching of patriotism, by which I mean giving our children a fair knowledge of the resources of this country, and also training their young minds to a proper apprehension of what our duty is here as Canadians living with free institutions under the British flag.'

Mr. C. W. Jackson, M.A., superintendent of the three schools in Lachine, in presenting the report, said the record of the year 1909-1910 showed a very successful year, both on account of the number of pupils and the quality of the work accomplished. At the same time he said it was grievous and humiliating to know that of 538 pupils who passed through the schools, only 92 passed beyond grade 4 elementary, which meant that 83 percent went out from the schools with only the barest rudimentary education. And that state of affairs was not confined to Lachine, but was common in the Province of Quebec and throughout the Dominion. It was, he said, a menace to the well-being of the country, especially under a democratic system, where the untutored 83 rule the trained 17. Parents should, therefore, for the welfare of the state, make every possible effort to give their children a good sound education.

Professor Dale, of McGill, told the children of two things their education would do for them. In their working life, where they would have to work their way by putting their brains against those of other people, it would enable them to meet other men and women on an equality, and in their leisure life, where they would have the greatest opportunity of showing what sort of men and women they were, it would enable them to read books and know the best people who had ever lived in the world, it would put them on an equality in the republic of good and great people of all time.

The prizes were presented by the Rev. Canon Chambers, M.A., as Mr. George Esplin, chairman of the School Commission, who first took the chair, was obliged to leave early, after saying a few words of appreciation and encouragement. Similar brief speeches were made by Mr. Guy Morey, principal of last year at Lachine Academy, and Principal Smith, of Verdun School. A word of praise is due to Miss Ethel Leamans, who presided at the piano and gave an excellent solo.

FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND.

The secretary-treasurer of the Mackay Institution for Protestant Deaf-mutes and the Blind begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of seventy-five dollars, from the Montreal City and District Savings Bank, in aid of the funds of the institution.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The Manitoba Legislature will convene Feb. 9. This was decided at a meeting of the cabinet yesterday.

SANTA CLAUS WILL VISIT THE CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Christmas brings—or should bring—good cheer to all, but to none is it more welcome than to the poor little boys and girls at the Children's Memorial Hospital. It brings brightness and good cheer into their sad young lives, and for a time at least they are as happy as their more fortunate brothers and sisters, forgetting their pain and suffering in the joy of the Christmas festival—the turkey and plum pudding, the fruit and sweets, the sparkling Christmas tree loaded with toys, and the joyous music and singing.

New pleasures can be greater than that of watching the bright and smiling faces of those whose little bodies are often racked by pain, or who are crippled or maimed that they cannot leave their cots. On these most of all will the nurses lavish their loving care, telling them Christmas stories and fairy tales, not forgetting the 'Happy Ever After' Land, where all children are strong and well and able to run about everywhere, where they have lots of toys, and where Santa Claus never fails to visit once a year.

The Children's Memorial Hospital, Mount Royal, contains just now forty-two children, nineteen girls and twenty-three boys, whose ages range from thirteen months to seventeen years. All are looking forward eagerly to their Christmas treat.

Friends of the hospital have been very generous this year. Many gifts for the children have already been received, and others are still arriving. Dr. Mackenzie Forbes, the matron (Miss Barnard) and the nurses are doing all in their power to make the occasion a memorable one, to which the children will look back with the same joy as they are now looking forward to it. On Sunday morning Christmas carols are to be sung by the nurses in each of the two wards.

On Monday each ward, the boys' ward and the girls' ward, will have its Christmas tree. Santa Claus will visit both and distribute the gifts. There will be turkey and various other good things for all, while for those little ones who are not able to eat plum pudding, jellies and such like delicacies will be provided. It will be a day of joy for everyone, from Marv axed seventeen, who has been in the hospital for five years, down to the little fair-haired tots not much more than a year old. Not least will be the joy of the kind nurses and matron, and of those friends of the children who are privileged to be present. The Memorial Hospital is a noble institution, and the citizens of Montreal may well take interest and pride in its beneficent work.

CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK'S DISTRIBUTION TO THE POOR

The Montreal City and District Savings Bank has just distributed $9,350 among the following charitable societies, being the interest on the poor fund:—

Soeurs Grises...	$813.00
L'Asile St. Joseph...	240.00
La Salle de l'Asile St. Joseph	98.00
L'Asile des Aveugles...	940.00
La Salle de l'Asile Nazareth..	1.00
Soeurs de la Providence... ...	576.00
La Salle de l'Asile, Rue Visitation...	162.00
L'Aisle des Lourdes Muettes..	289.00
L'Asile du Sacre-Coeur, Rue Fullum...	98.00
Soeur de la Misericorde... ...	400.00
Soeur du Bon Pasteur... ...	480.00
Orphelins Catholiques, Rue St. Catherine...	196.00
Asile des Sourds-Muets, Coteau St. Louis...	196.00
Hospice St. Vincent de Paul..	98.00
Hopital Notre-Dame...	480.00
Hotel Dieu...	300.00
Hospice Auclair...	51.00
Hopital des Incurables... ..	400.00
Patronage St. Vincent de Paul	400.00
Union Nationale Francaise... ...	65.00
St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum.	675.00
St. Bridget's House of Refuge for Aged and Infirm Destitute Persons..	280.00
St Bridget's House of Refuge for Night Refuge for Destitute Poor...	220.00
The Little Sisters of the Poor	200.00
Montreal General Hospital...	480.00
Protestant House of Industry and Refuge...	280.00
Montreal Dispensary...	155.00
Ladies' Benevolent Society...	150.00
Protestant Orphan Asylum ..	80.00
Protestant Infants' Home... ..	200.00
Protestant Industrial Rooms..	100.00
University Lying-in Hospital ..	100.00
Hervey Institute...	100.00
Protestant Church Home... ..	50.00
Mackay Institute for Protestant Deaf Mutes...	75.00
Woman's Hospital...	50.00
Samaritan Free Hospital for Women...	50.00
Western Hospital...	150.00
Hebrew Benevolent Society...	100.00
Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society...	50.00
Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society...	25.00
Total...	$9,350.00

DETROIT UNITED ACTIVE ON GOOD TIPS FROM WEST

Believed that Some Settlement is in Sight—Rest of List Quiet But Firm

It is quite apparent that the larger financial interests are not disposed to encourage any speculation at this time. There are those who believe that conditions will improve after the turn of the year.

Speculatively, the volume of transactions, with the exception of certain leaders, has dwindled to such ridiculously small figures that the daily fluctuations at the stock exchanges are without significance. It is simply a matter of waiting a turn, and which is influenced to some extent by the holidays. With liquidation so completed, it is believed in good quarters that the next important change must be toward a higher level.

One of the leading brokers expresses the opinion that stocks are gradually going ont of the 'Street' into tin boxes.

Detroit United was the big performer on thet stock exchange this morning. Reports of settlement in the Michigan City Council continued to be received, and it is believed that sooner or later some amicable arrangement will be arrived at between D.U.R. people and the civic authorities over franchises and a score of other sores.

Cement was quietly purchased in fair blocks around 23, with the preferred at 87.

Switch was very strong at 165, with no sellers, on the strength of merger dealings.

Dominion Steel was quiet but very firm at 61, with the preferred at 102½.

Other stocks such as Power and the different tractions were more or less neglected, but with the exception of Montreal Street, they were inclined to gain fractionally.

A few sales of bank and bond securities were noted with quotations holding at recent levels.

New York, Dec. 23.—Anti-holiday dulness in Wall street was evident today. There was irregularity induced by evenin g up. Then the realizing sales toward strength, for at that time there will be a preponderance of shorts outstanding. Support and accumulation will be found on reactions.

The news developments do not appear to be of importance. The talk of an active strike by the engineers is still going the rounds. The rumors of cuts in steel prices so long circulating are referred to again by the papers. It is significant of the times that almost every day railway men come out in interviews or testimony favoring federal regulation of railways in a conservative way.

Money continues to tend toward great ease, and the coming year promises to stimulate investment because of this outlook. There is good buying of bonds and it will continue for some time to come on the prospect of lower rates for funds.

The technical position of the market seems to be fairly good. There is said to be outstanding a shortage of fair proportions.

Lake Superior Stock

The stock of the Lake Superior Corporation sold on the Philadelphia market this morning at 28 3-4.

Detroit United Active Cement Common Busy

Detroit United stocks continue active this afternoon at top prices, while Cement common was also active and firm. Apart from these two issues there was practically no trading.

Wall St. Closed Even

Price changes in the New York market this afternoon were unimportant. Street closed around 72 1-4, Reading 109 1-2, and U. P., 169 7-8.

Unlisted Securities

Following are this morning's sales and quotations of unlisted securities furnished the 'Witness' by Mr. W. P. O'Brien:—

	Bid.	Asked.
Price Bonds	86¼	86½
Asbestos Bonds	68½	70
Lachine Five Percent	102½	103
Brewery Pfd.	90	96
Brewery Bds.	101	103¾
Canadian Power	53	54
Canadian Power Bds.	79¾	—
Cereal Com.	75	79
Cereal Pfd.	33	35
Hillcrest Com.	33	35
Hillcrest Pfd.	81¼	83
West. Can. Power	52	54
West. Can. Power Bds.	85½	—

SALES.

Canadian Power, 10 at 53½, 10 at 53.
Can. Power Bds., 1000 at 79¼.
Mex. N. West., 100 at 50½.
West. Can. Pwoer, 10 at 52¼, 15 at 52, 15 at 52½, 75 at 52.
Price Bds., £100 at 86½.

AFTERNOON BOARD.

Shawnigan.—25 at 107 5-8, 25 at 107 5-8.
Royal Bank.—10 at 242.
Cement Pfd.—25 at 87.
Close 3 p.m.
Bank of Ottawa—15 at 21.
Merchants Bank—1 at 185, 3 at 187.
Textile pfd.—4 at 100.
Quebec Ry. bonds—$2,000 at 85 1-8.
Cement Com.—50 at 23 7-8, 100 at 23 3-4.
Steel Corp.—20 at 60 3-4.
Hochelaga—20 at 154 1-2.
Cement com—25 at 23 3-4, 50 at 23 3-4, 25 at 23 3-4, 50 at 23 3-4, 25 at 23 3-4, 25 at 23 3-4, 25 at 23 7-8.
Detroit—8 at 69 1-4, 25 at 69 5-8, 25 at 69 5-8, 10 at 69 1-2, 25 at 69 5-8.
Power—25 at 138.
Detroit Railway—50 at 69⅞, 2 at 69½, 150 at 69¾, 50 at 69¾, 25 at 69⅝, 25 at 69⅝, 25 at 69⅝, 25 at 69⅝, 25 at 9¾, 25 at 69¾, 50 at 69¾, 25 at 69¾, 50 at 69¾, 50 at 69¾, 25 at 69⅞ 25 at 69⅞, 50 at 69⅞, 25 at 69¾.

MR. C. R. HOSMER, NOTED FIGURE IN FINANCIAL WORLD.

Is Consolidated Stock Exchange Going Out of Business---Reasons?

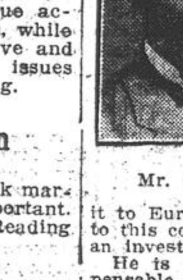
New York, Dec. 23.—There have been recent sales of seats on the Consolidated Stock Exchange at $75, and more are for sale at this price. This compares with the range between $2,000 and $2,500 in 1906, which was a boom year for the brokerage business.

In the summer of 1910, Consolidated Stock Exchange seats got down to $400 or $500. Since then few sales have been reported, although sales have been common.

The reason for the decline in seats is plain. The little board has had three bad blows in the course of the year. First, the Stock Exvhange forbade any member from accepting an account rrom a little board member. Then there was discovered the quick wire which gave Stock Exchange quotations to the little board. And finally the grain business had to be discontinued. Stock Exchange houses, moreover, began to make a specialty of marginal trading in odd lots, and took away hundreds of customers.

Mr. Forget is Spending the Day in New York. Will be Here To-morrow

Mr. Rodolph Forget, M.P., arrived in New York this morning, and is spending the day in e financial districtt studying general conditions, after which he will take train overnight to Montreal, arriving here in the morning, when his coming will, no doubt, be heartily welcomed by his numerous friends.



Mr. Forget.

Mr. Forget has done splendid work in the interest of Canada and her industry and trade, and it is conceded by all that his visit to Europe was fraught with benefits to this country and its upbuilding from an investment point of view.

He is rightly regarded as an indispensable factor in the local stock market, and the infusion of optimism which he always brings, and the magic of success which attaches to his name, are all influences in Canadian stock markets.

It is known that he has accomplished a great deal in London and Paris in introducing Canadian securities, but the extent of it will only be realized some time in the future.

FLOUR QUOTATIONS.

Spring Patents, bags, $5.60; Spring Patents, seconds, do., $5.10; Strong Bakers in bags, $4.90; Winter Patents, brls., $4.75 to $5; Winter Patents, do., 90 p.c., $4.35 to $4.50; in bags, $2 to $2.10; extras, $1.65 to $1.75.

GRAIN RECEIPTS.

Following are Thursday's receipts of grain at Fort William and Port Arthur: Wheat, No. 1 Northern, 29; No. 2 Northern, 86; No. 3 Northern, 58; No. 4 Northern, 29; No. 5 Northern, 15, and No. 6 Northern, 9. Other grades 16, winter 5. Total, 247 (as against 215 last year); oats, 56; barley, 9, and flax 12.

WINNIPEG WHEAT CLOSING.

Winnipeg wheat market closings follow:

	Dec.	May.	July.
Open	90⅝	94½	95¾
High	90¾	94⅞	96¼
Low	90⅜	94½	96¾
Close	90½B	94⅝	96⅞

HAVANA ELECTRIC.

Havana Electric earnings the week ending Dec. 18 totalled $42,454, an increase of $3190. From Jan. 1 to date earnings have increased $131,946.

CALGARY CLEARINGS.

Calgary, Dec. 23.—Bank clearings for this week are $3,682,993, an increase of 32 percent over the similar week of last year.

A cable from London states that the Saskatchewan loan has been almost a complete failure. The underwriters were compelled to take eight-eight percent of the issue.

LET US BE HAPPY TIMES ARE GOOD, SAYS MR. HOSMER

The optimism of Mr. Charles R. Hosmer is contagious. His cheerfulness is not due to the Christmas season. It is real, it is natural. He will not talk 'blue ruin' or 'hard times.' That is not his way. He sees progress and growth everywhere and in everything, and his opinion on 'things' Canadian is all accepted as genuine.

'What do I think of the business outlook?' said Mr. Hosmer to the 'Witness.'

Excellent, sir, excellent. All over the Dominion we hear reports of good trade conditions, and our farmers appear to be pretty comfortable just now.

'It is true that the recent harvest suffered in patches, but this has largely been made up by fair prices and fair returns in other farm products.

Then again our manufacturers and business men have enjoyed pretty good times, and altogether, I think the year 1910 has been profitable.

'Canada to-day is attracting the attention of the world's financiers. A great deal of foreign capital will come to the Dominion the next year, and it is to be hoped that it will be invested judiciously and in the interests of all concerned.

'There is no reason for 'Wild cat' schemes. Canada is a land of investment, and in this connection our responsibility to outsiders is great. We need not fear the future.'

Consols are Higher Americans Lower

London, Dec. 23.—Consols are up one-sixteenth, at 79½ for money, and 79⅝ for the account, while American stocks in London are heavy, one-eighth to three-eights below parity.

London expects easier money and lower bank rate early in January.

The general market in London is quiet and inactive, with some improvement in consols.

FINANCIAL PERSONALS

Mr. T. J. Drummond has returned from Toronto.

Mr. L. W. Landman is named general passenger agent of Michigan Central.

Mr. Rodolphe Forget, M.P., arrived in New York last night.

Mr. George Drummond will spend Christmas holidays in London.

Sir William Van Horne is back from Cuba.

Mining Market

Following are this morning's sales of Cobalts furnished by Gordon:—
Crown, 200 at 2.73, 50 at 2.71.
Rochester, 500 at 4.
British-American, 8000 at 2½.
Little Nip, 2000 at 13⅜.
Hollinger, 25 at 3.95.
Ferland, 275 at 15¼.

COPPER EXPORTS.

New York, Dec. 23.—Copper exports for the week ending Dec. 22nd were 9,085 tons. Since Dec. 1st, 23,224 tons. Last year, 14,661 tons.

COMMISSION RATES.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Beginning Jan. 3, commission rates on listed stocks in Boston will be $1 and under $1 per 100 shares; $1 to $10, $6.25 per 100. $10 and over, $12.50 per 100; over $300, 25 cents pershare.

COAL SHIPMENTS LARGE.

The Dominion Coal Company has this year shipped 3,014,774 tons, which is 728,496 tons more than the amount shipped in the corresponding eleven months last year.

SYNDICATE NOW FORMED TO GET SWITCH CONTROL

Directors Ready to Sell Stock and Make Offer---Mr. Curry on the Deal

The Montreal Stock Exchange has been notified by the directors of the Montreal Steel Wohks—called in Stock Exchange parlance 'Switch'—that they have agreed to sell their stock to a syndicate on the following terms: Preferred shares at 137 1-2 and common shares at 162 1-2, and dividend iow declared of 1 3-4 percent. on the preferred and 7 percent. on the common.

The shareholders are to be immediately notified to this effect and requested to give their assent to the sale of their stock on the above basis. The sale is made subject to the assent of 55 percent. of the shareholders and payment will be made on or before March 25, at the above flat rate.

All this is signed 'by order of the board,' by Mr. C. H. Godfrey, secretary-treasurer. We learn, however, from Mr. N. Curry, president of the CHanadian Car Company, with which the 'Switch' 'syndicate' has been negotiating, offering control to Canadian Car, that the matter is by no means so settled as this statement seems to imply.

The 'Witness' is informed that a pool has recently been organized for the purpose of obtaining control of the stock of 'Switch.' This, it is claimed, they practically now have.

This syndicate is desirous to hand over control of 'Switch' to Canadian Car interests; but the terms of the deal are not attractive enough to obtain the consent of those who are looking after the Canadian Car Company side of the matter.

Mr. Curry stated emphatically this morning that he was not prepared to give any decisions, and that nothing would come out of the 'Switch' offer unless the latter revised its terms, which he considered were now too high from the viewpoint of the Canadian Car Company.

Salmon Packs for Year Are a Record---Total Approximates $19,000,000

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—The combined salmon packs of Alaska, British Columbia and Puget Sound, for the season of 1910, show an aggregate of 3,690,586 cases, the largest 'lean' year on record, according to the final figures.

The salmon packs run in cycles of four years, there being three 'lean' years and one 'fat' year. The last 'fat' year was 1909.

The 1910 salmon pack brought to Alaska, and the Pacific Northwest canners, approximately $19,000,000.

Issue of Power Stock

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 23.—Authorization has been given by the Public Service Commission to the Niagara Falls Power Company to issue its common capital stock to the amount of $1,534,000 par value, the proceeds to be used to discharge its series of debentures.

Toronto Cobalt Sales

Following are this morning's sales of Cobalts in Toronto:—Bailey, 100 at 7, 1,000 at 7⅛, 3,000 at 7¼, 300 at 7⅜; Beaver, 400 at 26¾; City, 500 at 20⅝; Chambers, 700 at 15—4, 100 at 16; Central, 1300 at 8; Lake, 1200 at 11⅝; Great Northern, 3000 at 11, 1000 at 11¼; La Rose, 20 at 450; Little Nip, 12,-100 at 13¼, 2600 at 13⅛, 5000 at 14 future, 5100 at 13½, 500 at 13⅜, 500 at 13⅝, 1000 at 13¾; McKinley, 200 at 125; Nip, 500 at 1075; Otisse, 500 at 1¾; Peterson, 200 at 15½; Rochester, 200 at 4⅛, 2000 at 4; Temiskaming, 500 at 83¼, 200 at 83½; Wetlauffer, 300 at 107.

London Stock Exchange

London Stock Exchange will be open to-morrow, but closed on Monday and Tuesday.

MISSOURI PACIFIC.

The annual report of the Missouri Pacific Railway shows a surplus equal to 3 3-10 percent. of the stock.

LAURENTIDE DIVIDEND.

Laurentide Paper directors have declared the refular quarterly dividends of 1 3-4 percent on the preferred, and 2 percent on the common.

LONDON MONEY RATES.

London, Dec. 23.—Money on call, 3 to 3 1-4 per cent.

Discounts—Short and three months' bills, 3 1-2 percent.

SUB-TREASURY GAIN.

New York, Dec. 23.—The sub-treasury gained $590,000 from the banks yesterday, reducing the cash net loss since Friday to $278,000.

LONDON METAL MARKET.

London, Dec. 23.—Copper dull; spot, £56 12s 6d, off 2s 6d; futures, £57 7s 6d, off 2s 6d. Sales, spot, 300 tons; futures, 250 tons. Tin firm; spot, £174 7s 6d, up 12s 6d; futures, £174 17s 6d, up 12s 6d. Best selected copper, 60 pounds, 10s, unchanged. Spelter, 24 pounds, unchanged. Lead, £11 3s 9d, unchanged.

The London metal market will be closed until Wednesday morning.

HAY QUOTATIONS.

No. 1 hay, $12 to $12.50; No. 2 extra quality, $10.50 to $11; No. 2 hay ordinary, $9 to $9.50; No. 3 hay, $7 to $7.50; clover, mixed, $7 to $7.50.

OPINIONS on the MARKET

Cummings & Hubbard—We see nothing at the moment to cause any sharp decline in the market which is likely to remain firm but dull until some more definite conclusion can be reached.

Miller & Co.—We continue to believe that the bull party has all the better of the argument. Whether activity will realize in the near future or will be deferred, it is obviously beyond our ken to forecast, but such activity, when it does materialize, will, to our way of thinking, witness a very much higher range of prices than now prevailing.

H. L. Horton & Co.—Much interest is manifested in the approaching dividend meetings of the big railways, and which will have an effect one way or the other on the market.

Burnett & Company—Locally the market looks improved, and we expect higher prices with favorable returns for corporation and other interests.

PORCUPINE HAS ELEMENTS OF A LASTING CAMP

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Mines, who has just completed a personal inspection of the Porcupine Camp, states that the newly discovered goldfields give promise of developing Ontario's remarkable resources in a material and permanent way.

The actual operations, according to the minister, have demonstrated that the most precious of all metals is to be found to such an extent as must make the field such as to justify exploitation on a commercial and business basis.

So strong are the bona-fides of the district, and so satisfactory have been results of actual mining development, that there is imminent danger that they may be utilized by unscrupulous speculators to revive the reprehensible industry of 'wildcatting.'

Against such contingency involving not alone the defrauding o the public, but also the injury of genuine development every precaution must be taken.

Men Leaving Porcupine for Christmas Holidays

Porcupine, Dec. 23.—The Christmas rush set in in earnest a few days ago, and the bulk of passenger t avel is now towards the Steel. Everyone seems to be going home for Christmas, and there is a keen demand for space on all outgoing stages. The majority of the holiday seekers will not return until after the New Year, and their return and the coming of the New Year will mark, everyone here expects, the real big rush for Porcupine.

Mr. Landman is Appointed General Passenger Agent

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Announcement is made of the appointment of Mr. L. W. Landman as general passeng r agent of the Michigan Central Railroad Company.

Mr. Landman, who began his railroad career at Danville, Ill as a telegraph operator, has had various positions at Columbus, Toledo, Indianapolis and Chicago.

Stock Exchange Talks

The indifference exhibited in Wall Street is not without precedent. Those who follow the situation n that centre will readily realize that circumstances are controlled by the 'big guns', and a continued depression in stocks is generally the work of insiders who plan a 'coup' for the unexperienced—in other words, the lambs.

Mr. Thomas Drummond is a modest man. He has a great faculty for doing big things without much fuss. There is probably no financier in Canada who covers more ground or gets through more work than Mr. Drummond within a limited space of time.

His policy is to act. He certainly does. Nothing escapes his attention. He is keen to appreciate a situation, and is always attentive to the interests he represents.

Sir William Van Horne loves Cuba. He will tell you that that island is the real gem in the sea, and that if you are desirous to enjoy life visit that country.

Sir William has certainly proved a great friend and benefactor of the Cubans, and he says that to know the natives, is to respect and admire them.

Canada's big railway magnate has spent much time and money in Cuba during recent years, and much of the progress there is due to his foresight and aggressiveness.

Coming nearer home, Sir William can see only favorable business returns, and, as usual, he has every confidence in Canada and its future.

The majority of brokers are wondering what will be the outcome of the 'Switch' advance.

The secret of the big advance in the dividend to 10 percent for the present year is out. Rumor has it that negotiations are pending for deal between the Steel works and the Canada Car Company.

The decision of 'Switch' directors to pay 10 percent is having its effect—Good move, gentlemen.

INVESTMENT RETURNS

Investment returns furnished to the 'Witness' by Mr. Ernest Pitt, Stock and Bond Broker:

	Price.	Div.	Return P.C.
Bell Tel.	143	8	5.71
Can. Car pref	103½	7	6.79
Can. Cement pref	87	7	8.04
Can. Pacific	193	8	4.14
Crown Reserve	2.69	60x	22.34
Dom. Coal pref	115	7	6.08
Dom. Iron com.	60⅞	4	6.72
Dom. Iron pref	103	7	6.86
Dom. Textile com	61	5	8.19
Dom. Textile pref	98¼	7	7.14
Duluth Sup.	78	5	6.49
Halifax St.	129	7	5.42
Lake Woods com	134	8	5.91
Lake Woods pref	125	7	5.60
La Rose	4½	8	8.88
Mackay com	89	5	5.61
Mackay pref	74	4	5.40
Soo Ry	130	7	5.34
Mont. Power	137¾	7	5.07
Mont. St.	218¾	10	4.56
N.S. Steel com	85	5	5.88
N.S. Steel pref	118	8	5.71
Ogilvie com.	123¾	8	6.45
Ogilvie pref	124½	7	5.64
Penmans com	59	4	6.76
Penmans pref	83	6	7.23
Richelieu Nav.	90	5	5.55
Shawinigan Power	108	4	3.73
Toronto St.	122	7	5.73
Twin City	108	6	5.55

x And Bonuses.

Busy Christmas Week

Ottawa reports say all lines of trade have had a very busy week, and the total volume of business moving has been well up to the most optimistic expectations.

There seemed to be no lack of spending money in the city and district, and collections, says Bradstreet's, are expected to be good after the turn of the year.

MONEY ON CALL.

New York, Dec. 23.—Noon—Money on call steady at 3 3-8 percent.

Prime mercantile paper, 5 to 5½ p.c.

Exchanges $294,063,180, balances $14,-525,986.

FARMERS' MARKET PRICES, Dec. 23.

There was a crowded farmers' market this forenoon in the vicinity of the Bonsecours market. From far and near they came, bringing heavy loads of produce for sale, dressed hogs being unusually plentiful, there being between two and three hundred pork carcases on the farmers' sleighs. The basket brigade filled both of the market halls, where there were tons of turkeys for sale. The prices of fruit is on the rise, apples and cranberries bringing higher prices than they have done for some years past.

Oats were very plentiful at about 95c the bag; buckwheat, $1.15 to $1.25 do.; white beans, $2 the bushel; potatoes, 75c to $1 the 80 lb. bag; carrots, 50c to 60c do.; beets and turnips, 60c to 75c do.; onions, 90c to $1 do.; cabbages, 85c to $1 the barrel; celery, 35c to 90c the dozen; leeks, 10c to 15c do.; dressed hogs, 9c to 9¾c per lb.; beef hindquarters, 7c to 8½c do.; do., fronts, 6c to 7c do.; turkeys, 22c to 25c the lb.; geese, 15c to 18c do.; chickens, 15c to 20c do.; hares, 60c the pair; apples, $3.50 to $8 the barrel; cranberries, $11 to $12 do.; Valencia oranges, $5 the case; lemons, $3 to $5 do.; bananas, $1.60 to $2 the bunch; Almeria grapes, $5.50 the keg; hay, $8 to $10 the 100 bundles of 15 lbs.; straw, $5 to $6 the 100 bundles of 12 lbs.

SIR W. VAN HORNE HOME FROM CUBA ---BUSINESS GOOD

Sir William Van Horne returned this morning from a visit to Cuba—his annual visit, which he usually makes in the autumn and early winter.

Discussing the general features of Cuba with the 'Witness,' sir William stated that the island was prospering well.

Sir Wm. Van Horne.

'Cuba is making fine progress in agriculture and commerce,' said Sir William, 'and the increase of population is becoming very noticeable. Our railway system is steadily extending to meet the growing needs of the public, and I may say that in regard to the growth of the railway, we are much gratified, and look forward to a good future for it.'

'Cuba's commerce is increasing all the time. The sugar grinding is now in operation, and the tobacco crop will next come in for treatment.'

'How did you find conditions in New York on your return?' Sir William was asked.

'Well,' he replied, 'I am not actively interested in Wall Street now, and did not bestir myself to investigate financial conditions there.

'As regards Canada, however, there seems to be nothing to complain of in its trade conditions from what I have heard.'

NO LET UP IN THE DEMAND FOR TURKEYS

There has naturally been a very heavy demand for turkeys during the week and stocks are rapidly diminishing—although the scarcity is not nearly so severe as it was pictured to be by the trade a couple of weeks ago.

The fact is that a good many farmers held back their stock until the last few days and then supplies showed an accumulation.

Good turkeys are now quoted wholesale at 21 to 22 cents per pound. There is a more limited inquiry for geese, which are more plentiful at fifteen to sixteen cents. Ducks are inquired for at seventeen cents per pound. There is a good demand for chickens at from fifteen to sixteen cents. Fowl are in good supply at ten to eleven cents. There is some inquiry for live poultry at 11 to eleven and a half cents, zut very little stock is arriving owing to the cold weather.

MR. LYALL'S APPOINTMENT.

The official announcement is made that Mr. William Lyall, managing director of Messrs. Peter Lyall & Son, Limited, of Montreal, has been appointed a director of the Sterling Bank of Canada.

The appointment will make a desirable addition to the directorate.

HEADD-IN 'CHANGE-HALL

The Christmas feeling is pervading the Board of Trade, as it is every business community, and there is not much application to business, a good deal in the way of interchange of greetings being substituted.

Mr. Dix's visit to the hall has given rise to a good deal of discussion on the pros and cons of reciprocity. The weight of opinion is so far decidedly in opposition to reciprocity, and the desire for closer trade communications with Great Britain continues a conspicuous feature.

A certain amount of interest has been evinced in the coming election of officers on 'Change, but this will not become a live topic until after the holiday.

Members have been discussing the turkey exhibit of Gunn, Langlois & Co., on Thursday. The scientific aspect of poultry raising is likely to receive more attention the coming year, as it has been in the case of wheat. Although Canadians are not yet pressed to 'intensive cultivation,' as is the case in many crowded countries, yet the virtue of this method is becoming more widely known.

REPORTS TELL OF FAIR TRADE ---COLLECTIONS

There is little variation in [illegible] ditions since a week ago, [illegible] the holiday quietness [illegible] cles is, if anything, [illegible].

Manufacturing activity [illegible] ening, but the city has been [illegible] shoppers all week, and [illegible] good business.

Reports from the country [illegible] ble. Very fair snow roads [illegible] and such conditions always [illegible] favor Christmas and New Year [illegible] ing.

Collections show some improvement, though, as a whole, says [illegible] can hardly be called good.

The failure list for the week is a light one, six district insolvencies being reported, with liabilities of only $43,000.

Weather Reports the Big Factors in Grain Market at Present—Not Much Change

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Weather reports have probably more influence over grain prices than anything else at present.

Liverpool closed yesterday ½d to [illegible] up for wheat and ¼d to ½d for [illegible] small offers from the Argentine [illegible] promises of light world shipments. Chicago and Winnipeg wheat advanced a fraction in sympathy, but Toronto quotations have not been changed. [illegible] were firm at the same prices, and [illegible] some buying orders for May delivery, but on the whole the market was dull and void of excitement.

Quotations as follows: Ontario [illegible] —No. 2 winter wheat, 85c to 86c outside, according to location. Manitoba wheat, No. 1 northern, 98½c; No. 2 northern, [illegible] 96c; No. 3 northern, 93½c, [illegible] age, Goderich, 1c extra.

Oats, Canada western No. 2, [illegible]; No. 3 Canada western, 36½c at lake ports for immediate shipment. Ontario No. 2 white, 32c to 32½c outside; No. 3 do., 31c to 31½c outside, 34c to [illegible] on track Toronto.

Manitoba listed quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $5.40; second do., $4.90; strong bakers, $4.70. Ontario flour—Winter flour, 90 percent patents, $3.55 seaboard.

C. P. R. IN LONDON.

Canadian Pacific stock sold at 198[illegible] in London to-day.

FRIDAY MORNING BOARD.

Ex. Div. to-day—Telephone, 2 percent; Tri. City Pr., 1½ percent; West India, books close 1¼ percent; Laur. Com., 2 percent; Laur. Pfd., 1¾ percent.

Detroit, 25 at 68½, 150 at 68¾, 40 at 68½, 1 at 69, 10 at 68¾, 150 at 69, 25 at 68¾, 75 at 69, 33 at 68½, 35 at 68¾, 25 at 69, 75 at 68⅞, 150 at 69, 25 at 68⅞, 25 at 69, 10 at 68¾, 4 at 69, 50 at 68⅞, 525 at 69, 450 at 69¼, 265 at 69½, 275 at 69¾.
Winnipeg, 15 at 188½.
Shawinigan, 90 at 108.
Power, 25 at 138, 6 at 138½, 25 at 138.
Illinois Pr., 7 at 90.
Street Ry., 95 at 219.
Quebec Ry., 25 at 59½.
Mexican, 50 at 85¾.
Scotia, 2 at 85½.
Cement Pfd., 100 at 87.
Switch Com., 20 at 165.
Switch Pfd., 4 at 132¼, 25 at 135.
Black Lake, 50 at 16½.
Cement, 635 at 23½, 10 at 23¾, 175 at 23½.
Crown Res., 400 at 2.70.
Iron pref., 25 at 102½.
Steel Corp., 50 at 60¾, 50 at 60 7-8, 150 at 61.
Bank of Montreal, 12 at 244.
Bank of Commerce, 13 at 214.
Union Bank, 5 at 150, 5 at 149.
Bank of Hochelaga, 30 at 154½.
Rio bonds, $9000 at 95¾.
Iron bonds, $2000 at 96.

CHICAGO CATTLE PRICES.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Cattle receipts estimated at 3000, market weak, 25 lower than Wednesday; beeves, $4.50 to $7.25; Texas steers, $4.10 to $5.25; western steers, $4.00 to $5.90; stockers and feeders, $3.40 to $5.75; cows and heifers, $2.40 to $$6.15; calves, $7.[illegible] to $9.35.

Hogs receipts estimated at 22,000, market 5c to 10c lower than yesterday's best price; light, $7.70 to $9.20, mixed $7.55 to $7.95; heavy, $7.50 to $7.9[illegible]; rough, $7.50 to $7.65; good to choice heavy, 7.65 to $7.90; pigs, $7.10 to 7.85; bulk of sales, $7.70 to $7.85.

Sheep receipts estimated at 12,000, market dull and 25c to 50c lower than on Wednesday; native, $2.40 to $4.1[illegible]; western, $2.75 to $4.10; yearlings, $4.50 to $5.60; lambs native, $4.25 to $6.25; western, $4.75 to $6.25.

Dominion Canners, Limited
6% BONDS
Authorized, $2,500,000. Issued, $1,500,000.
Maturing April 1st, 1940. Interest Payable Half Yearly at the Bank of Montreal, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and London, Eng.
Net Earnings of Company over six times amount required to pay Bond Interest. Bonds issued to the extent of 2-3 value of fixed assets.
Price: $100 and Accrued Interest
C. Meredith & Company, Limited

WILLIS, FABER & CO.
OF CANADA, LIMITED.
INSURANCE BROKERS Board of Trade Bld'g

LARGEDEMAND FOR OYSTERS AND ALL FISH

Local fish dealers state that the demand for oysters during the past week has been exceptionally heavy, particularly for bulk oysters, which are used for stuffing turkeys. The Advent season is generally an active one for the fish trade, but this year has exceeded anything hitherto, and wholesalers have their time fully taken up filling orders.

Practically all kinds of fish are in big demand as well.

Following are the price of oysters, according to Leonard Brothers:

Standard bulk oysters, per imp. gallon	$1.40
Select bulk oysters, per imperiol gallon	1.60
Paper pails, per 100 pints size	1.10
Paper pails, per 100 quarts size	1.50
Live lobsters, per lb.	25c
'Sealshipt' bulk oysters, in air-tight carriers—	
Standards, per carrier 4 imp. gall.	$7.40
Selects, ditto	8.00

$20,000
Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co., Limited
5% Lachine Sinking Fund Mortgage Bonds
DUE APRIL 1st, 1933.
Interest payable April 1st and October 1st.
Prices and particulars on application.
Royal Securities Corporation, Limited
164 St James Street, Montreal
Toronto Quebec Halifax
London, Eng.

THE WEST INDIA ELECTRIC CO.
LIMITED
DIVIDEND No. 12.
NOTICE is hereby given that a Dividend of 1¼ Percent for the current quarter ending 31st December, being at the rate of Five Percent per annum upon the Capital Stock of the Company, has been declared, and the same will be payable on the 3rd day of January next.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 24th December to the 3rd day of January, 1911, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board.
H. E. FLOWER, Secretary.
Montreal, December 20th, 1910.

THE ONTARIO SECURITIES COMPANY, LIMITED
We Own
Ontario Township
5% DEBENTURES
Repayable in 20 Annual Instalments
PRICE,
PAR AND INTEREST
Full particulars on request
McKINNON BLDG, TORONTO, ONT.

THE NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL COMPANY, LIMITED.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.
An interim dividend of two percent (2 p.c.) on the preferred shares of one and one-quarter percent (1¼ p.c.) on the ordinary shares for the quarter ending December 31st, 1910, has been declared, payable January 14th, 1911, to shareholders of record on the 31st December 1910. The transfer books will be closed from January 1st to January 14th, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Directors.
THOMAS GREEN, Cashier.

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA
DIVIDEND No 93,
NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of three percent (being at the rate of twelve percent per annum), has been declared upon $5,000,000 of the capital stock of this bank for the quarter ending December 31st, 1910, and that a dividend of two percent (being at the rate of twelve percent per annum), has been declared upon $1,200,000 of the [illegible] stock issued November 1st, 1910, in connection with the purchase of the assets of the Union Bank of Halifax, for the two months ending December 31st, 1910, and will be payable on and after Tuesday, the 3rd day of January next, to shareholders of record at the close of business on December 15th.
By order of the Board.
E. L. PEASE, General Manager.
Montreal, November 18th, 1910.

W. GRAHAM BROWNE & CO.,
DEALERS IN BONDS.
222 St. James Street, Montreal.

MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF SCOTLAND,
11 Place D'Armes (Quebec Bank [illegible]) Tele[illegible]
Resident Partner,
David S. Kerr, C.A., (Scot.). 794 [illegible]

CITY COUNCIL VOTED TO DISMISS DR. L. LABERGE

Medical Health Officer's Connection With Emancipation Lodge Reason for Campaign, But His Pursuers Had Not Sufficient Majority.

A determined and persistent effort officially to decapitate Dr. Laberge, chief medical health officer of the city, was made by the City Council yesterday afternoon. The immediate results were very disappointing to his enemies, but they are still hopeful that their last move may have the desired effect.

Dr. Laberge's connection with a French Masonic lodge was the cause of the effort to put him out of the city's service. This was strenuously denied by one or two of his opponents; but the general argument, in which references were made to the investigation into Dr. Laberge's connection with Emancipation Lodge, showed clearly what was at the bottom of the agitation.

Alderman Emard, founder of Emardville, and representative of Emard ward, moved, and Alderman Bastien, of Ahuntsic ward, seconded the following resolution: 'That the name of Dr. Louis Laberge, chief of the department of hygiene, he struck from the report of the commissioners, and that the said report, thus amended, be adopted.'

The resolution raised a tempest that raged for nearly an hour. There was thunder and lightning and tropical heat, metaphorically speaking, while it lasted. The reading of the minutes and routine reports had passed without incident; notices of motion and questions by members had been asked for, and the reading of the budget was taken up and proceeded with in good order. It was when the question of the appointment of civic officials named by the City Council came up that the clouds burst.

Ald. Emard did not make a speech in presenting his motion. He wore a look of assurance that it would go through on its merits and should be adopted without discussion.

Not of this mind was Ald. Judge, of St. Paul ward.

'Why do you want to dismiss Dr. Laberge? What has he done?' he exclaimed. 'We want to know the reason for discharging a faithful official of the city.'

REASON FOR DISMISSAL.

Ald. Emard explained that the reason for his motion was that Dr. Laberge had taken an action in the courts against the city, and it was not right to keep in the city's employ a person who would take such a position.

Ald. Boyd said Dr. Laberge was only defending himself in the case of the civic committee which had investigated his connection with Emancipation Lodge. The committee was ready to report their finding. It was presumed that the report would be unfavorable, and Dr. Laberge challenged the legality of the committee and its report. An interlocutory injunction had been issued restraining the committee from making its report. Consequently there was nothing before Council against Dr. Laberge, and surely he had a right to defend himself against what he considered an illegal and unjust report. There had been nothing against him so far as the performance of his duties as a medical officer for twenty years was concerned, and the City Council had no right to interfere with any man's personal views on matters outside of his official position, the duties of which had been performed satisfactorily.

Ald Ward—There is no charge against Dr. Laberge, and it is a serious thing to dismiss a faithful employee without cause. How will we look in the eyes of the world? We have no report against the official, and it is not just to discharge him or drop him from the city's service in any such manner.'

Ald. Judge—'We are not an ecclesiastical court, we are a municipal council. There is no charge and no reproach to be offered against Dr. Laberge. How, then, can we in fairness dismiss him.'

Ald. Gauvin supported the motion for dismissal.

ALD. LAPOINTE AGAINST MOTION.

Ald. L. A. Lapointe remarked that the question of Dr. Louis Laberge's dismissal was a deliberate one, and should be dealt with cautiously. He had the honor of being a member of the Catholic School Board. They had a similar question to deal with when the dismissal of teachers who were said to belong to Emancipation Lodge was before them. He voted for their dismissal. He represented in that case a purely Catholic section of the community, and the money of Catholic taxpayers. In the present case he represented a ward containing Protestant and Jewish voters, and others, besides Catholics, and this changed the situation for him entirely. He would be compelled to view the matter from a different standpoint, and must vote against the resolution. It was a most important issue, and should not be dealt with lightly.

Ald. Bastien: No man would keep an employee in his service who turned around and took an action against him in the courts. Why, then, should the city do so?

Ald. Carter: We are living in a free country, and are entitled to hold different views on matters of faith, politics, and such things without interference by anyone. I have certain private rights, and so has Dr. Laberge. It would be a piece of petty persecution to put Dr. Laberge out of his position just because he exercises the right of liberty of conscience in certain matters in which his views may be neither Protestant nor Catholic strictly speaking.

Ald. Judge here tried to speak for the third time, but such a hubbub was created by the supporters of the resolution that he could scarcely be heard. His opponents protested that he had no right to speak three times to the same motion. 'I will speak,' exclaimed Ald. Judge. 'You can call the police and put me out if you like, but I must protest against such conduct as I see taking place here to-day.'

DR. LOUIS LABERGE.

ALD. O'CONNELL'S INDEPENDENCE.

Then the vote was called.

Ald. O'Connell, of St. Ann's ward, refused to vote when his name was called.

'Be a man and vote,' exclaimed Ald Monahan, of St. Gabriel ward.

'I don't need to be told by you how I should vote,' retorted Ald. O'Connell, heatedly. 'I am as good a Catholic as any of you, but I don't like the way this thing is being done.' Mr Mayor, I was on the committee appointed to investigate this case, and I don't think I should be compelled to vote.

His Worship: Every alderman is supposed to vote.

Ald. O'Connell: 'Then I must vote "nay."'

HOW THE VOTES STOOD.

The result of the first ballot was as follows:

Ayes.—Ald. N. Lapointe, Leclaire, Dandurand, Gauvin, Roux, Debeau, Garceau, Monahan, Tetreau, Clement, Mayrond, Turcet, Bastien, Emard, Deguire.—15

Nays.—Ald. L. A. Lapointe, O'Connell, Ward, Robinson, Cartier, Lamoreaux, Boyd, Brodeur, Judge, Lussier, Drummond—11.

The motion was declared lost, not having obtained two-thirds of the number present in its favor.

Ald. Brodeur asked whether the Controllers would favorably consider the dropping of Dr. Laberge's name in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the City Council.

Mr. Wanklyn, the only Controller present, replied: 'We would never make a report to dismiss a man without good reasons.'

Ald. Bastien: 'That is the opinion of only one commissioner.'

DISAPPOINTMENT WAS DEEPLY FELT.

The aldermen next cast about to find a new way to get rid of Dr. Laberge. Dismay was depicted on the features of his enemies. But the attacking forces did not lie down. A reconsideration was next suggested by Ald. Emard, supported by Ald. Turcot, of Laurier Ward. The Mayor quickly called for the vote.

'We should work here in the interests of the city,' said Ald. Lamoureux, 'and not waste our time over these things.'

Ald. Judge tried to get a hearing again, but the chamber was so noisy it was impossible to hear what he said.

After quiet had been restored, Ald. Robinson said: 'We have passed the whole afternoon here endeavoring to get back to the old system of interfering with the Board of Control, and if we pass this motion it will be a disgrace to the city. What right have we to interfere with a man who has done his duty?'

Again the bell was sounded for the vote:

Aldermen had been passing in and out of the ante-room, and Ald. Prudhomme said an allusion had been made that he was hiding. 'I did not like to vote on this question,' he said, 'but now I will vote and let you know what I think of the proposal.'

Ald. Lariviere remarked warmly that such questions should be left outside the council chamber altogether.

The vote was then called on the reconsideration, which was carried as under:

Ayes—Aldermen N. Lapointe, Leclaire, Dandurand, Gauvin, Roupx, Dubeau, Garceau, Monahan, Tetreau, Clement, Letourneau Mayrand Turcot Bastien, Emard and Deguire—16.

Nays—Ald. L. A. Lapointe, O'Connell, Ward, Robinson, Carter, Lamoureaux, Prudhomme, Boyd, Brodeur, Judge, Lariviere, Lussier and Drummond—12.

This left the way clear for another vote on the main motion, which was at once taken, with the following result:

Ayes — Aldermen N. Lapointe, Leclaire, Daudurand, Gauvin, Dubeau, Garceau, Monahan, Tetreau, Clement, Letourneau, Mayrand, Turcot Bastien, Emard and Deguire—16.

Nays — Aldermen L. A. Lapointe, O'Connell, Ward, Robinson, Carter, Lamoureux, Prudhomme, Boyd, Brodeur, Judge, Lariviere Lussier and Drummond—13.

As two more votes were needed for the necessary two-thirds majority, the motion was again lost.

ANOTHER NEW MOVE.

Seeing that it was impossible to get the motion carried, Ald. Emard proposed that the report be sent to the Board of Control with instructions to remove the name of Dr. Laberge from the list.

Controller Wanklyn informed the council that a reason must be given to act on.

A voice was heard—'We'll tell you later.

'Tell us now,' said Mr. Wanklyn. 'We want a reason to expunge the name of Dr. Laberge, as you suggest. We are not all children.'

Ald. Boyd—No member of this council can give the board private orders. The instructions to the controllers must go from open council.

Ald. Robinson considered the action of council disgraceful. 'Council should be abolished entirely if Dr. Laberge's name is dropped on such flimsy grounds. We were not constituted a city council to do such things.'

'Fair play and liberty,' was again the plea of Ald. Judge.

Ald. Lariviere—Let the religious authorities settle this matter.

Ald. Ward—'If the court gives a decision in favor of Dr. Laberge we will be placed in a very awkward position besides doing an injustice to Dr. Laberge. We should not make a martyr of a man.'

Ald. Mayrand moved the previous question, which if adopted would have cut off the debate, but the motion was lost by 15 to 14.

Ald. Lariviere suggested an adjournment, but that was lost by 16 to 13, and the debate went on.

It lacked a few minutes of seven o'clock when the final motion was submitted to a vote. It was that the report under discussion be referred to the controllers with instructions to strike off the name of Dr. Laberge. This being but a simple motion of reference only a majority of the aldermen was needed for adoption. The motion was carried as under:

Ayes — Aldermen Leclaire, Dandurand, Gauvin, Roux, Dubeau, Garceau, Monahan, Tetreau, Clement, Letourneau Mayrand, Turcot, Bastien, Emard and Deguire—15.

Nays — Aldermen L. A. Lapointe, N. Lapointe, O'Connell, Ward, Robinson, Carter, Lamboureux, Prudhomme, Boyd, Brodeur, Judge Lariviere, Lussier and Drummond—14.

By the adoption of the motion the Controllers will now have to make a special report to the council. If the Controllers report in favor of retaining the services of Dr. Laberge, he will likely be kept on, as a two-third vote would again be required to overturn the recommendation of the Controllers, but on the other hand, if they suggest that his name be dropped the report will very probably be accepted, as but a simple majority of the aldermen is required to accept a report.

The law department will be consulted before the Controllers report on the matter.

THE SPIRIT OF PATRONAGE.

The passing of the seven million dollar budget was featureless, except for the fact that two or three aldermen wanted to use their influence to obtain increases of salary for certain civic employees, and an effort was made to reduce the salaries of the city treasurer and the city engineer. The patronage representatives were Ald. Tetreau and Mayrand. Those who wanted salaries reduced were Ald Gauvin, Roux, Tetreau, Turcot, and Lariviere. All were defeated, the opinion of the majority being that the question of salaries should be left to the controllers, and that council should not interfere unless an injustice was done.

Another point raised by several of the younger aldermen was that no fair wage officer had been inscribed in the budget report. Ald. Tetreau said that such an officer was needed, and, as regards Mr. Bolte, he was no longer in that position, according to the entry made opposite his name. A genuine labor man was needed, and Ald. Tetreau suggested Mr. Girard for the job, and that he get $1,000.

Ald. Lapointe asked that the matter be left with the Controllers, but Ald. Tetreau wanted the council to give their views on the question.

As several aldermen were looking to the Controllers for an opinion, Mr. Wanklyn remarked that the motion meant the creation of a new position, irrespective of whether they had a man who was doing the work along with other duties. As regards Mr. Bolte, his position had not been rescinded as wage officer. The Controllers believed they could adjust matters in connection with the reorganization of the staff contemplated early in the new year, without adding any expense to the city. He asked that council await the Controllers' report on the staff and wages. This was agreed to. The salaries of the assessors were also left to the discretion of the Controllers.

Mr. Janin graduated as a civil engineer at the Ecole des Ponts et Chausse, Paris. He was appointed consulting engineer for the Provincial Board of Health, Quebec, in 1899. In the same year he became acting chief of the Montreal water works. On Dec. 3, 1900, he was made chief engineer and superintendent. He takes up his new position at the New Year.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY ENGINEER.

A motion was made by Ald. Tetreau to the effect that the appointment of the city engineer be deferred for a month. This motion was defeated by a large majority, as a result of which the proposed appointment of Mr. Geo. Janin as consulting engineer goes into effect.

DIED.

CHILDS — At Enid, Oklahoma, on Dec. 9, 1910, Carice Holey, wife of Arthur E. Childs, formerly of Toronto, Ont., and Towanda, Pa.

Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co., Limited

Notice is hereby given that a Quarterly Dividend of one and three-quarters per cent. on the Preferred Shares of the Capital Stock of this Company has been declared, payable January 3rd, 1911, to shareholders of record of 27th December, 1910, and

THAT a quarterly dividend of one percent on the Common shares of the Capital Stock of this Company has been declared payable 3rd January, 1911, to shareholders of record of 27th December, 1910.

By Order of the Board.

WALTER BINMORE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

'Xmas Announcement.

For the accommodation and convenience of patrons, our store will be open every evening until 10 o'clock for the purpose of showing and demonstrating our superb stock of **Steinway, Nordheimer and Pianola-Pianos** in Uprights and **Grands. Mason and Hamlin Organs, Gramophones, Violins,** Mandolins, **Guitars, Banjos** and a complete line of **Gift Books** and **Leather Goods.**

Nordheimer's Limited

Cor. St. Catherine and Mountain Sts.

COUNCIL OUTLINES CHARTER CHANGES.

In order that notice of Charter change may be sent to Legislature in time to insure consideration, a special meeting of Council was held last night, during which it was decided to ask approval of the following measures:

1. That municipal elections shall be entirely carried on by the city; and that it shall be a punishable offence for any candidate to open committee rooms.
2. That a tax of from $500 to $1,000 be placed upon moving picture theatres, with lesser taxes for dance and concert halls.
3. That corporations be given a vote in municipal affairs.
4. That voters be not disqualified for the non-payment of water taxes.
5. That the city regulate all electric signs, wall advertisements, and poles within the city.
6. That the Board of Control have power to regulate the location of cab stands, to force the use of taximeters, if considered wise, and to regulate the use of horns.
7. That Mountain street be widened by expropriations, one-half the cost to be borne by the proprietors, one-half by the city at large.

The propriety of requiring no property qualification for mayor and aldermen was considered, but the determination was to leave the law as at present. This means candidates for mayor must have $10,000, and candidates for aldermen $2,000 property qualifications.

The question of dividing all wards having more than 6,000 voters was also considered, no action being taken.

"VARSITY" CLOTHING

Suits and Overcoats

FOR MEN

$10 to $25

It is no trouble to sell our "Varsity" clothes to men—the value is in every garment.

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PERSONALS

Mr. F. D. Dixon, of Westmount, is going to Quebec for the holiday season.

Mrs. G. R. Marler has recovered from her recent illness, and is able to be out again.

Mr. Henry Lovell, of McGill, has left for his home in Coaticook, where Christmas will be spent.

Mrs. and Miss Radford, Union avenue, leave to-day for Boston, on a visit to Mr. R. H. Radford.

Mrs. Alex. Thompson, of Westmount, is in Brockville visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gill.

Dr. W. W. Lynch, who has been spending a few days in the city, has returned to Sherbrooke.

The Hon. Sydney Fisher arrived in town on Wednesday to spend the Christmas season with his father, Dr. Fisher.

Mrs. Horatio Walker, jr., of Los Angeles, Cal., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents at 279 Drummond street.

The Misses Ruby and Marjory Loomis and Miss Frances Gilman have arrived from King's Hall, Compton, for the holidays at their homes.

The engagement is announced of Miss Dorothy Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Brown, to Dr. John C. Meakins.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Malcolm, of Campbellton, N. B., with their daughter and two sons, will be at the Windsor during Christmas.

Judge and Mrs. Hutchinson arrive from Sherbrooke to-morrow to spend Christmas with Mrs. Hutchinson's mother, Mrs. D. H. MacVicar, Westmount.

Captain William Pope, of Quebec, and Mr. Maurice Pope, of McGill University, will spend the holiday season with their parents, Mr and Mrs. Jos. Pope, in Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Armstrong, of St. Andrew's, N.B., arrived yesterday to spend a week with their daughter, Mrs. R. W. Churchill, Lansdowne avenue.

Mrs. Huntly Ward Davis has taken an apartment in the New Sherbrooke for two months, until her apartments on Summerhill avenue are ready for occupation.

Mr. Victor Brodeur, of H.M.C.S. 'Niobe,' will spend Christmas with his parents, the Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and Mrs. Brodeur.

Mr. Bert Brydon-Jack, of Vancouver, B.C., and Mr. Leslie Goodeve, who are attending McGill, have gone to the Capital to spend the vacation with Mr. Goodeve's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Goodeve.

The Rev. William and Mrs. Aitken and family, of Newcastle, N.B., are spending the Christmas holidays at the residence of their son, Mr. W. M. Aitken, 279 Drummond street.

The ladies of the Montreal Tennis and Badminton Club will give a luncheon on Wednesday, January 4th, at the Armory of the Fifth Royal Highlanders on Bleury street.

Mrs. Walter Wonham, Drummond street, will have as guests during the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kirkwood, of Toronto, and Mr. Herbert Wonham, of the Bank of Montreal, New York.

The Blue Room, Windsor Hotel, last night was the scene of an interesting banquet tendered to Mr George Vipond by the staff of Geo. Vipond & Co. A very handsome presentation was made to Mr. Vipond during the evening, of which he expressed his appreciation in a few well-chosen remarks.

COCAINE CASES

Dealers and Victims Alleged to Have Been Found in Drug Store.

Michael Laverty and William Meek, alias Turner, of Devienne street, were both found guilty this morning of selling cocaine and of vagrancy. On the latter charge, they were sentenced, by Judge Lanctot, to six months in jail, $25 or three other months. On the charge of selling cocaine a sentence of $25 or ninety days was imposed. A boy found in the place at the time of the raid, was allowed out on suspended sentence, at the request of his father, who said he was sick, and needed the boy's help.

A woman, who had also been arrested by the detectives, in the house kept by Laverty and Meek, was used in the case as a witness for the crown.

In the course of the evidence adduced Special Constable Martin stated that the place where all these cocaine dealers and victims had been found, was a drug store.

Edmund Champagne, residing at 9 St. Charles Borromme street, was sentenced to pay a fine of $25 and costs by Mr. Recorder Dupis this morning, in the Recorder's Court, for selling cocaine.

COL. ROY'S APPOINTMENT

Will Likely be Ratified at First Meeting of Cabinet Council.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The appointment of Col. Roy to the full command of the Quebec military division will probably go through at the first meeting of the Cabinet Council after Christmas. As the department to-day it was admitted that the statement from Montreal to the effect that the Militia Council had recommended Col. Roy as the successor to Col. Gordon, was confirmed. As Col. Roy is the choice of the minister and his council, there is no doubt but that the appointment will go through Council.

SHIPPING NEWS.

OUTWARD.

Empress of China, arr. Hongkong, Dec. 22
Caronia, arr. Liverpool .. .. .. " 22
Zeeland, arr. Liverpool .. .. .. " 22
Haverford, arr. Liverpool .. .. " 22
Lake Manitoba, arr. Liverpool .. " 22
Mauretania, arr. Fishguard .. .. " 22
Adriatic, arr. Southampton .. .. " 22
Niagara, arr. Havre .. .. " 22
La Touraine, arr. Havre .. .. .. " 22
Martha Washington, arr. Naples. " 22
Duca di Genoa, arr. Naples .. .. " 22
Italia, arr. Naples .. .. " 22
Lazio, arr. Genoa .. .. " 22
Canopic, arr. Genoa .. .. " 22

INWARD.

Venezia, arr. New York .. .. .. Dec. 22
Empress of Ireland arr. Halifax. " 22
Mendoza, arr. New York .. .. .. " 22
George Washington arr. New York " 22
St. Louis, arr. New York .. .. .. " 22
Almora, arr. St. John .. .. " 21
Lakonia, arr. St. John .. .. " 22
Cervona, arr. Portland .. .. " 22

Province of Quebec,
Ville St. Pierre.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given by the undersigned that on December the 20th, 1910, a petition was delivered to me, signed by more than thirty municipal electors of Ville St. Pierre, requesting a poll to decide if the municipal electors of the Town will adopt or not the following by-law:

'The sale of intoxicating liquors, 'and the issuing of licenses there-'for, are by the present by-law, 'prohibited within the municipality 'of Ville St. Pierre, under the au-'thority and for the enforcement of 'Section Fifteen of Chap. Fifth, of 'the fourth title of the Revised 'Statutes of the Province of Que-'bec, 1909.'

In consequence, I give notice that on January the 21st, 1911, next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Town Hall of Ville St. Pierre, a meeting of the municipal electors will be held in order to hold a poll to decide whether the said by-law will be approved of or not, as may be the case, by the electors so assembled.

Given under my seal at Ville St. Pierre, this 21st day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1910.

P. D. HAMEL, Jr.,
Secretary-Treasurer.

NOTICE

is hereby given that John J. Carrick, real estate agent, having his place of business in the City and District of Montreal, will make application at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, for the passing of an Act to confirm the subdivision plan of the immoveable property known and designated as part of official number 1755 of the cadastre of St. Antoine Ward, in the City of Montreal, by which plan of subdivision streets of less than sixty-six feet in width are sought to be opened.

Montreal, December 21st, 1910.

JOHN J. CARRICK,
Applicant.

CHARLES COOMBES, THE VENTRILOQUIST, etc. Address, Shaw's Music Store, or 342 Charlevoix street.

LOST, GOLD WATCH AND CHAIN, Friday morning, between Milton and Notre Dame street. Finder returning same to 43 St. Famille street will receive reward.

REAL ESTATE.

ST. DENIS STREET.—Isidore Leclaire has sold to Joseph Navert lot 908-67, in St. Louis ward, with buildings fronting on St. Denis street, for $7,500.

CRAIG STREET.—Mrs. Abraham Rudolphe has sold to Harris Wener lots 294-2, 3 and 4, in St. James ward, with buildings at the corner of Craig and Amherst streets, for $6,177.

ADAM STREET.—Nap. D. Leger has sold to Jos. Leblanc lot 8-186, in Hochelaga ward, with buildings fronting on Adam street, for $6,500. The emplacement measures 24 x 120.

BLOOMFIELD AVENUE.—Joseph Leblanc has sold to Nap. D. Leger lots 34a-176 to 180, in Outremont, fronting on Bloomfield avenue, each lot measuring 30 x 100, for $5,250.

ADAM STREET.—Nap. D. Leger has sold to Joseph Leblanc lot 4-184, in Hochelaga ward, with buildings on Adam street, for $6,000. The emplacement measures 29 x 105.

CADIEUX STREET.—Peter Adelstein has sold to Arsel Liberman, house at 619 Cadieux street for $4,300.

MAURICE STREET.—William Lassey Maltby has sold to the National Breweries, Ltd., a lot on St. Maurice street, near O'Connell street.

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—It is announced that the Dominion Educational convention fixed for Montreal in 1911 has been postponed until 1912. The Imperial Government has called a quadrennial conference on education, to be held in London in the spring of 1911, and this will make it necessary for many Canadian educationists to be abroad. The meeting in 1912 will be in possession of the reports of the Imperial gathering as well as of the report of the Royal Commission on Industrial and Technical Education.

WHO IS IT?

It was rumored in the corridors of the City Hall to-day that an important civic official would forsake his connection with the city on May 1, 1911, as the outcome of petty persecutions made against him and his administrative efficiency by other civic employees.

Weekly Calendar

DOUGLAS METHODIST CHURCH,

(Corner St Catherine and Chomedy Streets.)

REV. W. R. YOUNG, B.A., B.D., Pastor.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Morning Subject.. .. .."God's Best Gift".. .. ..Its Nature
Evening Subject.. .. .."God's Best Gift".. .. ..Its Reception
Dr. Young will preach at both services.

MUSICAL PROGRAMME.

11 A.M.—Organ Prelude.. .."Christmas Pastoral".. .. ..Dinelli
Christmas Carol.."In the field with their flocks abiding".. .. ..West
Anthem.. .. .."Sing O Heavens".. .. ..Tours
Solo . . . .The New Born King".. .. ..Perry
Miss Kulbig.
Anthem.. .. .."Glory to God".. .. ..Handel
Postlude.. .. .."Festal March".. .. ..Calkin

3 P.M.—OPEN SERVICE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL—
—ADDRESS BY MR. G. F. JOHNSTON.

7 P.M.—Organ Prelude. 'Intermezzo in B flat".. .. ..Lemare
Christmas Carol.. .. .."Tet hlehem".. .. ..Roberts
Anthem.. .. .."And the Glory of the Lord".. .. ..Handel
Solo.. .. .."Noel".. .. ..Adam
Mr. C. A. Hale.
Offertory.. .. .."Be cause".. .. ..Kinder
Carol.. .. .."Hymn for Christmas Day".. .. ..West
Anthem.. .. .. .."For unto us a Child is born".. .. ..Handel
Postlude.. .. .."Hallelujah Chorus".. .. ..Handel

Visitors will be heartily welcomed.

ROYAL CANADIAN ACADEMY

LAST WEEK

Exhibition Will Close on 24th December

Daily, 25c. Monday and Thursday Evgs., 10c
ART GALLERY, 23 Phillips Square.

HIS MAJESTY'S

LAST WEEK:

Grand Opera

TO-NIGHT

2nd Act: TALES OF HOFFMAN

and PAGLIACCI

Saturday Farewell and Gala Night:
2nd Act: L'AMICO FRITZ
2nd " MANON with CLEMENT
3rd " LAKME with CLEMENT

Last Popular Concert Saturday, 3 p.m.

The Class for the Study of the S. S. Lesson

Under the Auspices of the S.S. Union of the Province of Quebec, and led by Mr. W. H. GOODWIN, meets EVERY SATURDAY P.M., at 5 o'clock in the Y.M.C.A., Dominion Square.

EVERYBODY WELCOME.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MAILS.

To be closed at the Post Office during Week Ending Dec. 24, 1910.

Dec.
23 7.45 a.m. Baltic, White Star.
*23 6.00 p.m. " Supplementary.
**23 10.30 a.m. Hesperian, Allan.

*Letters may be posted up to 6.00 p.m. Other matter should be posted before 5.00 p.m.

**Parcels are forwarded by these steamers; latest time of mailing is 9.30 a.m. on Friday.

Letters for the above mails may be posted at Station 'B' up to within 15 minutes, and at Station 'C' up to within 30 minutes of the above-mentioned hours of closing.

*Matter for registration close at 5.15 p.m.

*Letters for Registration should be posted three-quarters of an hour before closing of mail.

RUSSIAN REFUGEE.

Trial of Federenko, at Winnipeg, May be Re-opened.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—When the Federenko case re-opens, and the defenders of the now famous refugee are positive that the Russian Government will not permit matters to stand as they now are, there will be some surprises sprung. In the first extradition trial certain charges were made, and supported by a mass of depositions. The defence could not secure witnesses at that time to prove that the depositions were not correct, or that material evidence had been suppressed. It has been learned that the defence now has that evidence ,and is prepared to use it, should Federenko be again arrested.

It is expected that the Russian consul-general will forward a warrant to Winnipeg some time this week, and that the refugee will be taken back to the provincial jail to start the trial once more.

FIRE IN WESTERN TOWN.

Damage Totalling $60,000 Caused at Bradwardine, Man.

Bradwardine, Man., Dec. 23.—Fire started in Ortenburg's store here yesterday, and burned the whole of the business portion of the town including Ortenburg's general store, F. & J. Fields hardware, the Massey Harris warehouse, the Bank of Hamilton, R. Common's general store and the Beaver Lumber Company's offices. The only business places left are a restaurant and drug store. The total loss is roughly estimated at $60,000, well insured.

HAS DANGEROUS MANIA.

Regina, Dec. 23.—John Himber has been arrested on the charge of being insane. He has a mania for cutting off the heads of children in pictures, and it is alleged that yesterday afternoon he informed his wife that he was going to try the experiment on his young baby. He was, however, dissuaded from doing this, and on the request of his wife an information was laid, and the warrant issued.

TO OPEN NEW RAILWAY.

Matane, Dec. 23.—The inauguration of the Matane Railway will take place on tht 29th instant. Excursion trips have been organized all over the district. Among these who are to be present are: The Hon. Messrs. Jacques Bureau, Solicitor-General; J. Alex. Taschereau, Minister of Public Works and Labor; John Kaine, Senators Choquette and Tessier, and all the members of Quebec and Roumiski region.

FOR INTIMIDATION.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 23.—J. M. McGill, editor of 'El Internacional,' organ of the striking cigar-makers, was arrested yesterday on a charge of conspiring to prevent cigar-makers from returning to work. The specific charge is that he has persistently threatened those who returned to work. He was sent to jail in default of $5,000 bond.

MEN'S OWN

Calvary Congregational Church.

GUY STREET.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th.

Speaker, Rev. DR. H. WARRINER.

'The Significance of Christ for the Life of To-day.'

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Postage for United States, Alaska, Hawaiian and Philippine Islands; 'Weekly Witness,' 25 cents extra; 'Northern Messenger,' 10 cents per copy No extra postage on the 'Daily Witness' to the United States and its dependencies.

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The last edition of the Daily Witness is delivered in the city every evening of publication at $4.00 per annum, and 'World Wide' at $2.00 per annum.

All business communications should be addressed John Dougall & Son, 'Witness' Office, Montreal. All letters to the Editor should be addressed Editor of the 'Witness,' Montreal.

Readers of the 'Witness' leaving the city for a shorter or longer period, can have the 'Daily Witness' each day of publication, by mail, at twenty-five cents per month, Great Britain and the United States included.

While the publishers of the 'Witness' exclude from its columns all financial and other advertisements which they consider calculated or intended to take advantage of or injure the reader, it must be understood that they in no way guarantee advertisements, and must leave their readers to exercise their own discretion in the way of putting faith in them. It is, of course, impossible to know much about mining advertising, which offers probably the most speculative, and, therefore, the most risky of all investments. The great chances of gain are balanced by the great chances of loss, and no one should invest in a very speculative property more than he can afford to lose.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1910.

Alderman Emard, seconded by Alderman Bastien, moved in the City Council yesterday that Dr. Laberge's name be struck from the list of city employees. The motion actually carried, but as a two-thirds majority is necessary, and that was not obtained, Dr. Laberge remains, for the present at least, in his position. A motion was finally carried recommending the Controllers to drop Dr. Laberge's name from the list of employees, so that it is now 'up to them.' The grounds taken for the attempted dismissal of the medical officer of health are that he is a Freemason. It may appear odd that a City Council should try to interfere in such a matter as this; but a City Council so pious as to censure a Mayor of Rome for something that he said concerning Vatican rule will rise to any height of piety. Would that its loyalty to the interests committed to its keeping could keep pace with its piety. Would that, besides minding people's religious opinions, which do not come within its function, it would occasionally find time to do something for the city. Dr. Laberge is persecuted because he is regarded as an enemy of the Church. Dissidents from the ecclesiastical order are rapidly multiplied by persecution now as in the days of the Apostles. Alderman Robinson told his fellow-members they spent the whole of the afternoon in endeavoring to interfere with the Board of Control, and in passing a motion which simply disgraces them. It was plain-speaking, but it was richly deserved. But as Mr. Wanklyn said, all the Council fortunately are not 'children'; and Mr. Wanklyn further told the Council that so far as the Controllers are concerned: 'We will never dismiss a man for 'such a reason as given here.'

The pilots on the St. Lawrence River from Montreal to the sea have a monopoly. They are a close corporation, mostly relatives, nearly all living in one locality, on farms, and their influence over successive governments has always been great enough to prevent any legislation which they have considered injurious to themselves. Mr. Brodeur has therefore a difficult task. He is asked by the inland shippers, that is, by those whose vessels ply between Montreal and the Great Lakes, to let the masters or captains of their vessels take them through this port to Quebec without engaging a separate pilot. On the other hand, the ocean navigating companies, while not opposing the desire of the inland shippers, in cases where a pilots' certificate is taken out and knowledge of the channel is proved, point out that masters of ocean-going steamships, although they hold certificates of a much higher grade than masters of inland vessels, are obliged by law to carry a pilot, even though they may be perfectly competent to navigate the river themselves. This method of taking river toll off our commerce bears some resemblance to the habit of the Moors in the Straits of Gibraltar, who used to take toll of all passing vessels, except that we have pilots instead of pirates. It has always been a sore point with companies having ocean-going vessels. But, so far, they have been unable to obtain any relief. The influence of the pilots in Parliament has been too strong for them.

Many have wondered to what good purpose were those unsightly mystical posters by which every one who has occasion to change a partition in his house has to proclaim his or her name and purpose on the sidewalk. It has seemed to many just one more method of taxing improvements, for who ever heard of anything else that ever came of it. It is true that we have a building inspector, but when anything is found wrong with any building, Mr. Chausse's stereotyped reply is that it is obviously impossible for him to inspect all the buildings in the city; any way he has no powers to forbid many things that go towards making a dangerous building. All this, we are given to understand, is to be changed. The building inspector is to have a sufficient staff, and it is for him to make it efficient. He is also to be clothed with adequate powers to prohibit what is really dangerous. There are still powers that some one should have, though they are too much to clothe the building inspector with, namely, to determine whether any new building or alteration will degrade the architecture or the quality of the neighborhood. This requires some competent body equivalent to the Dean of Guild's Court in some old world cities. Most cities in the old world are under such public supervision in some form, and we need not have all our fine residences hidden away in side streets, if we could give those who can build them any reasonable guarantee that if they build them where they will ornament the city they will not be spoiled for residential purposes by the erection of rookeries or the invasion of groceries and butcher shops.

The St. James Literary Society is a weekly gathering of serious men drawn to each other by the love of culture. It may be assumed to represent fairly well the thinking men of Montreal, apart from those whose bias is fixed by their interests. It will probably come as a surprise to many that here at the focus of Canadian protectionism, within one vote, one-half of such company should favor the principle of out and out free trade for Canada. One of the advocates of protection gave his cause somewhat away when he truly said that 'theoretical economists were almost always free traders,' which would seem to be equivalent to saying that men who think the matter out without personal bias cannot well reach any other conclusion.

THE FARMERS' MIND.

It has generally been believed by those who see the equity of placing the burden of taxation on the value conferred upon the land by the presence of the community that the great obstacle in the way of the acceptance of that doctrine would be the land owning farmers. To the farmer his farm is so large a part of his life, and he and his fellows own so large a part of the earth's surface, that one would expect that he would do anything rather than let the country's burdens fall on the land. To the surprise of everybody the important farmers' delegation that came east directly approved of this principle and commended it to the government in place of the present method of taxing their other necessities. Their political economy is right, but it was not expected that they would see it. They are objecting to the taxation of their necessities. Land is their prime necessity—their raw material, as it were; why then propose that the burden be taken off their other necessities and laid on that? One reason is that to tax their other necessities makes those necessities dearer, while taxing the land makes the land cheaper for them. The man who has threshing machines for sale has to sell them. They will not improve by keeping. If there is competition between makers he will have to sell them at the smallest price he can make a living profit on. If competition is shut out by a duty he can charge as much more as the duty amounts to.

On the other hand, land grows in value by keeping. In the North-west it grows rapidly. The man who does nothing with his land is keeping the neighborhood back, yet profiting month by month by what other people are doing with theirs. His holding his land out of the market to get the benefit of what other people are doing for it can be met by taxing him for the benefit of the community at least some part of the value that the community is conferring upon it. When it comes to paying this tax, thousands of unused acres become too costly for their owners to hold. So they sell them at the price at which some one else can make them profitable. This process quickly brings farm land down to its present farm value, and brings all the land into use. The consequent growth of population develops the country and enhances the real present productive value of the farm. The farmer has, it seems, not only grasped this, but he has also grasped the fact that, while he under the present system is the burden-bearer of the whole community and pays taxes far beyond his share, under that which he recommends the heavier burden would fall on the enormous valuations of city and suburban property and the wealthy who possess it. City dwellers, for their part, would find the prohibitive rates of suburban lots crumbling down. Suburban farms would fall into the market at a rate which would give to the city dweller a house and lot at its real price, as compared with the speculative price at which it is now going.

But probably the argument which really weighs most with the farmer is the fact that the tax that he proposes would go whole into the public treasury, less only the cost of collecting it, while for the most part the tax on, say, the threshing machine, goes to the manufacturer, and only that on the odd imported machine goes into the treasury; so that the farmer spends many times what the country gets. As the public service has to be supported all the same, it is natural that he should say he is willing to pay his share for that, but not by a process that multiplies that share many times for the purpose of maintaining industries which those who carry them on declare to be losing concerns but for this bonus—therefore losing concerns to the country any way. This clear thinking on the part of the farmers is what was to be expected of them, as they are probably the best thinkers in the community, having less to disturb their thoughts than city people. Heretofore, however, it has been inarticulate and unorganized. Very different will be the effect now that our chief industry and chief national economic interest has found so united and so eloquent a voice.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET.

New Departure at Holiday Season in McGill Union.

An innovation is this year being adopted at McGill Union in connection with Christmas Day. It is planned to hold a large gathering at midday, the function taking the form of a regular Christmas banquet. There is always a very large number of the students who cannot go home for the gladsome season, and it is certain that these will all flock to the festive board at the required hour.

The piano is to be moved downstairs to the dining room, so that the good old McGill songs can be sung. There are to be some short impromptu speeches and free smokes, the whole affair being desired as informal and as homelike as possible.

There is to be a nominal charge made to help pay expenses. The event has been planned for the midday so that any who have appointments for five o'clock dinners may have time to recuperate.

The members of the union house committee have charge of the arrangements.

McGILL CLOSES.

Students Off to Trains With Load of Grips.

McGill University and district was the scene of considerable migration this morning, as the session closed yesterday, and the students are eager to get home as quickly as possible. This morning there was a continued stream of hopefuls wending their way to the various railway stations, all carrying two or three grips along with them. The latter frequently contained some hastily bought articles and an odd book. The latter-named article is no doubt destined to be forgotten by its owner until the day before his return. On the return journey the grips will work overtime, as they will in all cases be replete with Christmas delicacies and other questionable compounds that are liable to cause considerable damage.

BACK FROM BOSTON.

Mr. W. E. Davis, Mr. Geo. T. Bell, and other officials of the Grand Trunk, and Mr. William Stitt, general passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific, returned from Boston yesterday, where they were attending the annual meeting of the New England Passenger Association.

It has been the habit of this association for a great many years to have an annual luncheon following the annual meeting. But yesterday they turned tables on the chairman, Mr. Nelson E. Weeks, and instead of being his guests, the members of the association made the chairman their guest. The result was a most delightful dinner tendered to Chairman Weeks and Secretary Watson. All the railways in the association were represented. All the members and their friends vied with each other in their efforts to express their appreciation of, and their friendship for their principal guest, who for more than a quarter of a century has been at the head of the 'oil on the waters' department of the New England Passenger Association.

Telegrams and letters of regret were read by the acting secretary, and all bore testimony to the character of the two guests and of the friendship of their friends.

A most delightful feature of the entertainment, in fact, the very life of it was the work of Mr. J. Bevans Giles, of Montreal. Mr. Giles is a great favorite with the New England passenger men, having appeared at their luncheon and dinners many times. In passing out these fadeless flowers of literature left to us by the late Dr. Drummond, Mr. Giles is not only pleasing to his hearers, but perpetuating the simple story of the patient habitant, the very atmosphere of which is restful and the simple pathos of which is good for mankind.

FOUR KILLED; MANY INJURED

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—An explosion of hydro-generated gas at the Admiralty Izhor Armor works yesterday killed four workmen, mortally wounded nine, and seriously wounded 25.

MANY SCHOOLS BREAKING LAW

Report to Inspectors in Ontario Counties Presented.

CATECHISM IN SCHOOLS.

Insufficient Teaching of English, and Closing of Schools on Holy Days Reported.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The public school inspectors in the Counties of Stormont, Glengarry, Prescott and Russell have just finished the investigation ordered by the Government into those schools in Eastern Ontario wherein violations of the school law took place. Their report covers all violations of law complained of. The inspectors were instructed to visit all the schools to inquire into the complaints made to forbid all illegal practices, and to stop any unpaid portions of the legislative grants where the school continues to be conducted in defiance of the act and regulations.

The inspectors have carried out their instructions, and the following brief summary of their reports show what has been done:

No. 16, Roxborough, Stormont—During 1910 this school was conducted according to law, except that reading of Scripture was omitted; the trustees and teachers promise to observe the law in all respects; grant recommended to be paid.

No. 12, Finch, Stormont—Found that Roman Catholic prayers and catechism were used in school hours, both French and English taught; all pupils French: trustees have been notified of illegality, and teacher told to teach more English; grant withheld pending satisfactory assurances.

No. 10, Lancaster, Glengarry—School attended by both Protestants and Roman Catholics; catechism has been taught a quarter of an hour each day during school hours; teacher instructed to cease doing so; inspector law is observed.

No. 9, Caledonia, Prescott—During school hours Roman Catholic prayers and catechism; grant withheld pending receipt of trustees' certificate to observe the law.

Nos. 13 and 14, Caledonia and South Plantagenet — Roman Catholic religious exercises contrary to law; English well taught. grant with held.

No. 14, Hawkesbury — Defective teaching of English and use of Roman Catholic prayers in past years, but now there is a well qualified teacher. and the law is obeyed.

L'Orignal—Complaints of insufficient English taught and religious exercises contrary to law; inspector finds English fairly well taught; Roman Catholic prayers used, and school closed on holy days three or four times a year; trustees have undertaken to stop this and to observe the law.

Union 13 and 14, Plantagent and Cambridge—This school now conducted according to law. Charge that two trustees ignore the third is true.

No. 1, Cambridge—Complaints here of too much instruction in French catechism in school hours and closing of school on church holy days; inspector finds that, considering the conditions, English teaching is fair; grant withheld until law is obeyed.

Nos. 12 and 11, Cambridge and Russell—Complaints here of catechism in school hours and Roman Catholic teachers always employed. This case is in the courts. Inspector finds school now conforming to the law; grant withheld.

No. 1, Cumberland — Roman Catholic prayers during school hours; with a poor teacher, the French instruction causes loss of time to English-speaking pupils; at present good teacher, with satisfactory instruction in both languages; grant withheld pending assurances that inspector's instructions are being followed.

No. 16, Cambridge (given as No. 4, Cambridge)—Complaints of catechism in school hours; of children being allowed to go home at 2.30 p.m., and of poor English instruction; present teacher is doing fairly well, though English is still weak; no Protestant pupils attend this school; children of form 1 are allowed to go home at recess.

No. 10, Clarence—Teacher has promised to stop teaching catechism at recess; no complaint made to the inspector since June, but grant is withheld, as in other cases, until satisfactory assurances are received from trustees.

The investigation resulted from representations made to the Government by the legislation committee of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario, east and west. The matter first came to the attention of that body in March of last year, and definite action was taken in March, 1910. At this time the Rev. Y. W. Allison, now a professor in the Manitoba Methodist College, was sent to investigate. As a result of Mr. Allison's inquiry, the committee waited upon Sir James Whitney and laid before him over thirty affidavits. The Premier immediately promised an official inquiry. One of the inspectors engagedq in investigation—Mr. McDiarmid—died just prior to the time for making his report, which resulted in all his work having to be duplicated.

In October last the committee again waited upon the Premier, and were assured that every step would be taken to expedite the report. The investigation is confined to the eastern counties indicated, and has of course nothing to do with the investigation of bilingual schools being prosecuted by Dr. Merchant as a result of the charges of His Lordship Bishop Fallon, of the London diocese.

BI-LINGUAL SCHOOL REPORT.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Dr. F. W. Merchant, who as chief inspector of the public and separate schools, was instructed by the Provincial Government to examine the conditions of the bilingual schools in all parts of Ontario, following Bishop Fallon's exposure of the inefficiency of such schools within his diocese, has completed his report, and this is now in the hands of the Government. Nothing official has been stated as to the contents of the report, but it is expected this will include no recommendations.

Dr. Merchant's instructions were 'to simply examine and report.'

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Suspect Arrested in Colborne Case.

Colborne, Ont., Dec. 23.—Shortly after midnight the coroner's jury investigating the death of Miss Brimacomb, the deaf and dumb cook of Teasdale's Hotel, who was found dead in a room other than her own on Sunday morning, returned an open verdict of death by strangulation. Immediately after the return of the verdict Henry T. Matthews, jr., was placed under arrest charged, at the instance of the Crown attorney, with murder. A mass of evidence was given during the session, including the evidence of Mr. McMurray, who swore he saw Matthew coming from the direction of the room in which Miss Brimacomb's body was found shortly after, on Saturday night. Matthews's vest was unbuttoned and his watch hanging out. The medical evidence was to the effect that death was caused by strangulation and that circumstances pointed to a criminal assault.

THE GIRL'S HISTORY.

Josephine Brimacomb, the victim, was deaf and dumb. She was a daughter of the late William Brimacomb, of Cramahe Township, who, with his wife, has been dead for some years. After her parents' death the girl resided with her brother, since deceased, at their home a little way from Colborne village. After her brother's death she went out to service in a private family. Less than a year ago she went to work in the hotel at Colborne, a local option village, where she was found dead. She is described as childish and possessing little restraint. She was always well dressed and was careful of her personal appearance. Miss Brimacomb was perhaps 40 years of age. A brother lives at Coe Hill and another brother is alive; also two married sisters, one living at Rowe's Island and the other in Seattle. The parents, it is said, were always very kind and considerate of Josephine, and at their death provided for her by leaving her the little home for life.

M'GILL RESULTS

The first of the results of the Christmas examinations at McGill University were given out yesterday. Only the Applied Science results were ready for publication. More will follow within a few days. The Arts results will be given out about the first of the year:—

GEOMETRY—FIRST YEAR.

Class I.—Robertson: Duggan, Hague, Laing and Stanley, equal.

Class II.—A. L. Patterson, McLeod, Day, Strathy, A. G. Scott; A. Cunningham and Jamieson, equal; Powell and Keeping, equal; Fricker and Hadley, equal; Holland, Osler and W. H. Taylor, equal; Garrett; Goote, Fowler, Hay and W. D. Scott, equal; Winter; Gilbert, Berreault; Baily, Bone, Gentiles, Gilmore, Goodman, J. Hall, Jarry, McDougall, McFarlane, Pitts, B. Ross, Ryley and Sullivan, equal.

Class III.— Crensor, Traveray; Ewart, Garrow, H. S. Kennedy and Waldron, equal; Allingham, E. Kennedy and Marshall, equal; Herkom and Tyler, equal; J. S. Hall, R. P. McLennan, Milne and Stavert, equal; Dempster and O'Shea, equal; Troop; Cox, G. H. Davidson and Tracy, equal; Kingston, Layne and J. B. Thom, equal; Scantlebury; Chalifoux, McNicoll and Ribadeneyra, equal; Coleman, Grant and W. L. Taylor, equal; Barrill, Chalifour, Griffith, Orkin and N. M. Scott, equal; Bull, Doyle, Garden, Henry, Lionsis, Morris, Powter and Walbank, equal; Guignard, Hyams and Smith, equal; Bacque, Brophy, T. A. Brown, Connors, Cronk, Draper and Harding, equal; Lawrence, McMeekin, Morkill, Notman, Page, Paisley, Sandison, Sherlock, Stewart, A. F. Wall, Werry, Williamson and Young, equal.

Analytic Geometry—Second Year.

Class I.—Dodd, Murphy, Crewdson.

Class II.—Reedey, MacRae; Berry, Burrow, Murray, Tothill, equal; Beridon; Cunningham, Hooper, Mais, and Webb, equal; Cameron; Bailey and Fitzgerald, equal; Chambers, Crossfield and Joseph, equal; Davidson and Thompson, G. H., equal.

Class III.—Hamer; Eaton and Harvey and Wright, equal; Brisbane and Eardley-Wilmot and LaForest and Lindsay, equal; Kavanagh; McDonald, N. M., and Morrow, equal; Dempster and Lawrence and O'Donnell and Pontbriand, equal; Eliasoph and Lyster, equal; McEvenu and Mitchell, W. G., and Pitts and Skeete and Tait, equal; Alexander, E. D., and McDonald, L. M., and Roche, equal; Kirby; Baker and Delgado and Hanley and Nichols, equal; Donald and McCuaig and Warwick, equal; Davidson, W. J., and McBeath and Taylor and Wilson, W. J., equal; Adam and Cole and Sclater and Wilson, C. P., equal; Suckling; Boire and Cardinal and Davies and Dougall and Gordon and Hebden and Kirkpatrick and Leach and Learned and Ludington and Lynch and McCaghey and Martin and Rogers and Tett and Thompson, G., equal.

Supplemental—Analytical Geometry. Second Year.

Passed—Cash, G. S., Galloway, C. C.

SURVEYING FIELD WORK.—SECOND YEAR.

Class I.—Cole; Cameron, Mabon and Reeder, equal.

Class II.—Cumming, Gordon and McCaghey, equal; D. A. L. Davildson, Donald and Rogers, equal; Berry, Chambers, Crossfield, McConkey, McEvenue and G. H. Thompson, equal; K. M. McLeod; Lindsay and MacRae, equal; Grawdson and Graffley, equal; Jackson, Kirkpatrick and McLean, equal; Bignell, Eardley-Wilmot, Hebden and McCuaig, equal; Bairdon, Eaton, Suckling, W. J. Wilson and Wright, equal; Bally, Cooke, Mais, L. M. McDonald and J. W. Reid, equal; Jaques; Barwick, Cunningham, Dodd, Egerton, Gilchrist, Harvey, Joseph and Murphy, equal; Goodwin, Kirby, Taylor and Tett, equal; Manley, S. J. Matherson, Murray and Patterson, equal; Dalton, McBeath, Martin, Monat and Morrow, equal; Buckman, Fyles, Hample, Roche and Ryan, equal.

Class III.—W. B. Alexander; Burrow, Hamer, O'Donneuu, Pontbriand and Tothill, equal; Cloran, Eliasoph, Leach, Ludington and Lyster, equal; Davies, Leared and W. G. Mitchell, equal; Fitzgerald, W. G. Masson and Tait, equal; Boire and Doyon, equal; Berrill, G. G. Boyd, L. Duval, Hooper, Ouimet and Warwick, equal; Dempster, Dixon, N. M. Macdonald, Price, and G. Thompson, equal; Brisbane and C. P. Wilson, equal; Cooper, G. O. Thom, Harrison, Morton; Kavanagh and Lovell, equal; Creaghan.

THIRD YEAR.

Class I. — Henry; DesRosiers and Cassels, equal.

Class II.—Boyd, W. W., and Futterer, equal; McEwen and McCannon, equal; Armstrong and Davis, J. C., equal; Abbott, Edwards, McKinnon, D. A., and Robertson, C., equal; Connolley and Fay, equal; Hugh-Jones; Chaffey, C., Finnie and McNiven, equal; May; Calkins and Matheson, equal; Bolton, Nation and Stroud, equal; Traversey; Masson, D., Fago, Hitts, Vallance and Warburton, equal; Christie, Jelly and Whittall, equal; Lauder, MacDermott and Wilson, N. B., equal.

Class III.—McLelland and Veilleux, equal; Ray; Padden, Pullan and Roy, equal; Bell and Gear, equal. Peden; Downes and Gohier, equal.

WIDOW CLAIMS $75,000.

Husband Was Earning $4,000 a Year When Killed by Falling Telephone Pole.

Dame Elizabeth Johnston, has entered an action for $75,000 against the City of Montreal, and the Merchants Telephone Company, for the death of her husband Mr. Bruce Curtis, who was killed some two months ago by a falling telephone pole, which is said to have been in a rotten and decayed state, owing to the negligence of the company, which owned it, and the city which should have looked after it.

A CALENDAR.

A handy calendar issued by the hardware firm of Ludger Gravel, 26 Jacques Cartier Square, has reached the 'Witness'.

PRIZES AT HIGH SCHOOL

Certificates and Trophies Distributed Yesterday.

Certificates and cards of merit were awarded yesterday to the pupils of the Commercial and Technical High School. The following received certificates in the commercial class: [illegible] M. Kyle, Maxwell S. Nelson, [illegible] Hyman, Dora A. Hoerner and [illegible] Vineberg. The members of the technical class who received certificates were: Hazel Mackeracher, Florence Boa, Albert Fyon, J. Bullock, [illegible] Morgan, Nellie Grimes, Edith [illegible] vin, Olivia Standish, Samuel Hyam and Marvin Workman. The following were the prize winners in the athletic events: E. Workman, H. Gutzeit, W. Emo, W. Bates, G. Hyde, W. Poulter, D. Drysdale, M. Sealey, [illegible] Pasco, E. Walt, J. Prather, A. Shalinsky, S. Foster, L. Grant, F. MacArthy, Y. Lamontagne, G. Ogilvie.

D. Drysdale won the individual trophy and cup presented by Mr. Louis Rubenstein, while H. Murray won the Hemsley silver cup for the highest aggregate points scored by boys of fourteen and under. D. Drysdale also received the silver cup won by the second year. S. Foster and A. Crawford received the cup for the second year classes. The Old Boys' silver cup for the one mile was won by M. Sealy. The relay race trophy was won by the Technical boys. The trophy was presented by the technical girls, and the presentation was made to J. McGregor, on behalf of the winners, by Miss Sara Gittleson.

The Rev. Dr. Symonds presided and addressed the pupils. A number of choruses were rendered by the scholars during the ceremony of presenting the prizes.

PASTOR INDUCTED.

The Rev. James Rollins A.B., in Charge at Peterborough.

Peterborough, Dec. 23.—The Rev. James Rollins, B.A., late of London, Ont., was inducted into the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Peterborough, last night. The Rev. Dr. B. Marsh, Moderator of Presbytery, presided, and inducted the pastor. The Rev. L. H. Currie, M.A., of Omemee, addressed the newly-inducted minister. The Rev. D. D. McDonald, of Keene, Ont., addressed the congregation.

The Rev. D. A. Thomson, of Hastings, who has so efficiently acted as moderator during the vacancy, spoke in very complimentary terms of the pleasure it had given him to preside over the congregation through their anxious time, and he rejoiced in their happy settlement. The Rev. James Pottie, the former pastor, was present, and spoke in highly eulogistic terms to the excellent minister, career of his successor, who was an old college friend, and made very kindly reference to the excellent spirit of devotion to the church's work of Mrs. Rollins.

Owing to the busy season, the reception to Mr. and Mrs. Rollins will be tendered early in January.

JEWISH CHURCH BURNED.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 23.—The Wilson Avenue Temple (Jewish), one of Cleveland's fine church structures, valued at $150,000, was destroyed by fire last night.

'WORLD WIDE.'

The following are the contents of this week's issue of 'World Wide':—

ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Liberals and Unionists—What May Be Expected from Them — The Nation, London; the 'Spectator,' London.
The Voice of the People—Which Megaphone is Clearer — The Commons on the Referendum? — 'Public Opinion,' London.
Lord Morley Answers Lord Rosebery—Peers and Reform—English Papers.
The Roman Roads in Picardy—H. Belloc, M.P., in the 'Saturday Review,' London.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE ARTS

The Nativity in Early English Miracle Plays — The 'Evening Post,' New York.
Christmas Cards — By the Author of 'Collections and Recollections,' in the 'Manchester Guardian.'

CONCERNING THINGS LITERARY.

December is Here — Harry Cowell, in the 'Independent,' New York.
Invitation—Elaine Eastman.
Christmas Carols—T.P.'s Weekly, London.
The Devil at Christmas-tide—The Outlook,' New York.
Father William on Christmas — Reflections on Charity — S. L. Bensusan, in the 'Standard,' London.
Christmas Revelry in Old England—The 'Evening Post,' New York.
The Sempstress Novelist—Genius of the Commonplace—N.H.W., in T.P.'s Weekly,' London.
Maeterlinck — Madame Maeterlinck, in the 'Contemporary Review,' London.
The Soul of the English — A Foreign Woman's Analysis—The Times Weekly,' London.

HINTS OF THE PROGRESS OF KNOWLEDGE

Andrew Carnegie's Peace Gift—Foundation Perpetual, and to be Used for Advancement of Human Welfare When Wars Are Ended—The Evening Post,' New York.
The Nobel Men of 1910—The Independent,' New York.

PASSING EVENTS.

THINGS NEW AND OLD

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THE WEATHER

MILD, TURNING COLDER.

Probs.: Easterly to southerly winds; milder with moderate snowfalls. Colder again on Saturday.

Yesterday's maximum and minimum temperatures were:—
Edmonton, 28, 8.
Battleford, 20, 2 below.
Calgary, 24, 13.
Qu'Appelle, 20, 10 below.
Winnipeg, 32, 6 below.
Port Arthur, 34, 20.
Parry Sound, 26, 22.
Toronto, 30, 30.
Ottawa, 12, 8.
MONTREAL, 12, 12.
Quebec, 6, 2.
St. John, 20, 10.
Halifax, 34, 10.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Forecast: Eastern States and part of New York—Snow or rain to-night and Saturday, warmer to-night, colder in west portions Saturday; fresh south and southeast winds, becoming high to-night.

Western New York—Rain to-night, colder in extreme south portion; Saturday, snow and colder, and high south winds shifting to west Saturday morning.

The disturbance mentioned is now centred over Lake Superior, accompanied by milder weather in Ontario. Wintry conditions prevail over Manitoba and temperatures there are below zero. Snow is falling in many parts of the lake region.

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Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this 13th day of December, 1910.

THOMAS MULVEY,
Under-Secretary of State.

NOTICE

is hereby given that the Town of Montreal West will, at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec apply for an Act to revise and consolidate its Charter, to make the same subject to the provisions of The Cities Towns Act, to ratify certain of its by-laws, and containing other provisions appertaining to the foregoing.

Montreal, November 24th, 1910.

DAVIDSON & WAINWRIGHT,
Attorneys for the Town of Montreal West.

LALONDE, THE SHUTTLECOCK

Renfrew and Canadiens Not Yet Settled Ownership of Puck-chaser.

ROBERTS WITH WANDERERS.

Smaill Will Also Play With Local Team—Amateurs Will Travel —Arena Subscriptions.

Just where Lalonde is to go, is the question in professional hockey to-day. It is a little problem that has required solution for some time, and a message that came across from Renfrew last night, did not clear matters up at all. The message stated that the Renfrew Club, at a meeting just closed, had decided to raise no objections to the transfer of Lalonde to the Canadiens at the $500 mark.

This was rather a puzzler to the Canadiens, who had received a letter from the Renfrew crowd, and were only waiting for a meeting of their directors before answering.

The league may finally take a hand in settling a difficulty that is growing wearisome all around. Both sides to the dispute have good cases. The Canadiens claim that it was only on the assurance that they would have the first pick of the French players, including Lalonde, that they agreed to go into hockey. Renfrew is backed by the league constitution, which makes Lalonde their property. The other clubs claim that all they promised Canadiens was to do their best to get Lalonde for Canadiens. Renfrew is short of players, and need Lalonde badly; Canadiens are building their team around him, so it is a pretty puzzle from any angle.

ROBERTS WITH WANDERERS.

Roberts, the ex-Ottawa player, now a student at McGill, signed a contract yesterday to play with the Wanderer seven. This makes the sixth player now definitely committed to play for the club. There was some doubt during the day as to whether Walter Smaill, on account of business, would be able to continue his hockey, but the Wanderer officials were relieved in the evening to learn that Smaill could be counted on for the season. The club had heard nothing from Glass.

OTTAWA WANTS TAYLOR.

Ottawa, Dec. 22—The Ottawa Hockey Club is now understood to be after F. Taylor, who has broken off with the Renrew Club. Dave Mulligan had an interview with Taylor this afternoon relative to his return to the Ottawa club, and although the outcome is still unknown, it would not be surprising if Taylor were to again appear in red, white and black. Officers of the Renfrew club refuse to discuss the matter, but it is said they are willing to give Taylor his release providing he does not endeavor to hold them to their two-year contract. Taylor is also maintaining secrecy.

VICS TAKE A TRIP.

Sherbrooke, Dec. 22.—Victorias, of Montreal, have consented to play an exhibition game with the St. Lawrence league champions on New Year's Day.

HITCH OVER PATRICK.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—All is not smooth sailing as yet between the Renfrew Hockey Club and Frank Patrick. On Tuesday Secretary Jordan telephoned that the former McGill and Victoria man had at last agreed to come east and play for them; and it was learned later that his pay was to be $2,000. News has since come, however, that Patrick is not coming east and will not play for Renfrew. There has evidently been some hitch, probably over the question of payment, as it is believed Patrick wants more money than the Renfrew Club is prepared to pay him.

Skene Ronan has also declined the Renfrew offer. Yesterday he turned out for Ottawa, and said afterwards that he would play for either Ottawa or Haileybury.

NO CHAIRS, NO RACE.

Longboat and Shrubb Will Not Meet in Buffalo.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Because someone got away with all the chairs, the matched race between Longboat and Shrubb, scheduled for the Broadway Arsenal in Buffalo on Christmas night, has been cancelled. Last Monday Shrubb received word that all arrangements had been made, but this morning just as he was putting on the finishing touches to his training he was wired to the effect that it was all off.

HE WENT A HUNTING.

Latham Shot Ducks From His Monoplane in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—Hubert Latham, the French aviator, went duck hunting to-day at the Boisa Chico Club in a monoplane. At high speed he circled over the feeding grounds of the wild fowl, frightening the birds into the air in flocks of thousands.

With a double barrelled gun Latham fired ten times at the ducks, killing a few and crippling others. He then pursued the birds out to sea, following them for three miles. After half an hour of hunting Latham landed at the clubhouse.

WINNERS AT BILLIARDS.

In the American billiard handicap tournament, which has just been completed at the M.A.A.A., the following were the prize winners in the various classes:—Group A—1st, F. A. Cornell; 2nd, Allan Cameron. Group B—1st, Dr. Harding; 2nd, C. P. Lyman. Group C—1st, W. Cairns; 2nd, G. Cornell.

In the tournament for turkeys, which was held last night in the club-rooms, the following were successful:—

Class A—1, W. Sanctuary; 2, B. A. Shaw; 3, F. A. Cornell. Booby prize, F. Herb. Brown. Class B—1, J. H. Cains. Booby prize, T. A. Evans.

The winners all received turkeys. One of the booby prizes consisted of a fine specimen of the lobster.

NAUTIQUE WON AT POLO.

The Club Nautique defeated the C. P. R. in a senior schedule water polo match at the Laurentian Baths, last evening, by a score of four to two.

HEATHERS BEAT CALEDONIA

But Dropped Five Points of 25 Point Lead in Friendly Match

THE FORBES PRIZE.

Dr. Harding's Rink Beat Dickson Anderson, the Holder, After Stiff Game.

The finish of a 20-rink contest between Caledonia and Heather, last night, completed the first round of the games of friendly matches

Heather dropped five points of their twenty-five point lead as the result of the night's play, and thus won the whole match by twenty points. The winners scored altogether 273 points to the 198 made by Caledonias, and won 11 games as against the seven won by their opponents, while there were two games which ended in a tie.

The next round will be commenced on Wednesday next, when Montreal will play Caledonia, Thistle will meet Heather, St. Lawrence will be up against Outremont, and St. Andrew's will play Lachine. The winners in the completed round have been Heather, Montreal, St. Lawrence and St. Andrew's.

The scores were:—

ON HEATHER ICE.

Heather.		Caledonia.	
G. W. Shewan		F. W. G. Johnson	
D. J. Munn		C. Isles	
J. W. Fulton		Dr. Wilkinson	
R. H. Clerk		E. C. Hutchison	
Skip—11		Skip—15	
G. H. Knott		J. J. Roberts	
C. McClatchie		J. Watson	
W. G. Dryden		Dr. D. J. Berwick	
G. W. Wood		H. R. Hutchison	
Skip—11		Skip— 9	
D. H. Fraser		J. Allan, jr.	
T. Reid		Dr. Novinger	
A. W. Gifford		R. E. Jones	
F. F. Barr		E. T. Houghton	
Skip— 7		Skip—20	

ON CALEDONIA ICE.

W. Mitchell		W. McDonald	
T. Blaikie		R. C. Rice	
C. H. Baillie		W. T. McLaurin	
R. Thompson		W. Lyall	
Skip—14		Skip— 7	
A. A. Murray		A. A. Urquhart	
H. J. Dalton		W. S. Wilson	
P. Mowatt		R. M. Wilson	
H. McLaren		C. A. McNee	
Skip—11		Skip— 8	
	54		59

THE FORBES PRIZE.

Dickson Anderson was defeated after an exciting game on St. Lawrence ice, last night, by Dr. Harding. Scores:—

A. H. Campbell	H. Oram
W. F. Martin	W. G. Laing
J. H. Gallagher	S. W. Tench
D. Anderson	Dr. E. S. Harding
Skip—10	Skip—13

QUEBEC CHALLENGE CUP.

The first club on the list of challengers for this historic trophy of which the Heathers are the present holders, is the Ottawa, and it is expected that the game between these two clubs will be played in the course of the next week. Following the Ottawa Club come in rotation: the St. Andrew's, Montreal, Thistel, Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembrooke, Lachine and then Huntingdon. As there were only seven matches played for the trophy last season, it is hardly likely that more than nine will be contested during the coming season, more especially as the friendlies will this year take up so much of the time.

SET THEM UP AGAIN

M.A.A.A. Team No. 1 Set New Record on the Club Alleys.

The M.A.A.A. No. 1 team achieved a notable performance last night in running up a score of 2757 in a Montreal league game against No. 2 at the M.A.A.A. alleys. This record score depended largely on the subordinate record of a game score of 983 scored by the second string.

As this is the last of the Montreal Bowling Association fixtures for 1910, it is likely to stand for some time in the premier place in the season's achievements, and even when the games start again in 1911 a magnificent effort will be needed on the part of the team that is to beat it.

The previous aggregate record for the season was that of 2719, made by the Crescents at the Palace alleys on Monday. This falls 38 short of the new record.

All the players maintained an even height of scoring, as will be seen from the figures:—

M.A.A.A. No. 1.

R. C. Bach	222	191	173	586
M. Armstrong	180	173	175	528
J. Holmgren	189	208	166	563
F. H. Gardner	160	228	173	561
R. Darling	169	183	187	519
Total	920	983	854	2757

No. 2 were 275 behind, with a good score of 2482, which was made up as follows:

M.A.A.A. NO. 2.

A. G. Clark	144	174	200	518
E. J. Flower	124	149	139	512
A. P. Earle	137	182	207	526
W. Grose	147	188	149	479
J. Gamble	134	184	129	447
Total	786	872	824	2482

TURKEYS WON.

Messrs. Bryson, Crescents, and Nelson, Champetre No. 2, won turkeys with scores of a three string score of 682 and single string score of 266, respectively, in the competition which concluded last night at the Palace alleys, while Morrison obtained a goose with a single string score of 133 on the high duck pin.

PRIZE WINNERS IN BEAVER COMPETITION.

The competition of the Beaver Club at the Palace alleys, recently concluded, resulted in the following emerging winners of the prizes offered.

Three strings: 1, Tweedie, 656; 2, H. Baker, 620; 3, J. Bainville, 613; 4, C. Mahoney, 605.

Single string: 1, R. Moyer, 234; 2, A. Johnson and F. Whittet, a tie with 231 each.

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NEW WORLD'S RECORDS.

Aviator Sets New Marks for Cross-Country Flight—Woman aviator Wins Prize.

Paris, Dec. 22.—French aviators are hanging up new world's records. Today Lieutenant Camerman established a new mark for the longest cross-country flight with a passenger, covering 147 miles in four hours and two minutes, thereby winning the prize offered by Lazaire Weiller, head of the French syndicate which purchased the rights in France to the Wright patents.

The former record was held by Henry Weymann, the American, who on September 7, in an unsuccessful attempt for the Michelin prize, made a non-stop passenger run of 136.62 miles. The Weiller prize is $5,000.

Mlle. Helf Dutrieu, who increased the woman's cross-country record from 65 to 167 kilometres (104.70 miles), will be awarded the 'Coupe Femina'.

WEIGHT AND HEIGHT.

Steurs Has It On Hack.—Bout on Wednesday Night.

Five pounds will be the only difference in weight between Hackenschmidt and Steurs, who will meet in a mixed style wrestling match at Sohmer Park on Wednesday next. Steurs has the extra weight, and an inch more in height.

Hack must win two falls in an hour and a quarter.

LAUSER'S FLIGHT.

Issy-Les-Noulineux, France, Dec. 23—M. Lauser, with a passenger, started at 11.36 o'clock th tfasinoonrein cmfwy 11.36 o'clock this afternoon in an attempt to win the auto club's prize of $30,000 for a two-man aeroplane flight from Paris to Brussels and return.

Lauser encountered a fag and landed at Puteau in the western outskirts of Paris.

LAURENS WINS CUP.

Paris, Dec. 11.—This afternoon M. Laurens won the Deper Dussin cup bby flying 100 kilometres (62.1 miles) in 76 minutes.

BOXING AT PHILADELPHIA.

The new rules to govern boxing contests in the Quaker City require a doctor to be constantly at the ringside during bouts to examine contestants whenever they are knocked down. It is also provided that the ring padding shall extend three feet beyond the ropes. No boy under 16 will be allowed to compete and in the lightweight class and under no one may meet an opponent ten or more pounds heavier.

CHRISTMAS DAY SHOOT.

Westmount Gun Club's Christmas Day shoot will be held at St. Laurent, on Monday, at 10 a.m.

'HACK.' IS GOING STRONG.

Threw Italian Opponent at Omaha Twice in 15 Minutes.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 23.—George Hackenschmidt, Russian wrestler, won in straight falls last night from Alberto Mandino, Italian. The first fall came after ten minutes and the second in half that time.

WRESTLER BADLY HURT.

Jackson, Mich., Dec. 23.—Kara Osman, a Turkish wrestler, was rendered unconscious in a wrestling match here yesterday. His opponent, Neharlis Olsen, who hails from Indianapolis, threw him over his head.

GOING TO KINGSTON.

The junior M. A. A. A. team will go to Kingston on December 28 for a game with the Frontenac juniors, who are champions of their district. The game will probably be played half under Quebec and half under O. H. A. rules.

The sixteen boys in the Montreal junior squad had an excellent workout last night.

ARENA SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Arena subscription list is now open, and seats can be reserved for either the amateur or professional series of hockey matches. The seats can be paid for before each match.

NEW SCHOOL BURNED.

Arrest for Arson Follows—Rival School Sections.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 22.—Jealousy between two rival communities in Nova Scotia is believed by the Board of Fire Works in Halifax to have been the cause of the burning down of a fine new school building, and Charles Allan, of Port Greville, has been arrested on a charge of arson. Four years ago the two school sections of Fox River and Port Greville, on the Parrsborough shore, were consolidated. A fight arose over the location of the site. A free location was given at Port Greville and a handsome four-roomed school building was erected and equipped in modern fashion. The school was opened in August of that year and a few weeks later was burned to the ground. No one doubted at the time that the fire was the work of a firebug, but nothing was done till recently, when the Halifax underwriters started an investigation, resulting in the unearthing of evidence which they thought sufficient to warrant Allan's arrest. No attempt has been made to rebuild the school, and the feud in the two sections is as bitter as ever.

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PEARY CLAIM IN CONGRESS.

Explorer Must Produce Proofs of North Pole Discovery.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 23.—After months of persistent refusal, on the ground of interference with contracts with publishers, Robert E. Peary has consented to furnish Congress with the proofs on which he relies to prove his claim of attainment of the North Pole. The assurance has been communicated indirectly to some of his advocates at the capital in connection with the bill to reward him with a rear-admiralship on the staff in recognition of his Arctic achievements.

The bill will be considered by the House Committee on Naval Affairs soon. Representative Macon, of Arkansas, a member of the committee, has expressed in vigorous language his opinion of the explorer and his doubt of his ever getting to the Pole, and purposes to fight it on the floor. He is not the only opponent of Peary on the Navy Committee, and there are other members of the House who object to the proposed explanation, and will join in the fight when the issue is presented on the floor of the House.

MAYOR RE-ELECTED.

London, Dec. 23.—Mayor Beattie was re-elected mayor by acclamation at the civic nomination yesterday.

The Last Day for Your Christmas Shopping. We are Prepared to Give You All the Help we Can

Manicure Sets.

A manicure set makes a most acceptable Christmas gift for a woman. We have some exceptionally good ones—not showily put up for Christmas trade, but in plain leather cases and all the fittings reliable.

A beautiful set in velvet lined case; ivory handles; fully fitted, including paste, powder, etc. Price $10.00

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With celluloid fittings at . $1.98

(Ground Floor.)

Cashmere Stockings

250 Pairs of women's .50, .65, .75 and $1.00 pure wool cashmere stockings, Saturday morning at 3 pairs for $1.00.

These are not ordinary cashmere stockings. They are extra fine, made from the finest grade of wool—an exceptional offer. Black and colors; some with self color silk clocks; others with plain uppers and striped ankle; then again another line just plain black; also green, mauve, old rose, taupe, cadet blue; others black with colored silk embroidery; boxed if wished; all one price, 3 pairs for $1.00.

Men's Socks

200 Pairs of men's fine socks, per pair .19

Extra fine lisle thread, plain or mercerized, .35, .45 and .50 values; Saturday per pair .19

(Ground Floor.)

Bradley Mufflers, .50 Each

We have hundreds and hundreds of them—practically any colour you could want. Each Muffler nicely boxed.

Here is a gift useful, pretty, comfortable, serviceable—for man or woman at 50 cents.

(Ground Floor.)

Ladies' Boots Two Christmas Specials

One line made by the same people and on the same lasts as our famous "Queen Quality" Shoes, per pair $3.00.

The other line, extra special cushion soled Boots and some Goodyear welt Boots, at per pair $1.98.

(First Floor Up.)

Hat Pins

We believe we have the finest and largest stock of Hatpins to be found in Montreal. A beautiful assortment of Gold Filled Pins in most novel designs; also Rhinestone studded ones. Prices from $1.50 to $7.50.

TO YOU MEN WHO DON'T KNOW THIS STORE

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GENERAL

Aprons, Tea and Fancy, from .25 to $1.50
Coats, Plush and Velvet, from $25.00 to $45.00
Dresses, from $10.00 to $25.00
Dresses for evening, from $18.00 to $150.00
Dresses for the house, from $1.00 to $3.00
Gloves, kid lined, Mocha, silk, from $1.00 to $4.50
Jackets, knitted, from .75 to $6.50
Kimonos, $1.50 to $6.40
Petticoats, from .99 to $18.50
Rain-coats, $10.00 to $65.00
Robes, quilted, eiderdown, from $4.75 to $16.50
Shawls, from .75 to $5.00
Skirts, from $3.00 to $25.00
Suits, from $10.00 to $75.00
Waists, lingerie, silk, lace, from $1.00 to $50.00
Wrappers, from $1.25 to $2.25

MILLINERY

Aigrettes, from $2.00 to $15.00
Artificial flowers, from .25 to $7.50.
Automobile headwear, from $5.00 to $25.00
Evening hats, from $15.00 to $125.00
Fur turbans, from $4.95 to $60.00
Motor bonnets, from $5.00 to $25.00
Ostrich feathers and plumes, from $1.00 to $25.00
Paradise feathers, from $15.00 to $75.00
Willow plumes, from $3.50 to $65.00

UNDER APPAREL

Corsets, from .75 to $12.00
Hosiery, cashmere, cotton, fancy, lisle and silk
Lingerie, French, hand-made, from $2.50 to $25.00
Underwear, muslin, Italian silk, from .15 to $25.00

APPAREL FOR GIRLS

Coats, from $7.50 to $14.50
Costumes, from $9.50 to $35.00
Dresses, from $1.50 to $15.85
Gloves, kid, wool, from .35
Handkerchiefs, linen, cotton, from .05 to $2.00
Hosiery, from .25
Pumps, Shoes, from $1.98

APPAREL FOR INFANTS

Bibs, from .17 to $1.45
Bonnets, from .55 to $6.00
Bootees, from .19 to .75
Dresses, white and colored, from .90 to $4.25

Apparel for Infants—Continued.

Coats, from $2.75 to $25.00
Knitted goods, from .29 to $1.25
Petticoats, from .55 to $1.75
Shawls, from $1.50 to $4.00
Shoes, from .25 to .65
Stockings, .35
Underwear, from .35 to .60

Personal Use or Ornament for Women

BELTS AND BUCKLES

Belt chatelaines, .75 to $4.50
Children's leather belts, .25
Cut steel belt buckles, from .65 to $10.00
Elastic studded belts, from .75 to $25.00
Fancy gold tinsel belts, from .98 to $5.00
Gold-plated belt buckles, $3.00
Rhinestone belt buckles, $2.50
Silk belts, .25 to $3.00
Sterling silver belt buckles, $1.75 to $3.50

FANCY ARTICLES

Hat pin holders, .25
Puff boxes, .25 to $3.98
Embroidered waist patterns, $1.35
Beaded bags, $1.25 to $7.50
Art pillows, .50
Christmas calendars, .05 to $1.25
Mesh bags, .59 to $12.50
Glove boxes, .25 to .75
Handkerchief boxes, .25 to .75
Jewel boxes, .29 to $4.50
Opera glass bags, .98
Shoe bags, .25
Silver opera bags, $13.50
Velvet novelty bags, $3.50 to $9.50
Work baskets, .68 to $5.00
Work bags, $2.25 to $4.00
Work boxes, $2.75 to $12.50

FANS

French novelty fans from .25 to $4.95
Gold spangled fans at $4.95

HAIR ORNAMENTS

Barrettes, in gold, plain and fancy shell; .25 to $6.50
Designs in plain and art metal set with rhinestones
Imitation shell, grey and amber, in plain and art mountings; $3.75 to $5.00
Jet barrettes, neck and side combs in shell, amber, grey, jet and gold, mounted, plain and ornamental; $2.25 to $6.50

JEWELLERY

Rings, from $1.25 to $14.00
Necklaces set with semi-precious stones; $1.98 to $3.50
Brooches, solid gold, from $2.98 to $19.00
Solid gold collar and cuff pins, from $1.75 to $3.50

GOLD-PLATED

Belt pins, from .75 to $2.50
Bracelets, from $1.50 to $6.50
Brooches, .19 to $1.98
Crosses, .98 to $3.98
Cuff pins, .25 to .98
Hat pins, .75 to $1.48
Lockets, .98 to $5.00
Mourning jewellery, .19 to $2.50
Neck chains, .49 to $2.10
Veil pins, .19 to $2.50
Waist pin sets, .49 to .98
Watch pins, .98 to $2.75

PARISIAN JEWELLERY

Belt pins, .25 to .95
Coral, amber and jet necklaces, .25 to $2.00
Novelty brooches, necklaces, antique effects, at various prices up to $1.98
Watch bracelets, .25 to $1.00

LEATHER GOODS

Beaded bags, $1.25 to $7.50
Card cases, .50 to $6.50
Coin purses, .25 to $1.00
Combination pocket books and card cases, .75 to $4.50
Fitted automobile bags, $3.50 to $50.00
Silver mesh bags, $13.50
Hand bags, .59 to $12.50
Initials and jewel boxes, .29 to $5.00
Novelty pocket books, $1.50 to $6.50
Vanity cases, $3.50 to $6.50

NOTIONS

Fur clasps, .75 to $3.50
Hose supporters, .25 to .75
Needle cases, .25 to .75
Pin cushions, .35
Sewing accessories, .25 to $1.50
Desk calendars, .98
Diaries, .25 to .98

SILVER MOUNTED ARTICLES

Cuticle knives, .50
Dressing combs, .15 to $1.00
Embroidery scissors, .25 to .75
Glove stretchers, .99
Hair brushes, .45 to $5.00
Manicure sets, .49 to $10.00
Nail brushes, .15 to $1.50
Nail files, .15 to .75
Nail polishers, .25 to $1.00
Powder boxes, .25 to $3.75
Powder paper cases, .20 to .40
Powder puffs, .15 to .75
Shoe hooks, .50
Shoe lifts, .50 to $1.50
Toilet sets, .98 to $20.00

GENERAL

Jewel boxes, .98 to $1.48
Novelty opera glasses, $3.98 to $7.50
Opera bags, $1.50 to $10.00
Scissors, .25 to $1.00
Shopping bags, .98 to $12.50

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Monopol, our finest French kid glove at $1.50 a pair; finished with pearl dome fastener; tan, white, black and grey.

Guaranteed Gloves at $1.00

4,000 Pairs of guaranteed gloves for Saturday's selling at per pair, $1.

600 of these are our famous leather Cape, received only this week. These Cape gloves are the best in Canada selling at $1.00; tans only.

With these our real French kid glove "Elite"; white, black, grey, navy, green.

Also Mocha with knitted wool lining; in all sizes for women; all of these lines at . . $1.00 a pair.

MEN'S GLOVES

As Christmas gifts at per pair, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00 and $3.00.

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Men's and Women's Knitted Gloves

900 pairs of these gloves will be placed out for selling on Saturday at per pair, .19, .25 and .29. The regular values are from .35 to .65.

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DEATH LIST OF FIREMEN

Twenty-Six Dead in Chicago and Fourteen in Philadelphia.

Chicago, Dec. 23.-The death list in the stockyards fire yesterday includes Fire Chief James Horan, Assistant Chief Wm. J. Burroughs and twenty-two firemen who were killed under falling walls. The bodies of nineteen, including that of Chief Horan, had been taken from the ruins at a late hour last night. The list of dead includes the chief, assistant chief, two captains, five lieutenants, thirteen city firemen, two private firemen and a railroad employee. Fifteen firemen were seriously injured, including two captains, who may die.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—Fourteen firemen and policemen are known to be dead, and more than forty are in hospitals suffering from injuries from which some will not recover, as the result of the collapse early yesterday of the walls of the burning five-story factory of David Friedlander, dealer in leather remnants. The ice-bound ruins are still being searched for the body of Charles Edelmen, who is known to be dead, and to discover if possible the bodies of several other firemen who are reported missing.

Of Interest to Women.

The 'Witness' Daily Fashion Hint.

DAILY CARE OF FURS.

If furs are taken care of consistently day after day, their beauty will always show to its best advantage. A fur coat should have its special hanger, of a length and shape that will fit into the shoulders without strain or the fur. It is advisable that the wire hanger should be padded and covered, to keep the hard edges from pressing against the inside of the coat, as the weight of the latter brings considerable pressure on the hanger. If the coat has been worn out in a wet snowstorm, it should be shaken and hung up to dry, but not close to the heat. Its after treatment depends on the kind of fur, the soft smooth kinds requiring to be beaten gently to make the fur stand up. A coarse blunt-toothed comb may be used to prevent matting with some kinds, and with others a soft brush gently applied.

Muff hangers are now also provided. Scarfs should either be hung over a padded rod, or in some other equally careful manner, or else put in a box, with plenty of tissue paper. When not in use, furs should be kept out of the dust, and disposed of so that there will be no pressure of hard surfaces on the pelt. They should not be exposed unnecessarily to the sunlight, and are best kept in a cool dry place.

QUAINT OLD 'BRIDE' KNIVES.

Of the many dainty and curious relics belonging to old wedding customs interesting and beautiful in themselves are the once indispensable bride knives, specimens of which still linger here and there among the cabinets of old country houses.

Or you may discover, says a writer in the Queen, a slender, quaint, old pair of these ancient posy knives, in their delicate, raded cases, hiding behind the glass in some sleepy, provincial museum.

You scarcely realize as you examine them that without her wedding knives duly attached to her girdle the mediaeval and seventeenth century bride would hardly have considered herself dressed. So completely a part of the marriage costume were they and so important an item of the ritual of the ceremony that they once came to be considered almost as necessary to an orthodox marriage as the veil and the ring itself. The old plays teem with allusions to them. And who can forget the figure of Juliet, wearing her wedding knives, as she stands in tragic anguish in the Friar's cell, and again when she is about to take the sleeping potion Shakespeare in the old quarto of 1507 made special reference to his heroine wearing them.

Among the delicate trifles of the ancient wedding toilet, these knives were invested with mystic symbolism as a practical emblem they suggested housewifery and domestic policy.

They were not worn in England alone, but all over Europe wedding knives formed part of the bride's regular accoutrements. The highest invention was often brought to bear upon their metal, brocade and shagreen cases and sheaths. In the old Flemish pictures they may be seen hanging from the ladies' girdles beside the pouch, scissors and other personal articles of the new wife.

Very beautiful indeed are some of the quaint old blades and handles, and all were of superior quality and artistic ornament. As the rank of the bride rose so they became more elaborately chased, and sometimes they were jewelled to a standard of immense value.

The precise origin of the custom of wearing wedding knives is lost in obscurity, but their decline from favor seems to have set in after the reign of William and Mary. In the time of Anne and the early Georges the custom was already obsolete and archaic. There is something almost mysterious in the way in which these beautiful little mementos have completely vanished from modern usage.

PRACTICAL SCHOOL SUIT.

Illustrated is a practical suit of mixed grey wool, made in Russian style, buttoning at the side with brass buttons. It will be serviceable for school wear. The full 'knickers' have three pockets, and the blouse has a pocket also.

A DRY HAIR SHAMPOO.

Many women find it inconvenient to wash their hair at times in the winter, owing to the difficulty of drying it properly. A dry shampoo once in a while solves the difficulty. The shampoo mixture in its simplest form is very finely ground cornmeal, heated in the oven till it is dry all through. It can be used quite warm, but not exactly hot. Powdered orris root added makes it pleasant.

Brush the hair and comb it out straight; then part it in strands and strew the meal liberally through. Let it remain a few minutes. Shake out all that will fall, then brush until the meal is entirely removed, when it will have carried dust and superfluous oily matter with it. Lift the hair up with the hands and ventilate it. Letting the air blow through will help to carry off the meal. The shampoo takes quite a while, as much brushing is needed to get it all out of the hair. It is a good plan to spread newspapers over the floor while the process is going on. The hair should be soft and glossy, and the scalp clean, after the treatment, but it is not intended to take the place of washing, except occasionally.

A NEW M.P.'S WIFE.

MRS. W. MAX AITKEN.

Mrs. Aitken's husband, Mr. W. M. Aitken, of Montreal, has joined the increasing number of Canadians who have won a place in the Parliament of the Mother Country, having been elected member (Unionist) for Ashton-under-Lyne. Mrs. Aitken joined her husband in England just before the election. Before her marriage she was Miss Drury, daughter of Col. Drury, of Halifax. Mrs. Aitken, during her residence in the city, on Drummond street, has been a decided acquisition to Montreal society.

PARIS FASHION HINTS.

The latest fashion hint from Paris is to the effect that the choicest embellishment on a fur toque is a jewel set right in the centre of the front, so, nowadays one sees rich chinchilla toques ornamented with huge sapphires gleaming over the foreheads of the wearers and ermine toques with turquoise ornaments and toques of various other furs each with a jewel to harmonize.

For women whose means do not admit of such indulgence for street wear the medallion studded with colored stones, popular nowadays, is useful, as they pin one in the front of their toques and get much the same effect.

The artificial flower craze is at its height in Paris. Exquisitely made satin roses, orchids and violets are worn on fur coats, while all the newest evening frocks are adorned with blossoms which harmonize with their shades. Even the black dresses the Parisian is affecting at the present time are decorated with colored flowers, though violets and orchids in mauves and purples are considered the most chic for this style of costume.

THE 'WITNESS' DAILY PATTERN.

The home dressmaker should keep a little catalogue scrap book of the daily pattern cuts. These will be found very useful to refer to from time to time.

8,853.—CHILD'S YOKE DRESS.

Lawn, nainsook, or dimity is most appropriate for this model, but cashmere or other lightweight woollens may be used. The dress may be finished with a simple hem, or lengthened by a ruffle of embroidery. The pattern is cut in four sizes: 1, 2, 3, 4 years. It requires 2 1-4 yards of 36-inch material for the 2-year size.

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Please send the above-mentioned pattern as per directions given below.

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Size .....

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N.B.—Be sure to cut out the illustration and send with the coupon, carefully filled out. The pattern cannot reach you in less than a week. Price 10 cents each, in cash, postal note or stamps. Address, 'Witness' Pattern Department, 'Witness' Block, Montreal.

We Illustrate the New "Shadow" Effect in Hudson Seal.

In these Furs the skins are worked the reverse way, giving the broad stripe—or shadow—effect shown in the illustration.

During the month there has sprung up an insistent demand for long, wide Scarves in Black Furs. These must be perfectly plain, and made as soft and light as possible. Our timely showing of the plain Scarf and Muff in "shadow" Hudson Seal will interest those purchasing Furs for their own wear, or for gift purposes.

In this Fur, a Stole 94 in. long and 10 in. wide, shaped at neck, is $52.00. The same Stole, three inches narrower, is $35.00.

The plain shawls, 98 in. long, and 10 in. wide, are $60.00. Some very handsome ones, 10 in. long, and 12 in. wide, are $80.00.

Muffs are shown in Pillow, Book and Bolster styles. Prices begin as low as $27.00, and range up to $50.00.

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WINNIPEG STRIKE.

Street Railway Company Preparing to Resume Full Service.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The Street Railway Company started in earnest to give the citizens a good car service yesterday. The time for old employees to come back expired at noon, and all the uniforms and fare boxes have been ordered in and the strikers will be paid off. A fairly good service of eighty cars was maintained all day, and at a meeting of the Police Committee in the afternoon steps were taken to provide protection on cars in the outskirts of the city. It is understod that mounted regulars from Fort Osborne barracks will be requisitioned, leaving the city police to guard the main streets. The foreign districts are particularly alive with vicious characters, and literature of an inciting character has been distributed among them and meetings held in their midst to place the employees' side of the strike before them, the conduct of which has not tended to the peace of the city. The company announced they would run cars until midnight, but as the cars are being stoned on the Selkirk avenue and St. James line the company discontinued the service at eight o'clock. One woman was struck by a stone on a Broadway car and badly injured last night. Hundreds of imported workmen are being housed in the electric power plant in Assiniboine avenue. The place has been boarded up and detectives patrol outside. As soon as the city gives protection to the cars these imported workmen will be placed in charge and will man the cars through the thick of the fight. The Christmas trade is badly shattered by the strike. Last night the 'Tribune' stated: 'As no period in the two years that Mayor Evans has occupied the position of chief magistrate, has there been such urgent need for his official presence in the city. With the street car strike on its hands and lawlessness rampant in practically every quarter of the city, it is imperative that the man chosen by the citizens as the chief representative of law and order should be right on the spot and right on to his job.'

Watch for the new story of the Canadian West, to start shortly in the 'Witness.' Bright and breezy, you will want to read it.

FOR XMAS GIFTS

PERRIN GLOVES

Famous wherever gloves are worn.
Noted for their Fit and Finish.

Open Letter To the Ladies of Montreal

Montreal, December, 1910

Dear Matrons and Girls:

Let us have a little confidential talk about Christmas.

"What would he like?"—

Your choice in cigars would not likely be his.

He has pen-wipers and slippers and all those sort of things.

Gimcracks are only appreciated for the sentiment attached to them.

Why not give something useful this time?

A nice Fancy Vest, put up in a dainty Christmasy box, makes a very acceptable present for any man, and costs only from $2.50 up.

With a blue serge suit, a Fancy Vest gives one the air of being well and correctly dressed.

A Scotch Tweed Ulster costs from $15.00 up, or a Blue Serge, Worsted, or Scotch Cheviot Suit, costs no more

Come in and let us suggest something to you, and do it early before the assortment is broken.

We are,
Yours sincerely,

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BOYS wanted to sell the 'Canadian Pictorial,' Canada's leading illustrated magazine. Splendid premiums or generous cash commission. Hundreds of boys busy and delighted. Room for hundreds more. Why shouldn't you profit? A postcard will secure full particulars, premium list and a package to start on, if you live outside Montreal and suburbs. If inside the city, phone us or drop in and see what we have to offer you. Address, Boys' Sales Dept., John Dougall & Son, Agents for the 'Canadian Pictorial,' 'Witness' Bldg., Montreal.

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Music for holidays, parties, and all the glad occasions through the year and all the times between,

Pianolas and Pianola Pianos sold in Montreal exclusively at Nordheimer Hall.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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

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

BIRTHS.

CHAMBERS — At New Glasgow, N.S., on Dec. 18, 1910, a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Chambers.

GORDON — On Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1910, to Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Gordon, 239 Prince Arthur street West, a son.

LEE — At Montreal West, on Dec. 19, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest D. Lee, a daughter.

DIED.

BRIDGLAND — On Dec. 18, 1910, at her residence, 30 Lowther avenue, Toronto, Martha A., widow of the late James W. Bridgland, of the Crown Lands Department, and daughter of the late Rev. Richard Jones.

CHAMBERS — At New Glasgow, N.S., on Dec. 20, 1910, Andrew, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Chambers.

DE VEBER—On Dec. 19, 1910, in Toronto, Caroline de Veber, aged 87 years, widow of the late Richard Sandys de Veber, St. John, N.B., and daughter of the late Capt. Thomas Beer, Royal Navy.

EBAL—At the Grace Dart Home, on Dec. 21, 1910, of tuberculosis, Max Ebal, aged 30 years, a native of Germany.

BARRASS — On Dec. 18, 1910, at his mother's residence, 8 St. Andrew st., Toronto, John H. Barrass, aged 60 years, only son of the late Rev. Edward Barrass.

HENDERS — In this city, on Dec. 22, 1910, suddenly, of pneumonia, in her 34th year, Henrietta J. Vine (Nettie), daughter of the late Henry Vine, and beloved wife of G. Frederick Henders. Funeral, Saturday, private. Guelph, Toronto and Cleveland, Ohio, papers please copy.

MacDONALD—At Pirnmill, Arran, Scotland, on Nov. 28, 1910, Catherine MacDonald, aunt of the late Rev. John Kennedy, U.F.C., Pirnmill.

M'KECHNIE—At 8, Queensborough Gardens, Glasgow, Scotland, on Nov. 30, 1910, Mary C., wife of J. H. M'Kechnie, of Granby, Quebec.

M'KENZIE—At 9, Huntingdon Place, London, England, on Dec. 1, 1910, Catherine M'Phail, widow of Murdock M'Kenzie.

PRICE — On Dec. 18, 1910, at his late residence, 480 Delaware avenue, Toronto, John J. Price, dearly beloved husband of Julia Price, in his 67th year, formerly of Gaspe, Que.

STEVENS — At Dunham, Que., on Dec. 19, 1910, Jane M. Spencer, widow of the late Levi Stevens.

Those sending notices for the above column may send with them a list of names of interested friends, together with a one-cent stamp for each address, and marked copies of the 'Witness' containing the notice will be promptly mailed. For addresses in foreign countries three cents will be required.

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TENDERS.

TENDERS addressed to the undersigned at Ottawa, and endorsed on the envelope "Tender for Survey and Inspection Steamer," will be received up to noon of the

FIFTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1911,

for the construction of a Twin Screw Steel Steamer for survey and inspection work in connection with the St. Lawrence River Ship Channel to be delivered at Quebec, P.Q., of the following leading dimensions, namely,—length between perpendiculars, 130 feet; breadth moulded, 27 feet; depth moulded, 13 feet 6 inches; draft mean, 9 feet 6 inches.

Plans and specifications of this steamer can be seen at the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, at the offices of the Collector of Customs, Toronto, Collingwood and Midland and at the Agencies of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N.B., Halifax, N.S., Charlottetown, P.E.I., and Victoria, B.C.

Plans and specifications can be procured by application from the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, and the Agent of this Department, Victoria, B.C.

There are no special tender forms in connection with this work.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque in favor of the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, equal to 10 p.c. of the whole amount of the tender which cheque will be forfeited if the successful tenderer declines to enter into a contract with the Department or fails to complete the steamer in accordance with the contract to be prepared by the Department. Cheques accompanying unsuccessful tenders will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Newspapers copying this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid.

ALEXANDER JOHNSTON,
Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries.
Department of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa, Canada, December 20th, 1910.

Little Folks Stuffed —LIKE TOADS

These holidays make a lot of sick folks—some of them awfully ill. In spite of all you can do the little folks will overeat Xmas times. Don't fail to give them a CASCARET at bed time and help nature get rid of the overload. It will keep them well and lively.

Buy a 10c box CASCARETS—week's treatment—and have it handy to use every night, Xmas week. 888

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TENDERS FOR INDIAN SUPPLIES

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and marked on the envelope "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received at this Department up to noon on Wednesday, 18th January, 1911, for the delivery of Indian supplies during fiscal year ending the 31st March, 1912, duty paid at various points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Forms of tender containing full particulars may be had by applying to the undersigned. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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J. D. McLEAN,
Asst. Deputy and Secretary.
Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for 15-inch suction dredge for Maritime Provinces", will be received at this office until 4 p.m., on Wednesday, January 11, 1911, for the construction of a 15-inch suction dredge.

Plans, specifications and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department, at the offices of J. L. Michaud, Esq., District Engineer, Merchants Bank Building, St. James Street, Montreal, J. G. Sing, Esq., District Engineer, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, Ont., and G. G. Scovil, Esq., Superintendent of Dredges, St. John, N.B.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation and the place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for Eight Thousand Dollars ($8,000.00), which will be forfeited if the person tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, December 20, 1910.
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Synopsis of Canadian North-West Land Regulations.

Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him, or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patents), and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price, $3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres, and erect a house worth $300.00.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Extension to Wharf at Shigawake, P.Q.," will be received at this office until 4.00 P.M., on Wednesday, January 18, 1911, for the construction of an Extension to wharf at Shigawake, Bonaventure County, Que.

Plans, specification and form of contract can be seen and forms of tender obtained at this Department, at the offices of A. R. Décary, Esq., District Engineer, Post Office Building, Quebec; J. L. Michaud, Esq., District Engineer, Merchants Bank Building, St. James St., Montreal, and on application to the Postmaster at Shigawake, P.Q.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their occupations, and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the nature of the occupation and place of residence of each member of the firm must be given.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for the sum of nine hundred ($900.00) dollars, which will be forfeited if the person tendering decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
R. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, Dec. 19, 1910.
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The Man and the Dragon

By ALEXANDER OTIS
Author of "Hearts are Trumps."

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SUMMARY OF THE PRECEDING CHAPTER.

John Price, editor and manager-in-chief of the Carthage 'News' at the age of twenty-nine, holds his position with the grim energy and forcefulness that has carried him to it from the place of the boy of all work in its composing room. Hard-headed and practical, he is nevertheless in love with Vivian Everett, and determined to win her. The girl herself remembers him with amusement and a little contrition as a friend and conquest of the previous summer, which she had spent with a girl friend, Electa Chalmers, when Archie Dean, Vivian's acknowledged 'chum', had been also of the party. Through the influence of Tom Evans Price had succeeded to his precarious position on the 'News.' Evans, in practical control of Carthage political affairs, had given him this chance in order to crush a political opponent, Bleeker, the head of the town street railway, the new franchise of which Price energetically opposed. Nathan Everett, connected with Bleeker, notes Price's growing importance, and persuades Vivian to use her influence with the young editor. Dean hotly resents her treatment of Price, and also being 'handed over' by Vivian to Electa Chalmers, who is visiting her. Electa tries vainly to warn Price, who is her cousin, against Vivian, although Vivian's ways perplex him. He has flatly refused to be bought off by Bleeker, and is troubled at the revelation of Tom Evans's plans, but his refusal to join the reform movement against Evans, a move of personal animosity, forces Everett to come to terms with Evans, who promises to bring Price round. He finds the young editor determined to carry on the fight and to run for alderman against Evans's nominee on the franchise question, and, determining to break him, Evans instructs Dean to sell out the 'News' stock to get rid of Price as its editor, while somehow Price should be prevented from securing nomination. Vivian overhears the plot, and appeals to Dean to cover Price's option by a loan from her, but he puts her off until the deal is over.

CHAPTER XV.—Continued.

'I will not laugh at you, Archie, and I am tired of scolding you. I have been fuming and fretting all day, and worrying until I am completely used up. You have given me the most miserable day of my life and I do not thank you for it. You put me off this morning with impertinent insinuations about my conduct towards Mr. Price, and talked about my compromising myself, and all that,—when you know perfectly well that I do not care for him more than I do for any other struggling young man that a person with money might be interested in and help, and,—'

'Now, for goodness' sake, Vivian, do not work yourself up into another crying spell,' cried Dean, with unusual brusqueness. 'You know well enough that I cannot stand it. I see through the game all the while, but it fetches me just the same.'

'You are hard and cruel, with all your fine talk, and fine theories and fine manners, Archie, hard and cruel. I turn to you for help in a bitter emergency and you put me off with an affectation, which may be amusing talk of an idle evening; but when real trials and troubles come to one, you are not much of a man, Archie Dean. You pretend to think that I was acting this morning, and should I cry now, you would affect to believe that it was just a woman's trick. Look at these tears on my face; I cannot manufacture these, can I? You do not care for them. It is only when I make a noise, like a child, that it concerns you; not when I suffer the wretchedness of real grief. I have been perfectly miserable all day, Archie Dean, the one friend I thought I had in the world, doesn't care that—' (snapping her little fingers with a gesture of despair).

'By George, I didn't bargain for this,' muttered Dean. 'Vivian, poor little Vivian, this is going to come harder on you than I ever dreamed possible.'

'Well, then, tell me about it. Can't you see that it is the suspense that is killing me?'

'Oh, hum, heigh-ho; well, you will have to be told by some one, sooner or later, and will probably hear it from half a dozen sources to-morrow morning, as I wish to goodness you might, rather than from me. The fact is, Vivian, that acting under most explicit directions from Uncle Parkerson, I have been obliged to sell the 'News' to the Carthage Electric for the reason that Mr. Price has broken his contract with us.'

'And when did you sell it?'

'The deal was not fully consummated until this afternoon.'

'And I was in time this morning?'

'Yes, if I had been willing to allow it. Even as it is, should you choose to tell Mr. Price about it, and should he ratify your tender, it would help him very much in the suit for damages he is sure to bring.'

Vivian Everett turned upon the lawyer with a light in her eyes and an expression on her face he had never seen before. There was something almost tigerish in it. Did he know this girl? Had he ever known her, he was asking himself.

'Oh, indeed,' she said. 'A nice, brave, honest piece of business this. Acting under most explicit instructions from your Uncle Parkerson, you have sold out your friend; that is about the way the matter stands, is it not, Archie Dean?'

'I have done nothing that any lawyer would not pronounce perfectly honest and honorable,' shuffled Archie, desperately endeavoring to defend a false position.

'And Mr. Price? What will he do? What will you say to him? I suppose you will say: "Acting under most explicit instructions from my uncle, I have sold you out, Mr. Price. You thought me your friend; I encouraged you to buy the 'News' when no one else would touch it, and to risk every dollar you had in the world in it, Mr. Price. As soon as you made the property valuable by your honesty, industry, and fearlessness, I acted under most explicit instructions from my uncle, and sold you out, Mr. Price. And there is not a lawyer or business man in the city of Carthage, who will not pronounce the transaction perfectly fair and honorable, Mr. Price."'

'You make me feel like a contemptible scoundrel, when I know I am nothing of the sort' pleaded Dean. 'It is useless to try to make you understand it. I never saw a woman yet, no matter how much she might think she knew about business, who wouldn't fly off at the handle, just like that.'

'That is so like you, Archie,' stormed Vivian. 'You have reached a point where you try to excuse any sort of selfishness and wickedness on the score of the manifold shortcomings of us women. I could see from your face that you had done something that you were at heart ashamed of, and when I asked you about it you made some fine remarks about a woman's intuitions. I reproach you for allowing yourself to play a part peculiarly mean and unworthy; and you defend yourself on the ground that I am a woman, and must be expected to misunderstand things and "fly off at the handle" I try to save a poor young man from being ruined by my own father; and you reply that I must consult my parents, before I am permitted to do, with my own money, what seems to me just and right, because, forsooth, I am a woman, a woman, a woman!'

'Your own father? Hum! So you know that?'

'Yes, Archie, I know that.'

'Well, Vivian, you have given me great relief. I have longed to tell you, explicitly, that you were running against your father's dearest business interests in this matter; that his whole fortune was at take in it; that the fine clothes you wear, the carriages you drive in, the house you live in, all, all were dependent upon the result of this franchise controversy. I could not do this without betraying your father's confidence. But, nevertheless, I am glad to be aware that you have learned, in some way, that it is Nathan Everett that to-day took possession of the 'News,' and that it is the hand of your own father that will shut its doors in the face of John Price, to-morrow morning.' Dean said this with an air of triumph, believing that the worldly considerations which had forced him to do what he had regarded as a disagreeable duty would be equally potent with this woman of his caste, whose ideals and training had been essentially the same as his own; but once more he failed to understand or appreciate the change which had been swiftly altering the warp and woof of her being.

'And do you think that I am proud of it? That I could find in my own selfish interests or welfare palliation for the wrong and outrage done in the name of insatiable greed?' cried the girl, with flashing eyes. 'I'd rather eat crusts and go in rags than wear fine gowns and live in luxury as the result of such iniquitous practices.'

'All that is highly melodramatic—but it isn't like you, Vivian,' said Dean, with an unpleasant laugh. 'Can't you see, my dear girl, what all this is coming to? If your friend, Mr. Price, should succeed in what he is trying to do, and prevent the company from securing the franchise, your father would be a bankrupt, your mother without a dollar, and all that would be left of the family fortune would be the money you yourself received from Mr. Plympton, which, I imagine, while a very fair sum for pin-money, and perhaps a large fortune to a girl in ordinary circumstances, would scarcely maintain the Everett establishment for a single year.'

'And do you think that should alter the case, make wrong into right and set to rest all scruple? Why should I use soft words about it, or call what is black and ugly, fair—oh, everything is more horrid, more desperately wicked than I believed possible. How is it all going to end?'

'Better than you imagine,' asserted Dean, with mollifying air. 'Of course Price must go under, poor fellow. We can't help that, though we will doubtless find some way to square things with him afterwards. It is a pity it has to be done, but there is no other way out of it. Your father was no end sorry. He made all sorts of offers, offers which would have made John Price a rich man, had he seen fit to accept them; we were ready to do anything to prevent the catastrophe; but the situation became so bad the blow had to be struck, and struck all the harder and more cruelly for the delay.'

'What shall I do, what shall I do?' mourned Vivian, quite unconsoled by anything Dean had been able to say.

'Do? Why, go home, like a good girl, and let things take their course. You can make your friends and your parents miserable by delivering bitter speeches at them, but you cannot mend things by that.'

The rush of the elevator was heard in the still hall without, and a step was sounding at the farther end of the corridor.

'That must be Price,' said Dean.

'Goodness, he must not find me here,' exclaimed the girl.

'Step into my private office, quick.'

Vivian vanished before the words were well out of his mouth, for, as the door of the private office closed upon her retreating figure, Price stepped quickly in from the hall.

(To be continued.)

THRILLING STORY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

There is no possibility of getting tired of the 'Witness' stories, for there is no sameness about them. The 'Man and the Dragon is a st'ory of business life in the city. 'Phyllis' is a story of South America; but the new serial, to start in a short time, is a thrilling outdoor tale of hunting and ranch life, with adventures enough to keep every boy, old ones as well as young ones, watching to see what will happen next, and the 'tenderfoot,' whose wooing is the theme of the story, is an ardent enough lover to stir the sympathies of all the girls and their mothers. Watch for further announcements.

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Lotto
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Ludo
Across Canada
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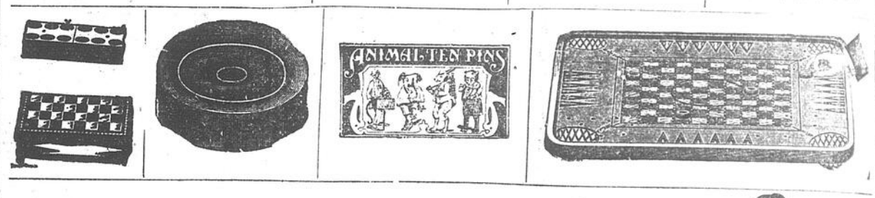

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New York, Dec. 21.—Banks gained from sub-treasury since Friday $761,000.

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MR. AYLESWORTH'S ADDRESS.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 23.—The Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, minister of justice of Canada, lectured before the Canadian Club last night on 'The Hague Tribunal and its Award on the Fisheries' Dispute.' Mr. Aylesworth paid a warm tribute to the Hon. J. W. Johnston, attorney-general of Nova Scotia, who, seventy years ago, strenuously upheld the rights of British fishermen to the exclusive use of territorial waters and bays on the coasts of British North America, and who objected to excepting the Bay of Fundy from this rule. The bay was, however, excepted in the interests of the Empire as a whole.

ICE BROKE; TWO DROWNED.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Dec. 23.—Alexander McRae and Vernon Coles, aged

NEW YORK EXCURSION.

The above excursion will from Montreal FRIDAY, D via G.T.R. and C.V.R. rou fare, $11.30. Tickets good SPECIAL TRAIN leaves 8.00 p.m. Due New York Through Sleeping Cars on special, also from Montreal, December 25 inclusive. Return limit For full information apply or C. V. agent.

respectively 20 and 16 drowned in the channel river yesterday. In two others they had started newly-formed ice, which beneath their weight, sank and McRae perished.

THE ADVENTURES OF PHYLLIS

By BESSIE MARCHANT

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SUMMARY OF THE PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Phyllis Talbot, thrown on her own resources, takes a situation as governess in the home, of Mr. Maurice in the hill country of Argentina. She gets to the wrong house, finds a very sick, delirious man, an Englishman, alone among Spaniards, and seeing that he is intended he shall die, drives on with him at the first opportunity. He proves to be Jack Lyster, whose sisters, Janet and Lillias, had considered him dead, until they find he is suspected of making off with a valuable mail. It is to their home that Phyllis brings her patient, and then goes on to her original destination. Here Torrance, a young postal official, who has been investigating Jack's disappearance, is the first to learn of his return, and goes at once to get a doctor. On his way back with the doctor he are joined by Mr. Ap. Morgan, Phyllis's brother-in-law, who has come to haunt her up. Meanwhile, Phyllis is quite settled in the Maurice home, and not going to San Martin on business for Mr. Maurice overhears a plot to do away with Jack. She hastens to the sick room to warn and stay with him, and during the night the old grandfather dies.

CHAPTER XXIX—Continued.

But this was what neither of them could answer, and again the time crept on with lagging feet. They could see nothing, nor could they hear anything, save Jack's deep breathing; he was now sleeping very quietly, and the clear ticking of the little American clock in the next room, which had struck once since Janet left the house, fell now struck again in a loud, aggressive fashion which somehow set all her nerves tingling.

'Phyllis, Phyllis, I cannot bear it any longer. I must go and see what has happened to Janet,' sobbed Lillias, whose self-control had entirely borken down.

'No, you must not,' replied Phyllis firmly. 'You must stay here and help me to take care of your brother. Janet is in no danger. No one would hurt her, because there would be no motive or reason in so brutal an act. But with Jack it is different. What he knows would probably ruin several men: it is to their advantage that he should never return to consciousness to convict them, so his danger is very great. It is quite possible that Janet is being kept from coming back to us in order that we may be lured out to see why she does not return.'

'Oh, it is dreadful, dreadful!' moaned Lillias.

'Yes, it is very dreadful, but we have just got to do the best we can, until someone comes to help us,' Phyllis said, speaking briskly, yet feeling all the time a dreadful sinking at her heart. Then from the faint, faraway distance a sound made itself heard; it was the noise of a galloping horse. 'Listen, listen!' she whispered eagerly. 'Lillias, do you hear? a horse is coming, and it is being ridden hard too!'

Lillias sprang up on the box beside Phyllis and pressed her face against the window bars. 'Yes, it is someone coming,' she said, and now there was a thrill of hope in her tone. If only it is Mr. Maurice, then our troubles will be almost over, I do believe.'

They listened almost with bated breath as the galloping horse came nearer and nearer. Then it stopped suddenly as if sharply reined up. There was a minute of silence, and then a voice called loudly:

'Is Miss Talbot here?'

'I... yes, she is here,' cried Lilias joyously. 'Phyllis, it is Mr. Maurice. You should know his voice anywhere, I am going to open the door!'

'Be careful, dear. Are you quite sure it is Mr. Maurice?' asked Phyllis, who had seen and heard too little of her employer as yet to be able to recognize his voice offhand.

But Lilias paid no heed, and groping for way to the door, flung it wide open. 'Oh, Mr. Maurice, we have been so frightened. Why did you not come before?' she panted.

'Because I did not know the need,' he answered, slipping from his horse, and walking towards them. 'But why are you all in the dark, and what is wrong?'

'Light the lamp, dear; it must be light now,' said Phyllis. And then when Lilias had got the lamp alight, Mr. Maurice came inside, and Phyllis saw that there were a couple of revolvers sticking in his belt. So he had plainly taken her advice and had come prepared for action.

She told him as briefly as possible of the talk she had overheard between the man at the post-office and Otto Moritz, which had resulted in his sending the message to him.

'Pedro had a spill coming home, or at least he was tipped out on the way, and the horses came home without him,' explained Mr. Maurice. 'Then I first had to find him and, as he was unconscious when picked up, we began started searching for you, but as we could not find you, and things began to look serious, we overhauled Pedro and found your message in his pocket.'

'I want to know why Janet has not come back,' interrupted Lilias. 'Phyllis, I am going to see where she is.'

Mr. Maurice went with Lilias to the outside bedroom, but to their surprise and consternation they found Janet lying on the floor just recovering from a swoon, while the old man and the dog were gone.

CHAPTER XXX.

THE DOCTOR ARRIVES.

'Janet, Janet, what is the matter? and where has granfer gone?' Lilias cried in keen anxiety as she bathed Janet's face in cold water.

'Granfer is dead, poor dear old man!' exclaimed Janet, a gush of tears coming to relieve her. 'He must have been dead for some time, for he was almost cold when I touched him. Did I faint, or what happened? I remember falling, but it seemed as if someone knocked me down, and I buzzed my head against the wall.'

Lilias looked at Mr. Maurice in distress. She believed that Janet was delirious, and so she felt most horribly scared; but some inkling of the truth was beginning to dawn on him, and he was putting the story he had just heard from Phyllis side by side with Janet's statement of someone having knocked her down, and immediately he guessed what had happened.

'You are sure that your grandfather was dead?' he asked in quick concern, for if that were assured then nothing would matter so much.

'Oh, yes, he was dead when I went. And I was so struck with the youthful look that was already beginning to steal over his dear old face. Come and look at him,' said Janet, rising from the seat by the door on which they had placed her, and turning back to the bed. 'Why—why he has gone?' she cried in bewilderment.

'It does not matter, we can recover the body,' Mr. Maurice said, putting his hand on her arm and speaking more confidently than he felt. 'Do you not see what has happened? That fellow Saito Moritz was hanging round the house for a chance to carry your brother off. He saw you enter here; saw, when you lighted your lamp, that someone was lying in bed here, and immediately jumped to the conclusion that it was Jack. He thrust you aside, knocking you down. The lamp went out, and he carried off your grandfather's dead body in mistake for your brother's living one.'

'Oh, how truly awful!' cried Lilias, covering her face with her hands to shut out the sight of the empty bed whereon the corpse of her grandfather should have been lying.

'It would have been much more awful if poor granfer had not been dead and beyond the reach of pain or discomfort,' Janet answered, with awe in her tone. 'God has been very good to us to-night, Lilias, and has made a way of escape for us. We could not have saved Jack if Phyllis had not come to warn us.'

'But what can we do about poor granfer?' cried Lilias, a little shocked at the callous way in which Janet seemed to view the carrying off of the dead, and not understanding how, in her sister's mind, the great deliverance had overshadowed every other sensation.

'We can do nothing until morning,' Mr. Maurice assured her, 'except to take care of Jack. Let us go back to the house again and relieve Miss Talbot; she will be wondering what has happened to us all.'

'It is strange that the dog has gone too,' murmured Lilias, as they went back into the house.

'The poor old creature would be sure to follow the body; we shall find them together in the morning,' Mr. Maurice said, and his words were proved to be correct, for when morning came the dog and the old man's body were found on the near bank of the river. But as the body was wet, it could only be supposed that the dog had, with great exertions, rescued it from the water and dragged it ashore.

Phyllis welcomed them with great thankfulness. She had been growing very anxious, supposing that all this time they had been searching for Janet.

As they had Mr. Maurice as a protection now, they lighted the lamps again, and, as the night was wearing, at his suggestion they made a fire and heated water in readiness for the doctor's coming. If all had gone well with Greg Torrance's journey, he ought soon to be back, as the road to Retaino, although rough, was not so bad as some of the other roads of the district.

The first kettle of water had only just begun to sing its warning of being nearly ready to boil, when sounds of approaching horses were heard, and Mr. Maurice went out to see if the arrivals were Greg and the doctor.

To his surprise there were three riders instead of two. The doctor he knew, but the third man was a stranger, and Greg introduced him briefly enough.

'This is Mr. Ap Morgan, Miss Talbot's brother-in-law. We found him wandering about Retaino, under the impression that it was next door to San Martin, which it is, only with a difference.'

'Ah, yes, just so, only as the difference is a matter of thirty miles more or less, it looks a very big difference indeed. Mr. Ap Morgan replied, with a shrug of his shoulders, for he was by no means fond of saddle exercise, and had had enough of it that night to last him for a very long time indeed.

(To be continued.)

IN THE CANADIAN WEST.

An entire change of scene will greet the readers of the new serial story that will start shortly in the 'Daily Witness'—a story written by Clive Phillipps-Wolley, F.R.G.S., an Englishman who, after various explorations in the Caucasus and adjoining districts, settled in British Columbia. The author knows his ground thoroughly, and has given us a tale brimful of life and interest. Young and old alike will want to read every chapter. Watch for further announcement.

"BED-TIME STORIES"

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

'What is going on to-day, Little Cat asked Little Dog. 'Every one seems to be happy and merry. I had chicken-bones for breakfast, with ever so much meat on them!'

'I had creamed fish,' said Little Cat; 'and it was real cream. Look! Little Girl tied a ribbon around my neck, and said I was a beauty. Am I, Little Dog?'

'Yes, for a cat!' said Little Dog. Am I?'

'Yes, for a dog!' said Little Cat.

'I have a new collar, you see,' said Little Dog. 'And your girl has on a new blue dress, and my boy a velvet jacket. And they are not going to say one cross word all day; I heard them tell their mother so.'

'I was in the nursery this morning,' said Little Cat. 'The children's stockings were full of toys and sugar-plums, and they kissed each other and said, "Merry"—something! What can it all mean?'

'Let us ask Great Old Dog!' said Little Dog. 'He knows almost everything, and he can surely tell us.'

Great Old Dog was asleep, but he woke up and heard their story patiently. 'It was "Merry Christmas!" that the children said,' he told them. 'This is Christmas Day!'

'What does it mean?' asked Little Cat.'

'I don't understand all about it,' said Great Old Dog; 'but it is the best day in the whole year, for everybody is happy and kind, and tries to do pleasant things for everybody else. I think some one was born who brought kindness into the world.'

'Well,' said Little Dog, 'if everybody is going to be good, we must be good, too. Little Cat, I will not growl at you once to-day, even if they put our dinner on the same plate!'

'Nor I at you,' said Little Cat, 'even if there is only one cushion by the fireside.'

'Nice Little Cat!' said Little Dog.

'Nice Little Dog!' said Little Cat.

Just then in came Little Girl in her blue dress and Little Boy in his velvet jacket. 'Merry Christmas!' they cried. 'Little Cat and Little Dog, and dear, good Great Old Dog!

'We wish you Merry Christmas, And a Happy New Year; A pocket full of money And a heart full of cheer.'

'Merry Christmas!' said Little Dog (but it sounded like 'Yap! yap!')

'Merry Christmas!' said Little Cat (but it sounded like 'Pur-r-r-r!')

'Merry Christmas!' said Great Old Dog, deep down in his great old throat (but it sounded like 'Wuff, Wuff! WUFF!')—L. E. R.

WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURE?

December 23.

Let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me.

I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil.—There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.

In Christ Jesus ye who sometime were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace.

It pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell: and having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself.—Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past: . . . that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.—If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

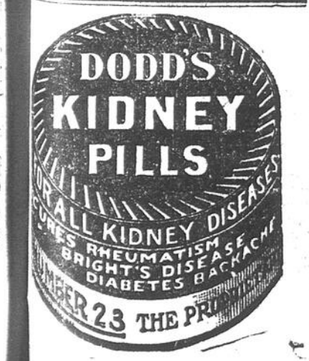
Trust ye in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Is. xxvii., 5. Jer. xxix., 11. Is. xlviii. 22. Eph. ii., 13, 14. Col. i., 19, 20. Rom. iii., 24-26. I. John i., 9. Is. xxvi., 4.

NOTES AND NOTICES.

Christmas Greetings.—Layton Bros., 550 St. Catherine St. W., extend heartiest greetings to the thousands of people who have purchased Pianos and Organs from their warerooms.

The Quebec, Montreal and Southern Ry. Co., Christmas and New Year's.—Return tickets at fare one-way plus 25 cts. will be sold between Montreal, St. Henri, Point St. Charles, and stations on the Shore Division of the Q. M. & S. Ry., Varennes to Fortierville, inclusive. Reduced fares will also be in effect between local stations. Tickets good going December 24, 25 and 26, and to return up to and including December 27th, 1910. for Christmas. For New Year's, good going December 31st, January 1st and 2nd, return limit up to and including January 3rd, 1911.



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French Strike Leader's Appeal is Rejected.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court yesterday rejected the appeal from the decision of the Rouen Assize Court condemning to death Secretary Durand, of the Coal Shifters' Union, for conspiracy to kill without extenuating circumstances.

During the strike of the coal shifters at Havre last September a foreman named Donge, who had returned to work, was killed. Seven dockers, including Durand, were indicted for the crime. It was proved that Durand, as secretary of the union, framed a motion, which was carried, to the effect that Donge and two others ought to be got rid of. Two nights later Donge was so badly beaten when returning from work that he died shortly afterward.

The Rouen jury found four of the seven men guilty. Durand was condemned to suffer the death penalty, one of the others was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude and two others received sentences of eight years each. There was a recommendation to mercy in the case of Durand.

ICE CREAM IMPROVES.

According to Report of Inland Revenue Inspector.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—An analysis of 125 samples of ice cream recently collected by the Inland Revenue Department shows that there has been a marked improvement in the quality in Canadian ice cream during the past two years. Of 125 samples selected in September, 88 were up to standard. Of 80 samples analyzed in August, 1908, only forty were up to standard.

OFFICERS GIVE BANQUET.

The officers of No. 4 Company, Canadian Engineers, Wednesday night, tendered a complimentary banquet to Captain Harrison, at the Hoffman Restaurant, and an enjoyable evening was spent by the members of the company, with a number of visiting officers. Lieut. Charles presided, and the toast of the guest of the evening was proposed by Major Howard, and briefly responded to by Captain Harrison. The chairman proposed 'Brother Officers,' which was responded to by Major Burns. Among those present were Major Howard and Major Burns, of the Corps of Guides; Lieut. Charles, R. McC. Lyle, quartermaster; Lieut. Carter, Capt. Barre, Lieut. Williams and Lieut. Thom.

CROWN GAVE ORDERS.

For Arrest in Farmers' Bank Case.

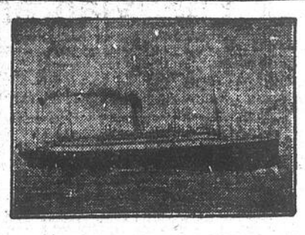
Toronto, Dec. 23.—G. T. Clarkson, curator of the Farmers' Bank, gave out the following statement this afternoon: 'In view of certain information which came to the knowledge of the curator, the same was, with the knowledge of members of the Canadian Bankers' Association, placed before the Crown, and the criminal proceedings were taken upon the initiative of the Crown, and not the Canadian Bankers' Association.'

CABINET AT CHRISTMAS.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. R. L. Borden will spend the Christmas holiday in Ottawa, but Mr. Borden will go to Halifax for the New Year. Several of the ministers will remain in the capital over the holiday, including the Hon. Mr. Fielding, who arrived last night.

BRISTOL'S COURTESY.

The Lord Mayor or Bristol, England, has sent to Mr. Guy Tombs, general traffic manager of the Canadian Northern Railway, and Mr. Arthur Hawkes two engraved silver cigar cases, in appreciation of the courtesies extended the delegates from the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the Canadian Northern, when they visited Montreal last summer.



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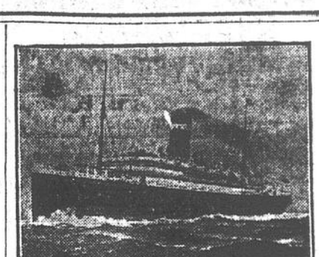

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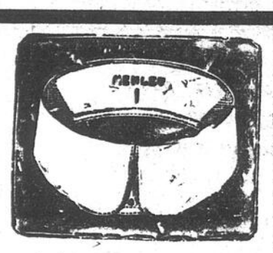

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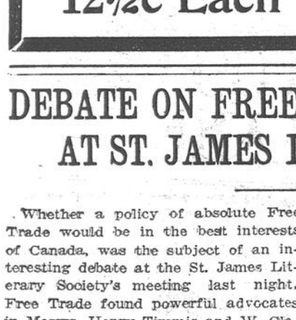
DEBATE ON FREE TRADE AT ST. JAMES LITERARY SOCIETY

Whether a policy of absolute Free Trade would be in the best interests of Canada, was the subject of an interesting debate at the St. James Literary Society's meeting last night. Free Trade found powerful advocates in Messrs. Henry Timmis and W. Clement Munn, while the opposite view was ably sustained by Messrs. John T. Farmer and Leslie L. Drake. Twenty minutes each was allowed to leader and opposer, and ten minutes each to seconds, while the leader had five minutes to reply.

As the question of Free Trade versus Protection is very much in the air just now, the time was opportune for such a discussion. The four gentlemen who took part in the discussion are all skilled debaters, and marshalled their arguments with much ability. The whole tone of the debate and the keen interest with which the audience followed it, showed that speakers and listeners alike were keen students of the subject, and that all were exceedingly anxious to hear everything that might be said on it.

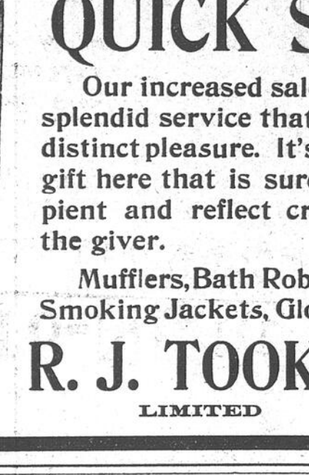
Mr. Henry Timmis in leading off for



MR. HENRY TIMMIS.

the affirmative, said he took the debate to refer to Canada only and not universally. The case for Free Trade, he said, was based on very broad grounds. Proceeding, Mr. Timmis held that the wealth of a country sprang from two things, its natural resources and its population. As far as resources went, nobody could deny the splendid position in which Canada stood, and though her population was not great in numbers, Canada could pride herself on the quality of her population. The people of Canada, he held, were of much better stamina than the people of the Southern States, and that made a great difference in estimating the positions of the two peoples. In all questions of trade, went on Mr. Timmis, the important question is the question of satisfying the consumer, and Canada had the ability to produce goods of excellent quality in large quantities. He then proceeded to examine the question of benefit derived from protection, and asked what classes in the community benefited by it.

About 66 2-3 percent of our population were situated outside of the cities, according to Mr. Timmis, and these were mostly employed in agricultural pursuits. These people were not benefited, but were, in fact, injured by protection. Then there was the population of the cities and towns. Some people who seemed to be infected with the malaria of protection maintained that the entire population of the cities and towns would be benefited by a tariff. These people held that the cities and towns required protection. In answer to that Mr. Timmis argued that a large proportion of the urban population was made up of people who were only engaged in distributing goods, and to whom protection would be of absolutely no benefit. Neither could protection be shown to benefit the professional classes, and as for the various trades—the bricklayer would have to lay his bricks in



MR. W. CLEMENT MUNN.

Canada whether there was a tariff or not. How, the speaker asked, are plumbers, electricians, roofers and many other trades benefited by a tariff? It does not affect them at all, he said. So, Mr. Timmis claimed that in addition to 66 2-3 percent of the entire population of Canada who are living outside the cities and towns and are not benefited by protection, there was an exceedingly large percentage of the people in the cities and towns who are not benefited in any way by protection, which leaves us with about five percent which may be benefited. And as for the manufacturers, Mr. Timmis made bold to say that a good many of them were not benefited but injured by protection. In fact, he said the evidence given by the manufacturers themselves from their own experience shows that Canadian industry has been injured by protection. If those manufacturers who admitted

MR. JOHN T. FARMER,
Who opened the argument in favor of Protection.

they were injured were eliminated, the five percent which might possibly benefit was still further shrunken by a great deal. In the earliest stages of human existence, continued the speaker, human beings gained a livelihood by means of the chase. To this was added in the course of time the products of the cultivation of the soil, while later on as civilization advanced the factor of exchange was added, and this, he held, was the most important factor of all. Canada's system of protection hampers trade, according to Mr. Timmis. There were many things, he held, which would pay better to import than to make at home, owing to the necessarily restricted production which was consequent on a comparatively small market. By the protective system the benefit of the largest market was lost. A market of seven millions, Mr. Timmis regarded as a very small one, indeed, while a larger outside market was becoming more and more necessary for the products of the West. The Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern Railways were opening vast new grain growing territories, which made it increasingly necessary for Canada to increase her market abroad. Mr. Timmis then presented another view of the situation. The restriction on imports, he said, were a restriction on the cargoes the vessels coming to Canada could get on the western side of their voyage, and freight charges were raised. Further, he held that trade is only an exchange of commodities. Money, he said, was of no value; it was only a token of value. People did not want it for its own sake; they wanted not money, but what money would buy.

Some people seemed to think that because the imports of a country were greater than the exports, the country was not prosperous, but Mr. Timmis did not agree with that view. He need only give one instance, the best of all, to show the fallacy of that view. Let them look at Great Britain, which imported more than she exported, yet what was her position in the world's commerce? Was not a very large quantity of the commerce of the world carried in British bottoms? When he recently took a trip from New York to Bermuda, he travelled in a British ship, and when he returned from Bermuda to New York he again travelled in a British ship. Those British boats were full of American goods and American passengers, and when these passengers asked why it was that they were being carried in a British boat, an old seaman told them the reason. 'Don't you see,' the German said, 'that we are cutting the ground from under our feet by shutting out the markets of the world; we are making the cost of building boats much greater than it is in England, where the materials can come in absolutely free.'

Mr. Farmer, for the negative, was the next speaker. He agreed with the leader of the affirmative that the discussion referred to free trade, or free imports, as far as they affected Canada only. In a country like Canada, Mr. Farmer said, there must be necessarily a number of divergent interests, and what they were after was to find out what would be in the best interests of the majority. He asked his hearers to put aside personal feelings and prejudices and to look on the matter from the broad standpoint of the whole country.

Canada had two great sources of wealth, natural resources and labor. As far as natural products went, he held, we should take them as we find them, and nothing we can do in the way of legislation can effect them. Then there was labor, which represented such a considerable part of the cost of the finished product in any manufacturing business. Very little labor was required in agriculture. The amount of labor put into the production of a single bushel of wheat, said Mr. Timmis, was not very considerable, but put that bushel of wheat into the average Canadian, and he can turn out much more work than was required to produce the bushel of wheat. The capacity to labor, according to Mr. Timmis, was the heritage of every individual in the community—in fact the only heritage of a good many. Labor was a source of wealth which was capable of expansion through emigration, and also by improving the standard of work, and he held that the restriction of imports was the most practical way to develop that great source of wealth—labor. The stores and shops in towns and cities, referred to by the leader of the affirmative, were, in Mr. Farmer's opinion, not really sources of wealth; on the contrary, he regarded them as merely expense. Theoretical economists were almost invariably free traders, and the restriction of imports by tariffs he held to be a device to correct the waste occasioned by individual proclivities. Much of the incoming immigrant population had no taste or adaptability for agricultural pursuits. These people had inborn and inbred capacity for other forms of labor, and he maintained they should be provided with opportunities for development according to their tastes. The world's great nations were those which had a diversity of occupations. Complicated factors made artificial stimulus necessary for infant industries. It was objected that tariffs were a charge on the community, but he pointed out that the government should be provided with money, and if this money was not raised by a tariff it must be raised in some other way. Mr. Farmer held that if you hand over a certain sum of money annually to the Government, that money was not lost to the country. The opposition to a tariff he characterized as simply a proof of the innate selfishness of the individual. Even though a man could purchase an article cheaper outside his own country, the bulk of the money went out of the country, and the country suffered accordingly. Finally Mr. Farmer held that unless Canadian industries were protected, their development would take many years.

Mr. W. Clement Munn, for the affirmative, held that it was not gold a country required, and gave Spain as an example of the result of the policy of keeping gold in a country. Spain, he said, made stringent laws against the export of gold, and the result was that prices went up so high that everybody came to Spain to sell goods. It was foolish, he contended, to say gold was the principal thing required. It was not gold, but the satisfaction of their desires a people wanted. Wealth, Mr. Munn said, consisted of things which had been removed to add to their value. For instance, coal was not worth half as much at the mouth of the pit as it was worth when taken to where it could be used. The negative upholders had stated that the question of labor loomed largest in manufacture, but Mr. Munn held that the raw material was the most valuable part of the manufactured article. Again, if a district had advantage for a certain industry, it could produce more and better goods of that particular kind than a district which had not these advantages. As for example, France was better suited for the production of wine than Canada, but Canada was better situated for the production of wheat than France. He believed it would be better for each country to produce what it was best suited for and to exchange their products. The negative side had said that theoretical economists were all free traders, but Mr. Munn thought if a thing was true in theory it was bound to hold in practice. All imports, according to Mr. Munn, must be paid for in exports. He declared himself to be an advocate of 'the square deal,' and concluded by defining protection as a system under which one section of the community is made pay to help another section.

Mr. Leslie L. Drake, for the negative, claimed that if the Canadian market was thrown open to the United States, Canadian industries would suffer. Canadian manufacturers had invested five hundred million dollars in good faith, and should be protected. Caada, with its seven millions, he held, could not compete with the States with their ninety millions. He strongly objected to American manufacturers being put in a position to dump their surplus products in the Canadian market, as they would, in his opinion, be able to do under a system of free trade. The Canadian retailer would be at the mercy of American sellers of catalogue goods. Mr. Drake did not think the country was justified in putting its industries in jeopardy in this way. It did not fill him with pride to see Canadian nickle going out of this country in the raw state to be manufactured in New York. Of course, Mr. Drake added, with a touch of irony, a good deal of our nickel will come back to us when the Quebec bridge is being built, but it is not the Canadian but the Pittsburg worker will reap the benefit.

On a vote being taken on the merits of the debate amongst the members of the society, eight voted for the affirmative and five for the negative. A general discussion then took place in which most of those present joined, after which a vote, open to visitors as well as members, was taken on the merits of the question. This resulted in a victory for protection by one vote, fifteen voting in favor of a tariff against fourteen who voted for free trade.

Mr. S. M. Bayliss presided.

ZIONIST CONVENTION

Eleventh Annual Session of Societies Opens in Toronto

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The most important convention of Hebrews in Canada for the year opened this afternoon in the University Street Synagogue, with delegates present from all parts of Canada. It is the annual gathering of the Canadian Federation of Zionists, and the meetings will probably continue all week. Among other questions to be considered is maintenance of liberties of Jews throughout the world. Among delegates already present are the Rev. Dr. Kahanowitz, of Montreal; the Rev. M. De Sola, chief orthodox rabbi of Canada; the Rev. Hirsch Cohen, Rabbi Gerdon, and other prominent lay delegates. Debates will be in Yiddish and English. Altogether the gathering is considered a very influential one, and much interest is being taken by Jew and Gentile in its deliberations.

The City Council of Toronto, recognizing the importance and representative character of the assembly, are tendering the delegates to the Zionist convention a civic reception, the Mayor and aldermen all participating; and they have voted a sum of money to be expended in extending the hospitality of the city to the visiting representatives of the Jewish communities of Canada. Mr. Clarence I de Sola, the president of the Federation, will occupy the chair during the convention, and the work of the various committees is being directed by some of our best known Hebrew citizens.

DELEGATES FROM THE WEST.

Among the vice-presidents are: Mr. J. S. Leo, Mr. H. Bernstein and Mr. M. Markus, of this city; Mr. A. Cash, of Toronto; Mr. Joseph Abramson, of Kingston, and Mr. I. D. Holofcener, of Ottawa. Mr. L. Singer, of Toronto, is chairman of the convention arrangements; Mr. Leon Goldman is chairman of the Bureau Committee, while the Resolutions Committee is in the hands of Rabbi Nathan Gordon, Rabbi Meldola de Sola, Rabbi H. Abramowitz, Rabbi Hirsch Cohen, Mr. David Levy and Mr. S. Kronick. Miss Mary Landsberg is chairman of the Ladies' Reception Committee; Mr. A. Harris, of the National Fund Committee; Mr. S. Haskell and Mr. J. Fineberg, of the Audit Committee; Mr. M. Genman, of the Publicity Committee; Mr. B. Stone, Committee on Nominations; Mr. A. Cash and Mr. J. S. Leo, on Credentials; Mr. L. Gurofsky is in charge of the press.

Among the delegates will be large contingents from Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and other cities in the North-West and from Yarmouth, Sydney, St. John and other Maritime towns. The large delegation from Montreal is going by special train, and Ottawa, as well as Toronto itself, will be represented by a full complement of delegates.

The proceedings of the convention will be of an exceptionally interesting nature this year, as it is understood that there will be arrangements made of the very highest importance in connection with big schemes of Jewish colonization work in Palestine, by which homes will be provided for many thousand Jewish settlers.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Held for the Rev. Alex. McCormack at Cobourg.

Cobourg, Ont., Dec. 23.—A memorial service was held in the Congregational Church here, for the Rev. Alexander McCormack, a former beloved pastor of the church, who ministered to the congregation here for some years with much success. Mr. McCormack's death occurred from pneumonia. He was seventy-three years of age. A widow, one son (a minister at Lima, New York), and two daughters survive.

THE PROTESTANT HOSPITAL.

The Protestant Hospital for the Insane, medical superintendent's report for the fortnight, ending Dec. 20, 1910, shows: Admissions, 12; re-admissions, 1; discharged cured, 1; deaths, 6. The visiting governors for next week are:—Messrs. S. A. Finley, H. H. Lyman, Henry Munderloh and J. J. M. Pangman.

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Workmen and Companies to be Represented on Commission.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The text of the Government measures formulated for the purpose of preventing general strikes, with particular reference to the employees of public service corporations, was made public last night. The measures constitute a comprehensive plan for ending the strike evil on the railroads and in other public services by means of an organized conciliation commission, composed of representatives of the men and the companies. This commission will meet at regular intervals, and, when conciliation fails, compulsory arbitration is provided for, the principle being introduced that where the arbitral sentence imposes an additional charge, the corporation can indicate the method whereby the railroad or other service can secure compensation, either by raising the rates or by other means.

The report accompanying the measures is a remarkable document. It quotes the declaration of the rights of a man to prove that public services have been instituted for the public good, not for the benefit of those to whom they have been confided, from which it deduces the conclusion embodied in the bills, that the interruption of public service is a crime. At the same time, it admits that public service employees, like other workers, have a right to amelioration of their situation in conciliation, and arbitration is promised to give them a weapon 'as powerful as the strike.'

TO BANISH VIOLENCE.

The companies must concede, the report declares, 'because it is now conceded as a principle of jurisprudence that the State, in conceding public service monopolies, does not waive its right to interfere and compel the concessionaires to grant amelioration in the interests of public good and the preservation of public order.'

The report reviews arbitration experiments abroad, and especially commending those carried on in America and Australia. It emphasizes the general evil of strikes, which it likens to the war of barbarism. It points out that the moral tendencies of the world are against violence, as manifested by the widespread growth of the movement for the peaceful settlement of international disputes, and it argues that the twentieth century marks the dawn of arbitration as the solution of both international and social war.

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NATIONALISTS RETIRED

Straight Party Contest in St. Johns is Likely Now,

St. Johns, Que., Dec 23.—Yesterday was nomination day for the coming by-election in St. Johns county, and when the hour for the closing of the lists came, but two candidates, Mr. Marcellin Robert, Liberal, and Mr. Henri Hebert, Oppositionist, had formally taken the field. A third candidate, Mr. L. Trudeau, a Liberal, failed to materialize at the last moment, and later in the afternoon at a mass meeting, held in the Market Hall, he declared he would support the government nominee.

At the meeting Sir Lomer Gouin, with the Hon. Messrs. Devlin, Caron and many members of the legislative assembly, made addresses. The Oppositionists were also on hand in the person of Mr. Jean Prevost, M.P.P., Mr. J. C. Marchand, M.P.P., and Mr. Giard, M.P.P. It was, however, noticed that none of the Nationalist guard was in evidence, and it is understood that, in the interests of the Opposition, the contest in favor of Mr. Hebert will be on strictly Conservative grounds. The various questions discussed by the speakers of the day centred about the policy of the present government in regard to education and finance. In the latter connection, the charge was made and oft-repeated by succeeding speakers that the government was wilfully falsifying the public accounts in order to conceal the fact of a heavy debt contracted in connection with the building the technical schools at Montreal and Quebec, as well as the schools for higher commercial studies.

XMAS FOR 75

St. Andrew's Society Hold Christmas Distribution.

The St. Andrew's Society, Aqueduct street, held its 75th annual Christmas distribution to the poor yesterday afternoon, when seventy-five families received the materials for an appetizing Christmas dinner. The baskets were made up of a turkey, plum pudding, roast beef, chicken, apples, oranges, bread, oatmeal, sugar, tea and coffee. The persons assisted appeared to be of a highly deserving class. Winter necessaries were not forgotten, and there were warm winter garments, socks, boots, etc., for those in need.

The children's Christmas tree will be held at the Home this day week, at 8 p.m., when the festal season will be marked by a Punch and Judy show and in addition to reasonable presents for the children, there will be complete outfits of clothing and other useful gifts.

The society states that a number of men and women are applying to the officers for work, and requests that any one who can offer regular work or odd jobs of any kind will telephone to the superintendent.

Following is the society's charitable committee:—T. de G. Stewart, chairman; J. McD. Hains, Wm. Drysdale, P. W. McLayan, C. E. Archibald.

USED RAZOR; TEN YEARS.

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—Peyer Vickory, a Hungarian, who slashed his wife's throat and face with a razor about a month ago, was sentenced yesterday by Magistrate Jelfs to ten years in Kingston penitentiary. Vickory, after wounding his wife, ran amok with the razor, but was felled with a shovel in the hands of a city laborer.

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