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SLEET OR RAIN

CHRISTMAS TRADE BREAKS RECORDS

...perity of Montreal Reflected in the Selection of Expensive Gifts.

...Y OF MONEY TO SPEND.

...epers Estimate Increase at ...om Ten to a Hundred Percent.

...istmas trade of Montreal is ...id of all previous years. All ...re already broken in all ...of business, and still the cash ... Just how large the increase ...st season is, it is difficult to ...r, but the estimates that were ...a 'Witness' reporter this morn... some of city merchants indi... that it would be from ten to ...ndred percent in excess of last ...mas.

...ess is brisk—in fact, it could ...e better. Everybody seems to ...s of money and to be per...willing to part with it for good ...as presents. That word 'good' ...orrect one to use this year. ...aper gifts are not good sellers ...ason: nearly every merchant ...od the unprecedented demand ... better class of articles. In ...some stores the highest priced ...were the first to be sold.

...J. Tooke said this morning ...though last year was a record... with R. J. Tooke, Limited, ...would be even larger. It had ... remarkably good year and ...mas trade.

...xpress companies say they are ...ahead of last year's business. ..., they have been so busy that ...last three days they have been ...to strike a balance in the of...

...railways, with their steamship ...re enjoying a banner Christ...rade. All their ships have been ...ed on their holiday voyage. ...he railway traffic from the city ...ario and the North-west has ...past record broken. 'And just ...what it will be when the rush ...rstmas and New Year's be...added a clerk.

...W. H. Goodwin, managing direc... Goodwin's, Limited, was check...over his reports of yesterday's busi... when the reporter called. Do ...know they were just 107 percent ...xcess of the corresponding day ...season? Every day there is a big ...rease in their trade. Mr. Goodwin ...the people seemed to have plenty ...money, and were spending it on the ...e articles, rather than on Christ...s lines.

Cleveland Morgan, of the Col... House, said it was the best year ...firm had ever experienced. The ...ast days of last season were broken ...in December. He thought it ...uld be at least 30 percent above any ...r year, in spite of the bad wea...r,' he added, 'you would be ...rprised to know what a difference in ...e is made by bright, clear wea...r.'

...R. P. Gough, of Sellers, Gough ...rs, said they would be at least 15 ...ent ahead of last Christmas' re...rd.

...In the piano business, Mr. A. P. Wil... was confident the business was at ...st 25 percent in excess of the 1910 ...rk. Nearly everything he had in ...ock was sold in the holiday rush.

...His majesty, the turkey, is in great ...mand just now. The big packing ...ouses report an unprecedented de...mand for good birds. A good many ...employers are supplying their em...ployees with turkeys for Christmas. ...The trade will be over ten percent ...above last December's.

...The florists are overwhelmed with ...orders for Monday. They report the ...biggest business yet' in both plants ...and cut flowers.

...So everybody is contented; the mer...chant has lots of trade, the purchaser ...plenty of cash, so Christmas, 1911, will ...go on the records of Montreal as the ...biggest holiday up-to-date.

RAILWAY STATIONS SCENE OF BUSTLE.

Christmas time at the railway sta...tions is usually a busy season, and ...this year it is by no means an ex...ception to the rule. In fact, at the ...three railway stations in the city—...the Windsor street C. P. R., the ...Place Viger C. P. R., and the Bona...venture G. T. R.—report a record sea...son for the carrying of parcels and ...passenger traffic. During the last few ...days the stations have been a con...stant hustle and bustle in every de...partment, and the porters have been ...almost unable to deal with the in...coming and outgoing traffic. Extra ...hands have been requisitioned to tem...porarily relieve the pressure, as is usu...ally the case at this time of the year, ...and if the rush were to continue it ...would doubtless necessitate the en...gagement of an extra permanent staff. ...Just now so many people are going ...home for the festive season that the ...ticket officials probably wish the sea...son at an end, but not so the head ...of the railways, as it is well known ...that a great harvest is always reaped ...at this season of the year. It only ...comes once a year, consequently it ...is a case of making hay while the ...sun shines. It is impossible to state ...the number of parcels dealt with, but ...all that can be said is that the rail...ways are doing their best to meet the ...difficulty of delivery which they have ...always to contend with at Christmas ...time, and the rush for the trains ...every time one leaves the station is ...evidence of the traffic that is being ...done, while on the other hand the in...coming cars deposit loads of passeng...ers coming home to Montreal from ...both east and west.

...The railway companies state that ...never before have they carried so ...many passengers travelling east to ...meet the steamers going home to the ...old country, where they will spend ...the happy Yuletide with the old folks ...and around the old-time fireside.

COURT HOUSE HOLIDAYS.

It has been the custom in past ...years for the officials of the Court ...House to have a few days' holiday dur...ing the Christmas season, half of the ...staff taking their holidays between ...Christmas and New Year's Day, and ...the other half between New Year's Day ...and Epiphany. The sheriff stated this ...morning that the holidays would oc...cur after New Year's. There are few ...applications in the Court House that ...Christmas is approaching. Little is being done. Few cases are being heard in the Superior Court, although it is stated that the Practice Court will sit until the eve of Christmas, and will resume again shortly afterwards.

The elevators are running in a lethargic sort of manner, and there seems little disposition to work. Now and again someone will greet another with 'A Merry Christmas,' the reason for which is dubious.

EMPLOYMENT STILL GOOD.

With the near approach of Christmas matters are quiet about the Labor Temple, although the various officials report the demand for men is still good in the majority of trades. The stonemasons fwill stop work for the Christmas holidays to-morrow evening at 4.30, and resume work again on Tuesday morning. In an interview this morning one of their prominent officials stated that all the stonemasons are businly employed and that the demand for them is good. Work is also good among the members of the International Order of Machinists. Although there are a few idle not many changes are taking place, the men in employment holding well on to their jobs and not changing about must. The Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, which meets on Monday night, will have no meting on Christmas or New Year's night.

HOSPITALS KEEP THE FESTIVAL.

The poor inmates of the Montreal hospitals will have their hearts gladdened during the Christmas season by the customary Christmas fare, and various other little attentions, which they will receive. At the Notre Dame Hospital the Sisters have decorated the wards very beautifully with evergreens and the usual Christmas decorations. The Sisters will give a special dinner to the patients at noon on the 28th of December. At the Royal Victoria Hospital two Christmas trees will be laden with presents, one in each of the children's ward. The nurses, assisted by the doctors and students, have decorated the various wards. At the Montreal General Christmas trees will be provided for the children, and the decorations which it is customary to hang each year, will be placed to-day. At the Western Hospital the choir of Trinity Church will sing carols on Christmas Day, for the patients. In all of the city hospitals the usual Christmas fare will be provided for the patients. Practically all the poor patients of the various hospitals will receive a Christmas present.

HUNDREDS OF DINNERS' MISSIONS.

The Old Brewery Mission staff began dispensing Christmas cheer to-day, when three hundred free dinners, each sufficient for four persons, were given out to the women among whom the mission workers carry on ministrations of love and practical service during the year. Three hundred more dinners will be passed out to-morrow, also to poor families.

On Monday the poor men will have their annual feast at this institution. Six hundred are being provided for. Dining will commence at 1 o'clock, and continue until all have had a sufficiency—which will probably be about six o'clock. To meet this demand the management have provided seventy turkeys besides other meat; ten bags of potatoes, besides turnips and other vegetables; 300 loaves of bread, quantities of butter, plum pudding, fruit, and coffee without stout. This is the day of all days in the year for the 'down-and-outs' of the city.

FIREMEN ON DUTY ALL THE TIME.

'Are you going to have any special celebration to mark the Christmas season,' Chief Tremblay was asked by a 'Witness' representative this morning, and he replied, 'No, we are on duty all the time, and we cannot indulge freely in these celebrations like ordinary folk, because property has to be watched all th time.' The firemen will have no special method of observing the holiday season, other than that which is customary in every home.

GIFTS FOR SICK CHILDREN.

The Children's Memorial Hospital will share Christmas joys with the Junior Endeavor Society of Sherbrooke Street Methodist Church, for the reason that the latter society has donated a Christmas tree, laden with toys, to the Children's Hospital. The members of the society, under the leadership of Miss Bridgman, held an entertainment in the lecture hall of the church on Wednesday evening, when Santa Claus made the members happy with bags of candy and an eloquent address on his travels and work. After the programme and the presentation of a book by the juniors to their leader, and the distribution of the sweetmeats, it was found that a large stock of books and toys remained with which to re-dress the tree for the inmates of the hospital. It would be hard to tell whether the donors or the recipients are the happier over the affair.

GOT SEVEN DOLLARS BY CHRISTMAS FRAUD.

James Martin appeared before Magistrate McMahon this morning on the charge of pertaining money under false pretences. The prisoner pleaded guilty to the charge, and his trial will be heard to-morrow.

Constables Muliens and Gorham caught Martin in the act of going from house to house representing himself as one of the scavengers of the town of Westmount, and asking Christmas donations. In the short time Martin was collecting he received seven dollars.

SPENDING HIS CHRISTMAS IN JAIL.

'He can spend his Christmas in jail,' were the words of Judge Leet in condemning Michelet Bieuceleiro to four days imprisonment for stealing a bag of potatoes from a C. P. R. freight car. Bieuceleiro, who is a Pole, stated that he found the bag lying open, and half empty in a freight car, and so he took. Judge Leet, in sentencing the accused said, he would have to learn better than this in this country.

JAIL FOR WIFE-BEATER.

Four months hard labor was the sentence J. Bte. Guenette, 1498 Cadieux street, received this morning in the Recorder's Court, for assaulting his wife.

A TERRIBLE DEATH.

Young Ontario Ladies Caught by Train on Bridge Jump to Ground.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 22.—A shocking accident occurred at Cainsville, three miles from Brantford, last night, when Miss Josie Gibson, 19 years old, was killed, after she had jumped from the G.T.R. overhead bridge to the Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Railway tracks, twenty-five feet below, because of an approaching train on the bridge. Her companion, Miss Lena Irving, also jumped and sustained a broken hip, nose and jaw and internal injuries, which are though, to be fatal. In company with a number of other young ladies, all boarders at the Brantford Y.W.C.A., they were on their way to an entertainment at the Cainsville Baptist Mission.

In order to take a short cut, they proposed to walk on the railway tracks to the church. When they were on the bridge they heard the approaching Buffalo and Goderich passenger train. The other girls ran quickly to the end of the bridge and jumped to the ground. Miss Gibson and Miss Irving, however, were caught midway. Both wemen were found unconscious, Miss Gibson having concussion of the brain, her head having struck a stone. She died in a few hours. She was the daughter of Principal Gibson, of the Waterford Public School. Miss Irving's home is in Forestville. The party consisted of seven young ladies and the Rev. J. H. Emerson.

CLERGY AND COURTS.

Question of Prosecution of Raises Discussion in Priests Ireland.

Dublin, Dec. 22. — The 'Express' prints what purports to be the English text of the recent Papal decree concerning prosecutions of the clergy. It says whenever private individuals, whether laymen or clergymen, summon ecclesiastics in civil, or criminal cases without ecclesiastical permission, they will incur ex-communication at the hands of the Pope.

London, Dec. 22.—The Dublin 'Express,' which is violently anti-Catholic, found a glorious mare's nest in the Papal decree. Catholic authorities in London are much amused at this. They point out that the document on which the decree is based is centuries old, indeed almost as old as the Church itself. It was one of the points of controversy between Henry III. and Archbishop a Becket and the present decree is merely an interpretation of obscure parts of the original document for the purpose of preventing vexatious litigation or scandal by the summoning of ecclesiastics, as even cardinals have been summoned in Italy before lay tribunals.

It is monstrously untrue, say these Catholic authorities, as some of those hostile to the Church have contended, that the Church seek to make Catholics immune from prosecution in lay courts, but it is surely within the rights of the Church to discourage litigation by Catholics against the clergy. It very rarely happens that permission to bring such suits is refused where friendly intervention has failed, but the enforcement of the decree has frequently averted litigation between laymen and clerics.

WAITER HAD COCAINE.

Fined $200 and Got Three Months As Well.

Nicolas Peter, 15 St. Charles Borromee street, a Greek waiter, was sentenced in the Recorder's Court this morning to three months, a fine of $200 or three additional months, for having cocaine in his possession. Constables Marsolais and Forget arrested Peter at 11.15 last night, on St. Lawrence-Main street. About a year ago he was arrested for the same offence. Ernest Gariepy, 102 St. Laurent street, pleaded not guilty to a charge of being drunk and having cocaine in his possession, and was remanded till Friday for trial.

GIFT TO McGILL UNIVERSITY.

The extraordinary result of the efforts of public spirited citizens, in placing McGill's finances on a satisfactory footing is re-echoed from Omaha, Neb., the headquarters of the Union Pacific Railway. The executives of that company through the Passenger Traffic Manager, Mr. Gerrit Fort (well known in Canada), have presented to McGill a working model of the electrically operated automatic block signals in use in the Union Southern Pacific lines from Omaha to the Pacific Coast for the safeguarding of trains the installation cost of which amounted to more than 8 1-2 millions of dollars. This model is a valuable addition to McGill's practical appliances; it is operated and lighted by electricity, and (on the principle that all the world likes to see the wheels go around) the base instead of being enclosed in steel, has plate glass sides to show the mechanism, which is illuminated with incandescent lights for public inspection. It was one of the features that secured a gold medal for the Union Pacific exhibit at the recent Toronto Exhibition. Canadians will be interested to learn that the vice-president and general manager at Omaha, Mr. W. B. Scott, is a native of Hamilton, and that the Canadian Passenger Agent at Toronto, Mr. Geo. W. Vaux, is a native of Montreal, and that both have had many years experience in Canadian Railways, which will be an incentive to students enrolled in McGill's Department of Railways.

FAMOUS SURGEON DEAD.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Professor Odilon Marc Lannelongue, the celebrated surgeon, died at midnight. He was born on ec. 4, 1840, at Castera-Verduzan, in the Department of the Gers.

Prof. Lannelongue devoted himself principally to surgery, and acquired great fame as a practical and theoretiel surgeon, and some of his books on surgery are accepted as standard works. He was a member of the Academy of Sciences and also of the Academy of Medicine. He was a senator from the Department of the Gers, and was a commander of the Legion of Honor.

OPIUM CONFERENCE ADJOURNS

The Hague, Dec. 22.—The International Opium Conference at which twelve nations are represented, and which has been sitting since Dec. 1 has adjourned till Jan. 8.

EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO.

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—An earthquake of moderate intensity occurred here at 6.15 to-day. The shock lasted about one minute. No loss of life or damage to property is reported.

ENGAGEMENTS REPORTED.

Several Small Skirmishes Between the Turks and Italians.

Rome, Dec. 22.—Negotiations between the Powers with a view to inducing Italy and Turkey to conclude peace, are now progressing so rapidly that the hope is entertained that hostilities will cease in a relatively short time.

The pressure, especially from Germany, at Constantinople, has been so strong that the Porte consented to conclude peace on the conditions that the sovereignty of the Sultan over Tripoli was maintained and that Italy pay Turkey an amount corresponding to the portion of the Ottoman public debt that concerns Tripoli and the value of the buildings and other properties owned by the Turkish Government in Tripoli and Cyrenaeca.

Italy absolutely refused the first condition, which she considers incompatible with the official proclamation of the annexation of Tripoli.

The efforts of the Powers are now being directed to convincing Constantinople that it is useless to continue the war, which would mean that Turkey would also lose the indemnity, which Italy is still ready to pay.

Tripoli, Dec. 22.—Three battalions of Italian troops that left Ainzara for the interior on Tuesday were attacked by Arab horsemen, and six Italians were killed, while 78 were wounded.

The losses of the Arabs are not reported. The Arabs were at first dispersed by the Italians, but attacked again when the Italians were returning to Ainzara. The fighting is described as having been severe.

ARABS ASSEMBLED.

London, Dec. 22.—A belated despatch reports a fight at Derna, on Dec. 16, in which the casualties were small.

No movement is reported from other occupied points. It is said that 15,000 Arabs and Turks have assembled within four or five miles of the Italian trenches at Tobruck.

According to despatches to a news agency, six Italian warships have appeared off Durazzo, on the Albanian coast, and the inhabitants are preparing for fight.

The Porte, in consideration for the cession of the Sollum district of Barca, the eastern division of Tripoli, to Egypt, stipulated that Great Britain use her influence to preserve peace in the Balkans, prevent Italian naval action in Turkish waters and maintain a benevolent neutrality on the Egyptian frontier. Sollum has been occupied by Egypt, and it is announced will be held pending the conclusion of the Turko-Italian war.

THE BALKAN TROUBLE.

London, Dec. 22.—A despatch from Saloniki, European Turkey, to a London news agency, describes a condition of anarchy throughout Macedonia. Murder, pillage and brigandage are rife. Travel in the country districts is safe only for large armed parties. Twenty-seven assassinations have occurred within the past month within a two hours' journey of Saloniki, all the victims being Greeks.

The Christians, finding it impossible to obtain redress, are organizing bands with the object of killing the Turks.

OUTRAGES REGRETTED.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 22.—In the National Assembly yesterday an interpellation was submitted regarding the anti-Christian outrages in Macedonia. Premier Guechoff announced that a number of arrests have been made in connection with the Istib massacre, and that the persons charged with the crime will be court-martialled. The outrage referred to by the Premier occurred on Dec. 4, when a bomb was thrown in a mosque, twelve persons being killed and twenty injured.

BRITISH VESSEL SEIZED.

Alexandria, Egypt, Dec. 22.—The Italian cruiser 'Puglia,' to-day seized the British steamer 'Menzaleh,' of the Khedivial Mail Steamship and Dock Graving Company, with $1g0,000 in gold coin on board destined for the payment of the Turkish troops at the port of Hodeida, in the Turkish province of Yemen on the Red Sea.

The 'Menzaleh' left Suex on Monday from Aden, and was to call at Port Sudan, Suakim and Hodeida. She is a vessel of 1,080 tons.

A flotilla of Italian cruisers is keeping a sharp lookout for vessels touching at Turkish ports on the Arabian coast of the Red Sea.

WOULD STOP FAVOR TO CANADA

Paper Maker Urges Congress to Revive Root Reciprocity Amendment.

Washington, Dec. 21.—John T. Wheelright, of Boston, interviewed Representative Underwood and other Congressional leaders with a view to reviving the Root amendment to the Canadian Reciprocity Bill prohibiting the free entry of wood pulp and print paper from Canada unless that country reciprocates in this regard.

Mr. Wheelright is a paper manufacturer, and holds that he is compelled to buy raw material in a protected market and sell in a free market. He told Congressmen to-day that the failure of the Root amendment to be adopted was due to the fact that it was regarded as inimical to the whole Canadian reciprocity programme, but, inasmuch as Canadian reciprocity itself has failed, Congress should now adopt it for the protection of the American paper industry. Should the Root amendment be adopted now he believes it would relieve the embarrassment of the Administration with regard to the demand of other nations having favored nation treaties with the United States, which are now demanding free entry for their pulp and paper.

STABLE ON FIRE.

A somewhat serious fire took place yesterday afternoon, at half-past three, at 23 Napoleon street, in a stable belonging to Messrs. Cohen & Bercovitch. The fire started in a loft, in which there was some loose hay, and the fire burned through the boarding into a foot thick of sawdust which laid between the upper and lower linings of the floor. This gave the firemen some difficulty to subdue. A cow and a horse were brought out of the burning building by the firemen.

HORSE CAUSED HAVOC.

A Runaway Knocked Down Four Women and Scattered Crowd of Shoppers.

A horse belonging to C. Lariviere, groecr, 810 Charlevoix Street, Point St. Charles, took fright yesterday afternoon ,about four o'clock, and bolted at the corner of Craig and St. James Streets. The owner of the cutter and a friend, who was driving with him, were thrown out when the runners of the sleigh were caught in the rails of the street car tracks. The frightened animal then dashed along the sidewalk, and the cutter smashed the window of the Enterprise Sign Company, 451 St. James Street., without the horse coming to a stop. The policeman at the crossing of Inspector and St. James Streets tried to stop the frightened animal, but it swerved past him and turned up Inspector, and proceeded along St. Antoine Street, and across Little St. Antoine into St. James again, turning east down St John Street, turning west on Notre Dame Street, the horse dragging the cutter, raced along, and at the crossing of McGill and Notre Dame Streets a policeman in an endeavor to stop it, directed it onto the sidewalk. At this time, the sidewalks were covered with busy shoppers, and there was a great scrambling for places of safety, when the horse was seen coming along. Four women who were just coming out of the New York Silk Waist Company's place on Notre Dame Street, were knocked down, as they stepped onto the sidewalk, and a little further on at 295 Notre Dame Street the cutter swung and smashed the window of Mr. Frank Power. This overturned the cutter, and consequently the load on the horse became too great, and was captured as the entrance of Roy Lane, in front of the Grand Union Hotel The women injured in front of the door of the New Shirt Waist Company, were Ann and Sarah Podoskin, 166 West Notre Dame St., and Mrs. Courval and her daughter, of 266 Canning Street. None of them were seriously enough hurt to be taken to an hospital, although their clothing was torn, and they were badly shaken up.

TOOK TO THE BOATS.

British Vessel Burned and Many of the Crew Still Missing.

Gibraltar, Dec. 22.— Fifteen of the crew of the London tank steamer 'Chesapeake,' which was burned in mid-ocean on Dec. 10 on her voyage from New York to Tangier, were landed here to-day from the German steamer 'Adam Sturm. The second officer of the 'Chesapeake' and thirty-two Chinese seamen are still missing. According to the reports of the rescued men, the 'Chesapeake' caught fire on Dec. 6. The crew were forced to abandon her, and took to the boats, two of which were picked up by the 'Adam Sturm.' Two other boats containing the remainder of the crew have not since been heard of.

ROBBED THE DEAD.

Parisian Theives Break Into Tomb of an Actress and Steal Jewels.

Paris, Dec. 22.— An extraordinary sensation was caused in Paris today by the announcement that the tomb of the celebrated Parisian actress, Madame Lucie Lantelme, in the cemetery of Pere Lachais, was broken into last night and valuable jewels were taken from her body and carried off. The jewels included a pearl necklace which alone was valud at $80,000. One of the robbers was apparently wounded while forcing the metal casket in which the beautiful actress's remains are laid, for a trail of blood was left in the vicinity of the tomb and along the pathways leading to the gates of the cemetery.

Madame Lucie Lantelme, who was the daughter of a simple Parisian janitor, achieved great success as a comedienne after her adoption of a stage career. She became known as the most beautiful woman in Paris. She was married to Alfred Charles Edwards, the first proprietor and editor of the 'Matin,' a millionaire. While she was yachting with him on the Rhine near the Dutch frontier on July 24 this year, she fell overboard and was drowned.

NOT MAINTAINED.

Sir Charles Tupper's Condition Less Satisfactory.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 22.—Sir Charles Tupper's improvement is not being maintained.

THE NEW COMMISSION TO MEET.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The newly appointed commission which is to go through the departments, will meet for the first time next week, when Messrs. Morine, Lake and Ducharme will be heard in Ottawa. One of the important things to be done is the selection of counsel and the disposition of the commissioners is to get the best man possible for the work. It is probable that a start will be made with the Department of Public Works, but no date for the first hearing has been fixed.

MR. LAVERGNE OPERATED ON.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—Mr. Armand Lavergne, the well-known Nationalist politician, was stricken with appendicitis las tnight and had to be operated on at two o'clock this morning. Mr. Lavergne had been under the doctor's care for a few days past, and his condition became so aggravated that he was removed from his home to the Hotel Dieu Hospital during the night. The operation was very successful, and he is doing well now under the circumstances.

TEXAS TRAIN WRECK.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 22.—Thirty to forty persons were hurt, some fatally, to-day, in a head-on collision on the Texas and Pacific Railway at Kildare, south of here, between two passenger trains.

PERSIA YIELDS TO RUSSIA AND MR. SHUSTER MUST GO.

British Foreign Office Officially Notified That Russian Demands Will be Granted and Trouble Thus Averted.

SITUATION RAPIDLY BECOMING SERIOUS, AND WAS AGGRAVATED BY YESTERDAY'S CONFLICT—NEWS OF SETTLEMENT WELCOMED BY EURO PEAN POWERS.

Teheran, Dec. 22.—The Persian Cabinet has given to the Russian minister, S. Poklevski-Koziell, verbal assurances of its intention to comply with the demands of the Russian ultimatum.

PERSIA YIELDS.

London, Dec. 22.—The Persian legation here announced at noon to-day that Persia had granted the Russian demands.

THE FOREIGN OFFICE ADVISED.

London, Dec. 22 (Later).—The British Foreign Office, shortly after noon, received official confirmation from the British minister at Teheran that Persia had yielded before the Russian threats, and had granted all the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum of Nov. 29. These included the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, who has been acting as treasurer-general of Persia since June last.

PEACE AT TEHERAN.

Teheran, Dec. 22.—Early this morning official notices were posted on the walls of the city in prominent places ordering the people to abstain from political meetings of any kind without having previously obtained police sanction. It is said that this order was issued by command of the cabinet, as the question of the Russian ultimatum was being discussed and was likely to be settled amicably.

MORE TROUBLE FEARED.

London, Dec. 22.— It is felt here that the fighting in Persia yesterday will throw the fat into the fire and prevent a settlement of the dispute with Russia. The despatches from Persia contain only the most meagre details of yesterday's affair. The correspondent of the 'Times' at Teheran locates the row at Tabriz and describes it as serious. The Russians who were in the fighting were outside less those who have long been stationed at Tabriz and not the troops who were sent to enforce the Russian ultimatum. These latter have apparently not yet left Kazvin. The Persian constitutionals have always been sore at the occupation of Tabriz by the Russians, and seem to be trying to oust them.

A despatch from Teheran states that the Russians have seized the telegraph line at Mehrand and Khoi, in the province of Azerbaijan, in the Russian sphere of influence, and Castara, in trans-Caucasia on the Caspian Sea.

BASIS OF SETTLEMENT.

London, Dec. 22.—Details have not yet reached the British Government, but it is believed in official circles that Russia's demand that the appointment of foreign advisers to the Persian Government should hereafter be subject to Russian and British approval, has been found, with some slight modifications, agreeable to both parties.

RUSSIA AND PEACE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—It is inferred here that the action of the Persian Parliament in referring the last Russian ultimatum to a committee of five members with plenary power assures a peaceful settlement of the trouble between that country and Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—A despatch received here from Julfa, 210 miles from Teheran, reports that a body of Persians attacked a Russian detachment and an all-day fight ensued. Artillery was employed. The date of the fight and the place where it took place are not given. Neither does the despatch state which side was victorious.

The telegraph line to Persia is not working now.

BRITAIN REPORTED TO FAVOR LIMITED MONARCHY IN CHINA

Fear That Formation of New Republic Would Have Bad Effect on Political Situation in Present State of Indian Empire.

REPRESENTATIVE OF YUAN SHIH KAI HAS NOT YET GIVEN UP HOPES THAT CHINESE PREMIER MAY BE WON TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT.

Pekin, Dec. 22.—Telegrams received by the Chinese imperial authorities state that the revolutionaries at Shanghai insist on the establishment of a republic, and that these are the only terms on which peace can be concluded.

In the course of an interview yesterday, Premier Yuan Shih Kai again declared that he would never agree to a republic.

MISSIONARIES ASSISTED.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church has received a letter from the Rev. Walter W. Williams at Kutien, near Foo Chow, China, explaining why some of the missionaries did not follow the suggestion of United States consuls to seek protection at the seaports. Dr. Williams encloses a letter from the Sia Huei (reform society), of Kutien, setting forth briefly in characteristic Chinese style the measures the Chinese themselves had taken to protect missionaries. The letter says:

'We have just heard that the honorable church missionaries, on account of the uprising of the New Association (the revolution) with their just issue, have been called by your honorable consul to the capital to be protected in peace. This is a good plan, arising from a good purpose.

'However, the people of Kutien have become very much enlightened and their customs changed. The people and the Church are all at peace. Your honorable church has opened schools, hospitals, orphanages, and similar good things. Not one of these but is gratifying to the hearts of the people. Although the people of Kutien are a simple folk, still they have seen and appreciated these things. If you (missionaries) should suddenly go from Kutien, we greatly fear that the people would be alarmed, and think matters worse than they are. If you stay, this will not be the case.'

YUAN'S OFFER.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—Tang Shao Yi has received a telegram from Premier Yuan Shih Kai instructing him to reopen the conference and present a counter proposition to the revolutionary delegates, providing for a limited monarchy. There is reason to believe that a considerable number of influential revolutionaries are willing to consider seriously such a proposal and are urging the radical element to modify their demands for an absolute republic.

Pekin, Dec. 22.—Premier Yuan Shih Kai yesterday gave his answer to those who are aiming to transform China into a republic. In an official statement, he declared, without qualification, that he refused to accept a republic.

A new situation has arisen. Great Britain, which has been supporting the Premier's monarchical programme for several weeks, is now strengthened by Japan and is endeavoring to obtain the support of the United States and other countries. Great Britain believes that the separation of the dependencies, Manchuria, Mongolia and Thibet, and the serious disintegration of China proper would result from the establishment of a republic, whereas the republicans have already obtained in a material way everything they desired. Only the name of the monarchy is left.

FEAR TROUBLE IN INDIA.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—The revolutionary leaders here positively assert that if Yuan Shih Kai persists in his refusal to accept a republic, the powers giving him their support would be regarded as the enemies of China, and the lives of all foreigners in China would be jeopardized.

It is generally believed among the revolutionists that Great Britain is supporting the monarchy solely because of the dangerous example which would be set for India should China become a republic.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the reform leader, is due to arrive here in a few days, and it is believed that he will assume the leadership of the south. Large reinforcements of well armed men and well trained troops are arriving from Canton.

STILL HOPES FOR REPUBLIC.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—Tang Shao Yi, who is representing Premier Yuan Shih Kai and the Imperial Government at the peace conference between the Imperial and revolutionary delegates now being held here, authorizes the press to say that he still hopes that Premier Yuan Shih Kai will agree with his views and accept the republic as the only means of securing peace.

Tang Shao Yi said that Premier Yuan Shih Kai up to six o'clock this evening had not communicated with him his decision to repudiate the suggestion of a republic. Tang Shao Yi does not believe that Yuan Shih Kai will decide against the suggested republic after he has thoroughly digested Tang Shao Yi's report giving his positive views of the situation.

FINED FOR FIRING GUN.

Orphire Auge, 52 Manufacturers street, the young man who fired a revolver on St. James street last night, was fined $10 or one month, in the Recorder's Court this morning. Another case which came up in the same connection was that of Jos. Auge, 1086 St. James street, who was fined $15 or one month for interfering with police duty. Wm. Brimmer, 1004 St. James street, who was around when the shot was fired, was fined $5 or fifteen days, on a charge of loitering drunk.

OPPIUM FIEND SENTENCED.

Charles Anderson, the colored man who pleaded guilty two days ago to having opium in his possession, was tried this morning in the Recorder's Court, on a charge of begging. The evidence of the constables showed that Anderson had been seen beggiing and it was further alleged that he was in the habit of visiting hotels, where he endeavored to get men to take opium, and when they were under the influence of the drug robbed them. He was sentenced to three months' hard labor for having opium, and for begging the same punishment was meted out.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT MAY VISIT ST. AGATHE DES MONTS.

Bob Sleighing and Other Winter Sports Expected to Receive Stimulus From Participation of Royal Party.

There is a strong possibility that Ste. Agathe des Monts, will be honored some time this winter with the presence of Royalty as there is a rumor afloat to the effect that Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess will pay a visit. There is a movement on foot to make this popular summer resort, also a great winter resort, and build up a reputation similar to that enjoyed by St. Moritz and Davos in Switzerland, which have in the last ten years become celebrated for their winter sport. Already a magnificent run similar to the Cresta run in Switzerland has been established at Ste. Agathe, and it is hoped that in the near future, sufficient skill may be acquired by those who patronize the slide to enter a team for the Alpine Derby, which is the classic event of the sporting season in the Swiss Alps.

Ste. Agathe has all the necessary qualifications to make it a great winter resort, and the fact that many of the wealthy summer residents of the town are preparing their houses for this winter season, looks significant of unusual activity at this Laurentian resort.

MILLIONAIRE'S SON ARRESTED

Charged With Obtaining of Money From Bank by False Pretences.

TROUBLE OVER IDENTITY.

In spite of a telegram from Winnipeg, stating that Mr. Lauzon's two sons are both there, the police claim to have good authority for believing that they have under arrest J. J. Lauzon, son of a millionnaire cattle dealer, who is also a member of the Manitoba Legislature.

Lauzon appeared before Judge Leet in the Arraignment Court Wednesday afternoon, charged with obtaining $1,600 from the Dominion Bank, in the city, under false pretences. He pleaded guilty, and was remanded for enquete until the 29th.

The strange feature of the case was that twenty car-loads of cattle for which the supposed Lauzon represented himself as agent acting for his father, were actually in the city, his father being one of the millionnaire cattle dealers of the West. With this knowledge, and on these representations, he went to the bank and presented a supposed buyer, on which transaction he received first $210.50, and then $1,350 on a second visit. The bank knew his father's standing, and had verified the fact that the shipment were in existence, and so they advanced the money for certain expenses.

Mr. Maurice Alexander, of Messrs. Davidson and Wainwright, who represents the Bank, states that the young man was identified by his uncle, a well-known Montrealer, and that his firm have several telegrams from his father admitting his identity.

ALSO ASK INCREASE.

Scavengers Say They Are Worth More Than $1.75 a Day.

The city scavengers and street cleaners of the city are asking for an increase to $2.25 a day. They say that they are only receiving $1.75 to $2 a day, and that their wages are far higher in other cities. In Toronto, they say, this class of labor is paid $2.50 a day, and is employed the year round. In Detroit and Boston city laborers, scavengers and street cleaners enjoy an eight hour day, and they receive much higher pay than in Montreal. A representative of the organization of scavengers waited on Controller Ainey to-day to discuss the matter.

Controller Wanklyn said that no funds were available, and that it was a wrong principle for the city to increase wages much beyond the rates paid by private enterprises.

McGILL NEWS

CONSERVATORIUM CLOSES ON SATURDAY.

The McGill Conservatorium of Music will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan. 2, 1912, owing to the Christmas holidays.

MR. SAUL BRANT'S CHRISTMAS.

Mr. Saul Brant, of the Conservatorium of Music, left last night for New York, where he will spend the Christmas vacation.

MR. NICHOLSON IN TORONTO.

Mr. J. A. Nicholson, registrar of McGill University, left Wednesday for Toronto, where he will attend the meeting of the members of the Universities and High Schools of Ontario.

HOCKEY CLUB HAD FIRST PRACTICE.

Yesterday the McGill Hockey Club had their first ice practice on the rink of the campus. The ice was in good condition, and some clever play was shown by the players, among whom were observed Vallance, Mann, Rankin, Hughes, DeMuth, Darling, Murray, Wilson, Davidson, Fletcher, Thompson, Reilly, Sargent, Forman, Williamson, Kendall, McGill, Wall, Gordon, Fraser and McCall.

A second practice was held this afternoon, at three o'clock, and when the sixteen players are selected to go to Boston for the matches with the Boston A. A. team, it is believed that notwithstanding the adverse weather conditions, McGill will be able to show a good line and defence.

The selected players will leave Montreal on Dec. 27.

Going Abroad

To those contemplating a foreign trip we suggest the use of our Travellers' Cheques and Letters of Credit.

This system enables you to obtain money when required, and also provides a means of identification in case of need.

The charges are moderate.

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OBJECT TO ARREST.

Men Sentenced for Using Cocaine Appeal in Practice Court.

Eleven men who were sentenced to jail for two months and fined $100 for using cocaine, by Mr. Recorder Dupuis on November 29, presented an application before Mr. Justice Charbonneau in the Practice Court yesterday for a writ of habeas corpus to give them their liberty, on the ground that the warrant of commitment was illegal because they were arrested at night in the cellar of 82 Amherst street, the constables having no search warrant.

The arrest, they claim, was unjustified, and the Recorder had no jurisdiction according to Art. 727 of the Criminal Code, and that he should have signed the warrant, which they claim, he did not.

The names of the applicants are Donat Langlois, Armand Emard, Albert Pelletier, Eugene Duolos, Walter Larocque, Alexandre Constantineau, Antonio Labelle, Ernestor Romeo, Albert Francourt, Joseph Lecuyer and Joseph Ouellette. The King is named as defendant, and the City of Montreal as mise-en-cause.

FILLING CHURCH VACANCY

Nominations Made for St. James the Apostle.

Considerable misapprehension has been caused by a report that has been given currency, about the deliberations of the vestry meeting of the Church of St. James the Apostle, which took place Wednesday in the vestry room of the church. The meeting was conducted strictly according to the canonical law governing meetings which are called for the purpose of selecting a clergyman for the church. The procedure followed, on such occasions, is, for the members of the vestry to select and submit to the Lord Bishop of the diocese, not less than two names of gentlemen who represent their desires in this respect, and then the Bishop returns the names of two of the candidates submitted to the vestry, and they make the final choice.

However, it was proposed that an adjournment of the meeting take place for three weeks, in order that more names might be submitted to the meeting. This motion was lost by a vote of 91 to 28.

Mr. James Mattinson, people's warden, stated yesterday to a Witness' representative that absolutely no discussion whatever took place with regard to the respective merits of the nominees, as this would have been strictly against the canon of the Church, and would have rendered the meeting void. A motion was proposed, and passed, that the stipend of the rector should be not less than three thousand dollars per annum, and the use of the rectory.

After this the various candidates were nominated, according to the church law, without any reference to the qualities or fitness of the nominees for the position. A committee consisting of the following gentlemen was then appointed, and will convey these names to the Bishop: O. R. Rowley, rector's warden; Jas. Mattinson, people's warden; Dr. L. H. Davidson, Edgar Judge, D. B. Macpherson, G. J. Crowdy, Lieut.-Col. F. W. Hibbard, ex-Ald. G. W. Sadler, Geo. Creak, G. H. Harrower, E. J. Coyle, Geo. Hadrill, J. W. Pyke and H. J. Fiske.

These gentlemen will take the names of the various nominees before His Lordship the Bishop, who will make his selection, and the two names will be taken back to the adjourned vestry meeting, which will meet on Thursday, Jan. 28. After the selection has been finally made by them it will be ratified by His Lordship the Bishop. As far as the names of the nominees are concerned, all is absolute conjecture as they are not supposed to be known outside the vestry. 'As regards the statement that the Bishop will make a selection of his own,' said Mr. Mattinson, 'such a course is not possible according to the church law, and any one who knows His Lordship knows that he observes the strictest adhesion to the prescribed regulations in dealing with a matter of this nature.'

In an unofficial way it was learned among the people belonging to the congregation of St. James the Apostle that it is likely that the following names would be submitted to the Lord Bishop: The Rev. A. P. Shatford, curate of St. James Church, the Rev. G. O. T. Bruce, assistant curate of the church, the Rev. J. M. Almond, rector of Trinity Church, and the Rev. Dr. Dumoulin, son of the late Bishop Dumoulin, who is now Dean of the Diocese of Cleveland, in the United States. There is a strong opinion among the members of the church that the Rev. Mr. Shatford will be called upon to assume the rectorship of the church.

FAMOUS TAPESTRIES AT MURRAY-KAY, LTD.

How would this suit you for Christmas? Two pairs of curtains and one lambriquan—valued at $35,000. It's a pretty big price, to be sure, but, then, there is nothing similar to them anywhere else. They are the original tapestries executed by the great Le Brun, and carried to England by French refugees at the time of the French Revolution. Murray-Kay, Limited, 4 Beaver Hall Square, have the rare tapestries. The reporter, who called to see the display yesterday, was shown a room 16 x 18, in which over $10,000 of electric fittings were displayed, ranging in price from a few cents each to one at $2,000. The display is the best in Canada, and is an exact reproduction of one of the largest New York period studios. Every descriptive of French and English fabrics for interior decorative purposes were in evidence, notable among them being the rich tapestries of Aubesson and Le Brun. Everything harmonized perfectly for Murray-Kay, Limited, which controls the production of one of the greatest English firms, has designers to harmonize all colors without monotony.

G. T. P'S. NEW DIRECTOR.

Mr. W. M. Macpherson, a Quebec Banker, Replaces Mr. Hugh A. Allan.

At a meeting of the directors of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, held to-day, Mr. Wm. M. Macpherson, of Quebec, president of the Molsons Bank, and prominent in financial circles, was elected a director in place of Mr. Hugh A. Allan, retired from the board on account of taking up his residence abroad. Mr. Macpherson is also the Quebec representative of the White Star-Dominion line, one of the important steamship connections of the Grand Trunk.

PROSECUTOR FINED.

Side Lights on Recent McNamara Case.

Indianapolis, Dec. 21.—A plea that he had been under an intense nervous strain because he had been 'shadowed by thugs and hired men' in the employ of the National Erectors' Association and labor unions during the dynamiting investigation, did not avail County Prosecutor Frank P. Baker when he appeared in the Criminal Court to-day to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt. Judge Markey fined him $50.

Baker interrupted a murder trial late yesterday when he forced Robert J. Foster, a detective for the Erectors' Association, into court, and asked Judge Markey to protect him against interference by Foster. The court said to-day that the prosecutor's action was irregular and unnecessary, but added that he would instruct the grand jury to inquire into the identity of persons that had been annoying the prosecutor.

To indicate the mental stress under which he labored, Baker told the court that a member of the presiding grand jury had become insane through consideration of the alleged dynamiting plot, and had imagined he was John McNamara on trial for his life. The man was not dismissed, the prosecutor said, because it was feared the public might misconstrue the action, so great was the interest in the investigation.

That he knew Detective Foster had been armed with a magazine pistol was the excuse offered by Baker for his attempt to search Foster in court after the judge had ordered him out of the room. No gun was found in Foster's possession by policemen who went through his pockets.

KIDNAPPED BOY.

Startling Story of Young Lad Held Captive by Religious Sect.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—How George Lindsay, 12 years old, and sole heir to the millions of the late W. H. Lindsay, of Philadelphia, had been removed from the temple of a 'Sun worshippers' cult, and placed under the charge of the juvenile court, at the request of relatives, was revealed here to-day.

Charles R. Lindsay, uncle of the boy, is responsible for the action. After a nation-wide search for the boy the uncle found him in the 'Temple' here. Detectives in the employ of Lindsay who attempted to take the boy away were attacked by worshippers, it is said. The boy's mother, who placed him in the 'Temple' is said to be known among the cult as 'Vahdah.'

One of the charges made by the boy's uncle is that the lad was kept on a diet of grapes and beer. The Gerry Society and other juvenile organizations aided in the search. He is said to have been in the 'Temple' about six months.

The boy is now at his mother's home here. She has been ordered not to return him to the 'Temple.' Judge Pinckney will hear the case on Jan. 4.

ACCUSED OF FRAUD.

Brothers Charged With Defrauding Creditors.

Edmond M. and Otto Schlesinger, who lately were trading as Schlesinger Bros., silk waist manufacturers, appeared in the Enquete Court this morning charged with attempting to defraud their creditors. The two brothers, who had assigned a few days ago with liabilities of $68,000, were charged by Max Knopf, one of their creditors, with defrauding to the extent of at least $7,000. Both men, when arraigned before Judge Leet on Dec. 14th, pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Leon Garneau, who appeared for the complainant, occupied most of the time in a cross-examination of Mr. Percy Hanna.

Custom House records of goods imported by the Schlesinger Bros. from the United States were also read in court.

The case was adjourned until the 26th. Both brothers were released on bail, Otto Schlesinger on $7,000, furnished by Mr. de Sola, and Edmund M., who was confined in jail until to-day, on personal bond of $1,000 and $1,000 in cash.

WANT BIG OFFER FOR HOUSE.

Sherbrooke Street Property Expected to Fetch $60,000.

For the stone-fronted residence adjoining the Royal Guardian's building on the north side of Sherbrooke St., an offer of $57,500 was made yesterday afternoon at a sale in the auction rooms of Mr. Walter Kearns, University Street. The property was bid in at that figure, but it is very probable that in a day or two, it will be sold at an advance upon the price offered. It is owned by Mr. E. Shapiro, and has a frontage on Sherbrooke Street of 61 feet, and a depth of 131 feet, an area of about 8,000 square feet. On the site is a six story structure with a number of apartments.

NOTED AVIATOR ARRIVES.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Count Wolynski, a wealthy Russian, residing in Paris, and noted in the aviation world, arrived in Ottawa to-day on a pleasure tour, and will probably remain in the Canadian capital for the greater part of the winter—or rather make his Canadian headquarters here. The Count is reputed to be the wealthiest land owner in Volna, Russia, though he does not reside in that country. He says he is here for instruction in skiing and skating, and will visit other Canadian cities.

EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—Before James Chilman and Joseph Acheson, the men who were committed yesterday on a charge of stealing $8,575 from the Canadian Express Company, are placed in trial, the police, it is understood, will make a third arrest. They refuse to give any hint as to who the man will be, but are satisfied the next move will do much to clear up the case.

FINANCE

STEEL CO. OUTPUT IS 30,000 TONS A MONTH & GROWING

Mr. J. H. Plummer is in the city to-day conferring with several of the directors on matters of special interest to the Dominion Steel Corporation.

In chatting with 'Witness' this morning Mr. Plummer said that as yet there was no change in market conditions for steel products, but that he hoped the revival of orders in the United States at present would accelerate the return to normal conditions there, and raise prices to a level which would protect the Canadian Steel industry from the American surplus.

'The Canadian demand,' he remarked, 'is about double the full output of Canadian plants, and it is growing rapidly. We, of course, increase our capacity as expeditiously as possible, and prepare in every way for increasing business at the Sydney plant, which is coming.'

'We are now,' concluded Mr. Plummer, 'on what the men call a 30,000 ton clip—which means 30,000 tons per month output—and we hope that we will have no occasion in the future to operate at less.'

New York, Dec. 21.— There has been no falling off in volume of incoming steel business. The Steel Corporation continues to receive business at the rate of more than 50,000 tons a day, which means a steady increase in unfilled tonnage. By the middle of February it is expected that the corporation will have on its books close to 5,000,000 tons. Prices for steel are being well maintained at the advanced level.

LOTS GOING ON IN STOCKS NOW ---BIG BANQUET

Several bright features marked the progress of the stock market this morning. A rise of five points in Bank of Commerce stock and a gain of fifteen points in that of Eastern Townships Bank showed how favorably the merger is regarded.

Steel Corporation was distinctly stronger, being as high as 58¼ ex. dividend, while there was great activity in Toronto Railway at prices ranging between 136½ to 138.

The members of the stock Exchange propose to celebrate Christmas in the hall to-morrof at noon in a jubilant and fitting way, with banquet, speech and song. No doubt the assembly will be treated with some very clever corrsecations of wit, as well as verbal and vocal talent. It certainly will be a cheery affair, if the state of mind is accurately reflected in the presnt buoyancy of the market.

New York, Dec. 21.—Wall Street.—Noon.—Drastic liquidation in the Gould stocks resulted in declines of 2 to 5 points in those leaders with the exception of the Wabashes. The break in these securities, which touched the lowest prices of several years, was the important movement in the stock market during the morning. The general market showed a considerable degree of underlying strength. After some early weakness prices recovered, and the break in the Gould group failed to depress the list elsewhere.

The violent break in the Gould stocks held the general market in check for a time, but there was no evidence of weakness in the leaders, and when Lehigh Valley started up strongly again, the remainder of the list followed.

STOCKS THIS P.M.

There was continued activity in Eastern Townships Bank and Bank of Commerce stock, the former rising higher to 212 1-8, and the latter selling around 218. Toronto Rails and C. P. R. Rights were fairly active.

The New York market closed quite strong, with C. P. R. at 240 3-8, Soo 135 1-4, Union 174 7-8, and Steel 68 3-4.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILWAY.

Lehigh Valley November gross increase, $48,970; net decrease, $47,816. Five months gross increase, $1,033,529; net increase, $7,273.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOARD.

Steel Com.—25 at 58.
Richelieu—100 at 123.
Detroit—25 at 71.
Toronto Ry.—50 at 137 5-8, 50 at 137 1-2, 50 at 137 1-2, 25 at 137 5-8.
Eastern Townships Bank—17 at 210 1-2, 10 at 212 1-2, 90 at 212 1-2, 7 at 212, 45 at 212, 10 at 212, 8 at 212, 8 at 212.
Winnipeg—3000 at 105.
Iron—1000 at 94.
Iron Pfd.—10 at 10 1-2.
New Star—23 at 122 1-2.
Can. Pac. Rights—5 at 8, 75 at 8, 25 at 8, 103 at 8, 10 at 8.
D. Canners Pfd.—25 at 105.
Coal—4500 at 98.
Can. Com.—4000 at 6.
D. Canners—5 at 64 1-2, 10 at 64.
Commerce—40 at 218 1-2, 25 at 218 1-8, 10 at 218 1-4.
Merchants—70 at 200.
Steel Com, xd.—25 at 57 3-4, 25 at 57 3-4, 168 at 57 3-4.
Power—25 at 191 1-4, 25 at 191.
Quebec—25 at 59.
Dom. Park—50 at 107 3-4.
Toronto Ry.—25 at 134 1-2, 125 at 134 1-2.
Eastern Townships Bank—2 at 212.
Coal Bonds—50 at 98.
Crown Reserve—75 at 280, 25 at 280.
Tooke—50 at 40.
Laurentide—5 at 150.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Messrs. J. S. Bache and Company, Bell Telephone Building, Montreal, report the following Chicago prices to-day as follows:—

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	98¾	97⅞	98¼	98½
July	94¼	94¼	93⅝	93
Corn—				
May	65⅛	65⅛	64¼	64⅜b
July	65⅛	65⅛	64¼	64⅞
Oats—				
May	46¾	48⅜	47¾	47¾b
July	43¼	43¼	44⅜	44⅜b
Pork—				
Jan.				1157
May	1612	1612	1600	1602
Lard—				
Jan.	917	920	917	917b
May	942	...	...	942
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	832	835	830	830b
May	862	865	860	860b

BALTIMORE & OHIO.

Baltimore and Ohio November gross increase, $113,229; net increase, $403,-994. Five months gross decrease, $420,420; net increase, $941,397.

M. S. R. REPORT SHOWS GAINS IN ALL PARTS

A splendid showing of earnings and profits is made by the statement of the Montreal Street Railway for November, and for the two months of October and November. Increases are shown in all departments, and it is not difficult to trace the economies that have been effected by the present management.

Total earnings for November came to $420,476 as compared with $366,093 for the same month of last year. Net earnings were $159,900 as against $138,656 for November, 1910; total charges, $35,-318, against $32,013, while the surplus shows a gratifying increase, being $124,-582 beside $106,643 for the same month of the previous year.

Following are comparisons for the first two months of the current fiscal year, which is equally satisfactory from a shareholder's point of view.

	1911.	1910.
Total earnings	$862,869	$752,736
Net earnings	370,091	319,594
Total charges	71,014	64,011
Surplus	299,076	255,582

ACTIVITY IN TORONTO RY. COMMENDED.

Considerable activity has developed in Torontao Railway, which gained to 138 ex-dividend. The report that the Mackenzie and Mann interests were again in the market to try and get control of this stock was construed as having a very favorable development on the trading condition of the stock.

Considering that the Mackenzie and Mann interests have such a strong interest in other concerns affiliated with the Toronto Railway there is reason to believe that they would gladly pay more than $150 a share for what would give them absolutely control of the railway property.

Besides, it is not thought that Mr. Rodolphe Forget would want to part with any such control without getting a might good price for it.

Money in Good Demand in London---Lots Doing on the Stock Exchange

London, Dec. 21.—Money was in keen demand to-day. The poor weekly statement of the Bank of England caused firmness in discount rates.

The stock market was generally quiet. A few specialities were active, including Omnibus stock and Underground Electric Rails, which jumped sharply on renewed talk of the companies combining. Home rails were weak on reports of labor trouble in the coal and cotton trades and foreign securities; consols and Kaffirs closed easy.

American securities opened around parity, and later in the forenoon most of the list advanced on light covering. The market was steady until the late trade, when prices eased off a fraction on realizing. The closing was quiet.

London Consols, Stocks Silver, Money and Rates

London Closing Prices, Dec. 21.—Consols for money, 77; do., for account, 77 1-8.

Canadian Pacific, 247; G.T.R. 25 3-8.
Bar silver steady, 25 1-16d per ounce.
Money, 3½ to ¾ percent.
The rates of discount in the open market for sort bills is 4 percent; do., for 3 months' bills, 3 7-8 to 15-16 percent.

UNLISTED STOCKS

Following were this morning's sales of unlisted stocks as reported by Mr. W. P. O'Brien:—

Hollinger, 200 at 13.50.
Canadian Power, 5 at 46¼.
Wayagamack, 22 at 40.
Tramway, 1 at 41.
Tramway Debentures, 6 1-5 at 84.
Wayagamack Bonds, $1000 at 73.
Spanish River, 25 at 40.
Spanish River Pfd., 100 at 88½.

STANDARD OIL.

Standard Oil 640 to 655.

New York Cotton Prices

Messrs. J. S. Bache & Co., 29 Hospital St., report the Cotton Market as follows for the 'Witness':—

	Opening.	High.	Low.	2.30 p.m.
January	894	898	890	896
March	910	912	905	911
May	922	922	913	922
July	928	930	922	930
October	938	938	930	938
December	944	944	933	940

AMONG THE MEMBERS-ON-CHANGE

The auction sale of newspapers and periodicals of the Board of Trade took place in the reading room to-day. It was conducted as usual by Mr. M. Hicks in his characteristic and expeditious way.

The range of prices paid were practically on the same level as last year, and many good bargains were obtained.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Wheat, spot steady; No. 3 Manitoba, 7s 8½d, futures steady; Dec. 7s 4 5-8d, March, 7s 3 5-8d, May 7s 2¼d. Corn, spot firm; American mixed, 6s 7d; futures easy; Jan. 5s 9 3-8d, Feb. 5s 8½d. Flour, winter patents, 27s 6d. Hops in London, Pacific Coast, £11 11s. Beef, extra India mess, 95s. Pork, prime mess western, 93s 9d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 5sl 6d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 44s 6d. Short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., 48s. Clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 46s 6d. Long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., 48s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 47s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 45s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., 47s. Lard, prime western in tierces, 46s 9d; American refined, 47s. Butter, good United States, 112s. Cheese, Canadian, finest white, 70s; colored, 70s 6d. Tallow, prime city, 35s 6d. Turpentine, spirits, 37s 3d. Rosin, common, 16s. Petroleum, refined, 7d. Linseed oil, 37s.

CONDITIONS IN CATTLE MARKET HAVE CHANGED

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Trading for the week has closed with a noticeable change from a week ago. Choice butcher cattle have dropped from fifteen to twenty cents in the week. Common and medium butchers are also easier. Feeding cattle remained about steady all week, but stockers became a little easier yesterday and to-day. Lambs to-day dropped from 50 to 75 cents per cwt. Hogs are about ten cents higher than last Monday. The Christmas trading is entirely closed now, and there are no real fancy priced cattle on the market at all.

Receipts, 150 cattle, 973 sheep and lambs, 1550 hogs and 21 calves.

BIG BANK MERGER COMING



MONTREAL OFFICE, BANK OF COMMERCE.

One of the most important banking mergers in the history of Canadian banking will be consumated as soon as an agreement entered into to-day between the directors of the Eastern Townships Bank and the Canadian Bank of Commerce is ratified by the shareholders of the former institution. The directors of the Eastern Townships Bank met in their head office here, this morning, and completed the details of the proposed union.

The basis of the union, as will be seen from an advertisement published in another column, is an even exchange of shares—that is, two shares of the Bank of Commerce stock for one of the Eastern Townships Bank stock, the par value of the former being but $50 and the latter $100. The union will result in the creation of a bank with a paid-up capital of $15,000,000, and a reserve fund of $12,500,000, while the total assets will exceed $210,000,000. The new bank will cover all parts of the Dominion, including the Yukon.

The Eastern Townships Bank is strongly intrenched in Quebec, while the Canadian Bank of Commerce has a large business in the Maritime Provinces, Ontario and all the West. The number of branches will exceed 330 with direct representation in London, Eng., New York, San Francisco and Mexico City.

The directors of the Eastern Townships Bank will be retained as advisory directors and representatives of the shareholders of that institution in the new bank. The entire staff will be retained and all the officers will be permitted to share in the Bank of Commerce pension scheme.

The new bank, whose head office will be in Toronto, will be known as the Canadian Bank of Commerce, with which is affiliated the Eastern Townships Bank.

All English and continental markets will be closed on December 25 and 26 next, over the Christmas holidays.

CLEARINGS.

The present year appears to be drawing to a close under the same bright auspices with which it began. Bank clearings of this city for the week ending to-day show the following large gain:

Total for week ending Dec.
21, 1911 ..... $51,871,216
Corr. week, 1910 40,850,495
Corr. week 1909 45,396,358

MINING MARKET.

Following were this morning's sales of mining stocks as reported by Gordon and Shorey:—

La Rose, 100 at 3.95.
Crown Reserve, 100 at 2.80, 100 at 2.82.
Achilles, 1000 at 32, 2000 at 32½, 4000 at 32⅜, 2000 at 32.
Porcupine Gold, 1000 at 58.
Hollinger, 100 at 13.75, 400 at 13.40.
Rea, 25 at 1.95, 100 at 1.75.
Error yesterday p.m.—McKinley, 1500 at 32½ should read Achilles, 1500 at 32½.

Toronto Cobalt Sales

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Morning Sales: — Jupiter, 500 at 51; Dome, 500 at 63 future; Holly, 200 at 1375, 300 at 1370, 200 at 1380, 100 at 1385, 400 at 1350, 800 at 1330, 300 at 1355, 100 at 1345, 5 at 1360, 500 at 1340; Charter, 3800 at 51½, 4500 at 51¾, 3500 at 51¼, 1750 at 51; Pearl, 1000 at 42; Central, 500 at 335; Northern 1500 at 60, 500 at 61, 1000 at 62; Preston, 500 at 12¼, 1000 at 12, 2000 at 12 future; Rea, 400 at 205, 300 at 203, 200 at 202, 300 at 201, 345 at 200, 100 at 199, 150 at 196, 1125 at 195, 100 at 185, 100 at 182, 225 at 170, 300 at 167, 100 at 165, 700 at 155, 100 at 161, 200 at 160; Swastika, 1000 at 20; 1000 at 20¼, 500 at 19¾, 1000 at 19½, 500 at 19¼; United, 500 at 2 5-8; Vipond, 1000 at 58, 200 at 57, 500 at 57½; Bailey, 2500 at 2; Beaver, 100 at 41¼, 5500 at 41; Gould, 4000 at 3; Cobalt Lake, 3000 at 25; Reserve, 300 at 281, 165 at 280; McKinley, 100 at 166, 100 at 167; Wettlaufer, 400 at 86; Coniagas, 25 at 700; Ottise, 500 at 1.

The Standard Ideal Company Limited.

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First Mortgage Gold Bonds, Due January 2nd, 1941

This Company is the largest of its kind in the Dominion manufacturing sanitary enamelled goods. The plant is situated at Port Hope, Ont., and has a capacity equal to 80 per cent. of the total production in Canada.

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Royal Securities Corporation Limited
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Toronto, Quebec, Halifax, Ottawa, London, Eng.

WINNIPEG RY. WINS FIGHT AGAINST CITY

A London cable announces that Winnipeg electric has won a very important victory in its suit against the city of Winnipeg. It will be remembered that Winnipeg won the case in the lower courts, in which the government contended by its charter the city, the company did not have the privilege of manufacturing the power outside of the city limits and selling it into the city.

The Privy Council in its judgment rules that the company has the right to change its current from time to change its current from alternating outside the city limits and then convey it into its subways and that this change does not necessarily come under the heading of anything the company is prohibiting.

Besides the Privy Council rules that under the charter of one of the subsidiary companies, known as the 'consumers,' the Winnipeg Electric Railway has the right to erect poles in the city of Winnipeg, and, in addition, to supply electric lighting to the consumers.

The victory is a very important one, as the Winnipeg Electric Railway greatly strengthens its position in the fight that is taking place between the company and the city of Winnipeg.

BANKS SHOW BIG FIGURES

The November bank statement published at Ottawa, shows the following interesting figures as to the Canadian banks for that month:—

Capital paid up	
Circulation	
Demand deposits in Canada	
Savings deposits in Canada	
Deposits elsewhere	
Call loans in Canada	
Call loans elsewhere	
Current loans in Canada	
Current loans elsewhere	

TORONTO SALES

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Mackay, 1 at 83½, 10 at 82¾; Winnipeg, 66 at 2[illegible] sing, 105 at 700; C. P. R., 4 at 2[illegible] thewey, 100 at 63; Maple Leaf, pref., 1 at 98, 40 at 97½; Locomotive, 5 at 33½; do., pref., 7 at 92¾; Can. Land, 7 at 186½; Russell M[illegible] 50 at 103; Toronto Rails, 200 at 137, 2 at 137, 100 at 137¼, 25 at 137[illegible] at 137½; Steel of Canada, 5 at 3[illegible] 33½, 100 at 33¾, 10 at 33 7-8; [illegible] Burt, pref., 4 at 88½, 1 at 88; Can. Superior, 140 at 80; Con. Gas, 10 at 3-4; Dom. Steel, 25 at 58¾; Bk. of Commerce, 21 at 214 5-8, 8 at 215, 100 at 1-2, 100 at 217, 100 at 217, 50 at 217, 50 at 218 1-8, 100 at 218, 24 at 218; Imperial, 17 at 223, 24 at 222½; Hamilton, 2 at 198¼; Rio, 160 at 117; Rose, 10 at 400, 50 at 405, 300 at [illegible] Nova Scotia, 6 at 277 3-8; Sao Paulo, 5 at 181 3-4.

WINNIPEG GRAIN

Following was the course of prices at Winnipeg this morning:—

	Wheat. Dec.	Wheat. New.	Wheat. May.	Oats. Dec.	Oats. May.
Close	95	98⅝	99⅛	37¼	40
Open	94½	98¼	....	37	40
High	94¾	98⅜	....	37	39¾
Low	94	98¼	....	36⅞	39⅝
Noon	94¾	98¼	....	36⅞	39⅝

GRAIN RECEIPTS.

Receipts of wheat at Fort William and Port Arthur continue on a large scale, those to-day being 682 cars, as against 150 for the same date last year, grading as follows:—No. 1 Northern, 5; No. 2 Northern, 72; No. 3 Northern, 143; No. 4 Northern, 137; No. 5 Northern, 68; No. 1 Northern, 74; feed, 49; rejected, 98, and N. G., 1.

Threshing Begins in Argentina Now

Crop Expert Snow cables from Argentine: 'Weather very favorable everywhere. All the news from the south very favorable and harvest will begin next week. Threshing is showing slightly better yields than expected in Santa Fe.'

RECEIPTS IN MONTREAL

Following were receipts in Montreal reported on the Board of Trade to-day:—

	G.T.R. & I.C.R.	C.P.R.
Wheat	4,400	.....
Oats	4,400	4,137
Barley	2,500	.....
Hay, bales	170	.....
Flour, sacks	340	410
Corn	.....	1,866
Peas	.....	740
Flaxseed	.....	2,142

Goodwin's Limited

'A quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the Preferred Shares of the Capital stock of this Company has been declared payable January 2nd, 1912. Shareholders of record of December 21st, 1911.'

S. J. LeHURAY, Secretary-Treasurer.

CANADIAN CONSOLIDATED RUBBER COMPANY, LIMITED

"A Quarterly Dividend of 1¾ per cent on the Preferred Shares of the Capital Stock of this Company has been declared payable January 2nd, 1912. Shareholders of record of December 21st, 1911, and

"A Quarterly Dividend of 1 per cent on the Common Shares of the Capital Stock of this Company has been declared, payable January 2nd, 1912. Shareholders of record of December 21st, 1911."

WALTER BINMORE, Treasurer.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEWS AND STOCKS

SHAREHOLDERS E. T. BANK, GET UNION NOTICE

Sherbrooke, Dec. 22.—(Special).—The following notice has been sent out to shareholders of Eastern Townships Bank by the management.

"You are hereby notified that an agreement has been entered into by your directors with the Canadian Bank of Commerce subject to your ratification under which the two banks are to be united on a basis of even exchange of shares that is two shares of their stock for one of ours, the par value of their stock being fifty dollars and the par value of ours one hundred dollars.

"Notice containing full particulars is being mailed you. No further information is obtainable at the present.

CRUDE RUBBER.

New York, Dec. 22.—Crude rubber of para grade is quoted here and in London at $1.02, a decline of two cents. This quotation is only four cents above the low of the year. There was a heavy auction of Ceylons in London, and the average price on the 400 tons sold was four cents below that realized at the last auction two weeks ago.

STEADY DEMAND FOR OATS.

The oat market continues unchanged with a steady demand. Oats—No. 2 Canadian western, 46½c to 47c; Extra No. 1 feed oats, 45½c to 46c; No. 3 Canadian western, 45c; No. 2 local, 45c; No. 3 local, 45½c; No. 4 local, 44½c.

OPINIONS on the MARKET

J. S. Bache & Co.—The slowing down is but natural because of the approaching holidays, and the reaction may go further, but we believe the bullish speculation will be renewed later, and the market swing upward to a higher level in January.

Miller & Co.—We see no reason to change our opinion. The market may and will have its reactions, and they will probably come when least expected, but share speculation at the moment, we regard as a bull proposition.

CANADIAN BANKS BIG FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER LAST

The bank statement for November, shows a decided alteration in form. While tables are in the same order the title is printed in a more comprehensive scale, which will be a convenience to those who make use of the report. The outstanding feature of the commercial situation in Canada as revealed by the report is a gradual expansion of business upon a sound and healthy basis.

In comparison with the statement for October the report shows an increase of nearly ten million dollars in demand deposits, and of nearly one and a half millions in notice deposits. An increase of $1,374,411 in current loans is recorded during the month.

Bank notes in circulation on Nov. 30, amounted to $101,343,056, a decrease of $3,911,965 compared with October. Deposits on demand totalled $341,710,265, an increase of $9,756,830. Savings deposits show an increase from $586,451,045 to $588,942,142. Call and short loans in Canada std at $72,033,493, an increase of $2,945,026. There was a decrease of $1,232,975 in the volume of similar loans made abroad. In current loans there were $770,366,419 out, an increase of $1,374,411.

Altogether the statement is demonstrative of healthy Canadian finances.

MORE DIVIDEND.

The Standard Bank dividend has been increased from 12 to 13 percent per annum by declaration of 3 1-4 percent for the current quarter. The dividend just declared is payable on Feb. 1 to shareholders of record Jan. 20.

The bank has been paying 12 percent per annum since 1905, and prior to that time paid 10 percent.

FLOUR UNCHANGED.

Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.60; seconds, $5.10; Manitoba spring bakers, $4.90; Choice winter wheat patents, $4.75 to $5.00; Straight rollers, 90 percent, $4.25 to $4.40; Straight rollers, in bags, $1.95 to $2.05; Extras, in bags, $1.70 to $1.75.

EGGS CONTINUE HIGH.

Eggs are being purchased at wholesale as high as 60 cents per dozen. Following are average prices:—Selected stocks, round lots, 30c to 31c; single cases, 31½c to 32c; No. 1 stock, round lots, 26c to 27c; single cases, 27½c to 28c.

OTHER PLANS TO ROUND OUT BIG NAV. DEAL

Richelieu and Ontario directors are seeking to extend the big lake and ocean navigation merger by inclusion of the Quebec Steamship Company, and have opened negotiations with that end in view.

The Quebec Company operates about a dozen vessels between Montreal, Quebec, and Gulf points, and should a merger be arranged it will be reorganized and made the basis of a direct service between Montreal, Quebec, and Cape Breton.

The original merger included the Richelieu, the Inland Lines Company, and the Northern Navigation Company. The deal for inclusion of the Northern has been arranged, but the taking over of the Inland Lines has not yet been completed or terms announced.

Efforts were made to take over the Niagara Navigation Company also, but the price asked has so far made a bar to a deal. However, favorable results are expected shortly.

Toronto Clearing.

Clearings of the Toronto banks as passed through the local clearing house during the past week, totalled $41,591,921. Last week clearings totalled $41,394,268, during the corresponding week last year, $36,134,362, and $31,623,900 during the similar week of 1909.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Cattle receipts estimated at 2000; market strong; beeves, $4.80 to $8.90; Texas steers, $4.20 to $5.75; western steers, $4.50 to $6.80; stockers and feeders, $4.25 to $5.85; cows and heifers, $2.00 to $6.50; calves, $5.00 to $7.25.

Hogs, receipts estimated at 21,000; market steady to strong; light, $5.60 to $6.12½; mixed, $5.80 to $6.25; heavy, $5.90 to $6.20; rough, $5.90 to $6.05; good to choice hogs, $6.05 to $6.35; pigs $4.50 to $5.65; bulk of sales, $6.00 to $6.20.

Sheep, receipts 6000; market firm; native, $2.50 to $4.10; western, $2.75 to $4.10; yearlings, $4.25 to $5.35; lambs, native, $4.00 to $6.30; western, $4.25 to $6.25.

BALED HAY FIRM.

No. 1 hay, $16 to $17; No. 2 extra good, $15 to $15.50; No. 2 ordinary, $13.50 to $14; No. 3 hay, $11 to $11.50; Clover, mixed, $10.50 to $11.

SPECULATION IN APPLE MAY CAUSE LOSSES

Mr. George M. Richardson, of the big wholesale fruit firm of Glover Hill and Company, of Liverpool, has left Montreal on his return to England.

Before leaving this city Mr. Richardson—who had been in this country for about two months purchasing apples and other fruits—stated to the 'Witness' that he was able to do very little business with Ontario apple men, but that he did an immense trade with Nova Scotia growers. He reasoned that those responsible for fixing prices in Ontario were too much given over to the fallacy, that that province held a monopoly of this fruit.

'The plain and simple reason for this,' said Mr. Richardson, 'is that Nova Scotians were asking reasonable prices and were furnishing apples of excellent quality. The Ontario manipulators, on the other hand, comforting themselves with the supposed assurance of a permanent western demand, fancied that prices could be set at any level they desired.'

'One of the results, as you already know,' he continued, 'is that Montreal has now received large shipments of apples from Nova Scotia which found an immediate popularity. This is unprecedented, but establishes a good business example.

'This juggling of prices, I believe is going to harm the Ontario operator,' concluded Mr. Richardson, 'and when he comes to figure out his position at the end of the season, he will find it out. At any rate, this sort of speculation upsets the confidence of purchasers abroad and will not help the good reputation of the country.'

Eight district failures are reported for the week, with liabilities of $102,000.

Stock Exchange Talks

The directors and all those associated in bringing about the merger of the Bank of Commerce with the Eastern Townships Bank are to be commented for their admirable self-control in having kept the secret of it hermetically sealed until the last.

One thing is certain, and that is that some of the big financiers here who are in the habit of always getting a foreword of any financial development of importance, were no better off in regard to this piece of news than the merest five-share Steel common speculator.

OUR FUTURE IS ASSURED.

The railways are not backward in expressing admiration for one deserving human quality, and that is domestic love and good will. The many evidences of the strong existence of this virtue are seen best at Christmas, when the son in Vancouver comes back to Montreal to spend the holiday with his parents. The railways realize that when such warm kinship as this is common, this country is in safe keeping, and they feel that patriots need not worry about any theories of present day degeneration.

HOW ABOUT THE RAILWAY MAN?

Whether or not railway magnates are themselves subject to the same warm impulse, is difficult to say. For instance, it is averred that Sir William Mackenzie, who left for England last week, ostensibly to spend the Christmas holidays with his family, will undertake negotiations with a Paris syndicate for a loan of $80,000,000, to complete the road from ocean to ocean.

WALL STREET MORE HAPPY.

Now, at this festive season of the year the 'bulls' and 'bears' of New York are preparing to make a circle and smoke the pipe of peace. It is worthy of note that both are on an even footing as far as general conditions are concerned. Business optimism and pessimism weigh equal in the scale, but the advantage seems to lie really with the hopeful ones as the outlook appears to favor them.

FRIDAY MORNING BOARD.

Pacific Rts., 7¾ bid.

Notice—On Saturday, December 23rd, this Exchange will be closed.

Ex. Div. to-day—Laur. Com., 2 percent; Gould Com., 1½ percent; Gould Pr., 1¾ percent; West India, 1¼ percent; Ottawa L. and P., 2¾ percent; Tri. City Pr., 1½ percent; Bell Telephone, 2 percent; Porto Rico, 1 percent; Can. Loco. Pr., 3½ percent.

Books close to-morrow—Ottawa L. & Power, Can. Loco. Pr.

Toronto Ry., 50 at 137⅝, 30 at 137½, 50 at 137, 25 at 137½.

Power, 200 at 191.

Mackay Pr., 15 at 71½, 5 at 72.

Illinois Pr., 6 at 90.

Telephone, 2 at 149¾ Cash.

Halifax, 41 at 154, 66 at 155.

Winnipeg, 15 at 240.

Duluth Sup., 10 at 80.

Pacific Rts., 81 at 8.

Rich. and Ont., 17 at 122¾, 5 at 123, 10 at 122¾, 100 at 123¼.

Sao Paulo, 25 at 182½.

Iron pref., 60 at 102.

Sherwin W., 15 at 37, 100 at 37¼.

Steel C. of C., 5 at 33½.

Crown Res., 150 at 2.85, 500 at 2.89, 25 at 2.87, 600 at 2.91, 500 at 3.00.

Cement, 5 at 27⅝, ¼ at 27½, ½ at 27½ at 27.

Cement pref., ¼ at 89, 5 at 89¼.

Converters, 20 at 37.

D. Canners, 5 at 64.

Sherwin W., pref., 3 at 95.

E. T. Bank, 113 at 215.

Molsons Bank, 20 at 204½.

Bk of Com., 25 at 219.

Bank of Montreal, 4 at 241.

Bk. Toronto, 22 at 204¾.

Dom. Cot. bonds, $2000 at 102.

Porto Rico bonds, $1000 at 90¾.

Col. Cot. bonds, $2000 at 100.

Conv. bonds, $1000 at 86.

Tex. bonds, $500 at 96A.

FARMERS' MARKET PRICES, Dec. 22.

Farmers' rigs were more numerous in the vicinity of the Bonsecours market this forenoon than has been the case on any market day this season, and beef quarters were more numerous than has probably been the case on any farmers' market ever held in Montreal. There were over two hundred sleighs with beef quarters or pork carcases for sale. The basket brigade crowded both of the market halls to overflowing, and the crowd of buyers caused considerable difficulty in getting around. Oats sold at $1.15 to $1.25 the bag; $1.50 the bag was asked for the few samples of buckwheat; potatoes, $1.20 to $1.30 the 80-lb.; dealers charge $1.50 the 90-lb. bag for potatoes. Turnips, 50c to 70c the bag; beets and carrots, 65c to 75c do.; onions, $2.25 do.; dressed hogs, 9c to 9½c per lb.; beef hindquarters, 7c to 9c do.; do. fronts, 5c to 7c do.; dead turkeys, 20c to 23c per lb.; geese, 15c do.; ducks, 18c to 20c do.; chickens, 14c to 16c do.; hares, 35c to 40c the pair; tub butter, 25c to 30c the lb.; print butter, 25c to 33c do.; new laid eggs, 55c to 70c the dozen; older eggs, 40c to 55c do.; cream, 30c the quart; apples, $3 to $5 the barrel; cranberries, $8 do.; oranges, $4.50 the case; Almeria grapes, $5.00 the keg; cabbages, $1.00 to $1.40 the barrel; celery, 30c to $1.25 the dozen; Brussels sprouts, $1.00 do.; cauliflowers, 50c to $1.50 do.; bananas, $1.75 to $2.25 the bunch; hay, $10 to $12 the 100 bundles of 15 lbs.; straw, $5 to $6 the 100 bundles of 12 lbs.

CHEESE AND BUTTER.

There is no change in the condition of the cheese market, business being still quiet. Western September, 14¼c to 14⅝c; October, 14¼c to 14½c; Eastern September, 14¼c to 14¼c; fine to finest Octobers, 14c to 14⅛c; Culls, 13¾c to 13¾c.

A fair volume of business continues in butter. Choicest creamery, 30¼c to 31¼c; Seconds, 29c to 30c; Manitoba dairy, 22c to 23c; Western dairy, 25c to 26c; Rolls, 25c to 26c.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Greig, of Calgary, are visiting Mr. Greig's mother at Allan's Corners.

Mr. Russell Cowans, who was in town over the week end, has returned to Winnipeg.

Mr. Howard M. Archibald is returning from England by the 'Empress of Britain' this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Davis will spend Christmas at their country house at Ste. Agathe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. E. Ahern have moved to their new residence, 288 McDougall Avenue, Outremont.

Miss Margery Campbell, who was visiting Mrs. Cecil Gordon at 'The Cavendish,' has returned to Quebec.

Mr. Warren Simister is here from Boston, visiting his mother, Mrs. Simister, Sherbrooke street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Bole, who have been on a visit to the Old Country, have returned by the 'Empress of Britain.'

Major and Mrs. Lorne Drum will spend Christmas in Quebec with Mr. and Mrs. Drum, Major Drum's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tinling, Mackay street, are among the passengers landing at Halifax this morning from the 'Empress of Britain.'

Mrs. Norman Van der Veer, of New York, will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. M. Durant, Sherbrooke street, for some time.

Mr. Dudley Oliver, of the Bank of Montreal, Ottawa, is spending his Christmas holidays here, the guest of Mrs. John T. McBride, Westmount.

Mrs. Charles P. Paton, of Ottawa, formerly Miss Hortense Heath, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred J. Heath, 58 Souvenir avenue.

Miss Antoinette Parker, who is attending Macdonald College, has gone to Ottawa to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Parker.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mary Turriff, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Turriff, to Mr. John Evans Adamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Adamson, of Winnipeg.

Mrs. Robert Lindsay, accompanied by her son and daughter, Mr. Stanley and Miss Marguerite Lindsay are going to Kingston to spend New Year with the Bishop of Ontario and Mrs. Lennox Mills.

A quiet wedding took place in Lansdowne, Ont., when Miss M. J. Tye was united in marriage to Mr. Willard T. Hall, of Outlet, the Rev. J. B. Pring officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Hall left for Watertown, N.Y., for their wedding trip, before taking up their residence in Outlet.

The engagement is announced of Miss Gladys Howland, youngest daughter of the late William H. Howland, of Queen's Park, Toronto, granddaughter of the late Sir William Howland, to Lieut.-Col. P. E. Thacker, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), youngest son of the late Major General J. Thacker, Indian Staff Corps.

TRADE COMMISSIONERS.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—It is stated officially that the five vacant trade commissionerships for which a great many applications have been made, will not be filled for the present by the Hon. Gorge Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce. There are vacancies at Shanghai, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin and Havana. The minister is devising a plan to divide the terirtory assigned to the various commisisoners along more businesslike lines.

ECUADOR PRESIDENT DEAD

Guayaquil, Ecuador, ec. 22.—Emilio Estrada, President of the Republic of Ecuador, died here suddenly at midnight. President Estrada was elected to office on Jan. 11, 1911, and was inaugurated on September 1.

ANOTHER WIFE BEATER.

Gaspard Gagnon, 151 Panet street, assaulted his wife and this morning, in the Recorder's Court, the indulgence of his pugilistic proclivities cost him $20 or two months.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Ladies of the Montreal Day Nursery, 50 Belmont Park, beg to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the following donations and subscriptions for November, including the Pound Party:—

Donations:Caverhill & Learmont, load of wood; Mrs. F. Markey and Mrs. F. N. Southam, each, a box of worn clothing; Ogilvie Mills, a barrel of flour; Mrs. F. Bond, six dozen buns; M. Richard,large box of meat; Mrs. Hugh Wenham, box of candy; Mrs. R. L. Gaunt, case of rolled oats, two dozen cornstarch, 10 lbs. prunes, 25 lbs. rice, 10 lbs. tapioca; Mrs. W. J. Buchanan, 6 lbs. starch; Mrs. J. F. Reddy, 20 lbs. white sugar and 15 lbs. brown sugar; Henry Gatehouse, one pair of chickens; Mrs. J. R. Gordon, canned vegetables, 10 lbs. butter; Miss Guerin, tea; Geo. Graham, 2 boxes tea, 4 tins cocoa; Mrs. Slater, 20 lbs. white sugar, 20 lbs. of brown; Mrs. Hosmer, sugar and rice; Mrs. Godfrey Weir, 20 lbs. sugar and biscuits; Mrs. Ruthven, groceries; Mrs. Bernard, groceries; Miss Stearns, two bags of potatoes; Mrs. Geo. Boulter, 10 lbs. rice, 5 lbs. tapioca, 5 lbs. sago; Mrs. John B. Wood, groceries; Mrs. A. W. Hadrill, bag of flour; Mrs. Norton, bag of flour and groceries; Mrs. Meagher, tin of honey and groceries; Mrs. Richard White, 20 lbs. sugar; Mrs. Wilson, groceries; Mrs. Ross Sims, rice; Mr. Wm. Wainwright ,one barrel of apples; A. Richard, box of stewing meat; Mrs. R. Stanley Bagg, side of bacon; Mr. W. L. Bond and Mrs. F. Bond, 15 yds. of white oilcloth; Mrs. R. D. Stearns, case of corn; Mrs. Haig Sims, 5 dozen soup plates; Walter Paul, 12 tins of fruit, one bag of potatoes; Mrs. Seargent P. Stearns, 20 lbs. sugar, 10 pkgs. cornstarch; Miss Stearns, 2 bags of potatoes; Mrs. M. Smith, 2 bags of flour; N. Ritchot, large roast of beef; McBride Brothers, bag of turnips, bag of potatoes; Mrs. Frank Edgar, tea, coffee, and sugar; Mrs. Prentice, 12 tins vegetables; Lady Hickson, 2 doz. canned vegetables; Mrs. Cecil Gordon, 8 lbs. sausage; Mrs. Clarence McCuaig, 2 doz. canned vegetables; Mrs. C. W. Davis, groceries; W. Maitland & Co., basket of oranges; Alfred Richard, large roast of beef; Dionne, one pair of chickens; Mrs. R. Lindsay, sugar; Mrs. James Fairie, groceries; P. Poulin, one turkey; Mrs. W. F. Angus, 5 parcels of groceries; Mrs. E. L. Pease, 40 lbs. sugar; Mrs. Thornton Davidson, case of tomatoes; Mrs. Charles B. Gordon, 2 bags of potatoes; Mrs. W. Nixon, canned vegetables; Mrs. W. B. Mathewson, coffee and tea; P. McKenna, flowers; Mrs. J. R. Smith, 28 lbs. rolled oats; Mrs. Geo. Fairbanks, groceries, basket of apples, and biscuits; Mrs. Bigelow,$5.00 worth of pillow slips and 2 parcels of groceries; from I.H.N. Society, by Mrs. Clarence Mitchell, 13 pink cotton pinafores; Mrs. R. A. E. Greenshields, box of soap; Mrs. J. B. Learmont, case of canned tomatoes; Caverhill & Learmont, load of wood; Mrs. W. D. Sutherland, $5 worth of clothing from Industrial Rooms; Mrs. Hugh Wonham, 3 dozen buns; Mrs. E. N. Heney, $5.00 worth of clothing and pillow slips from Industrial Rooms; Mrs. Hosmer, $5.00 worth of pinafores and dresses; A. Richard, box of soup meat; Mrs. Hall, bag of buns.

Subscriptions.Mrs. W. D. Sutherland, $11; Mrs. G. C. Clowdy, $2.50; Mrs. J. Fairie, $2; Mrs. E. E. Fairman, Mrs. F. A. Lockhart, Mrs. A. Creak, Miss Robb, Mrs. G. T. Cantlie, Mrs. George Boulter, Mrs. Godfrey, Mrs. H. J. Mudge, Mrs. George Wilkins, Mrs. W. F. Carsley, Mrs. Clarence I. de Sola, Mrs. Henry Joseph, $1 each; Mrs. F. P. Shaw and Mrs. Babcock, 50 cents each.

Subscriptions to Pound Party.—Mrs. W. D. Sutherland,$5; Mrs. E. F. Drummond, $2; Mrs. J. S. McLachlan, $2; A. Haig Sims, $5; Mrs. C. J. McCuaig, $5; Mrs. Roswell Fisher, $5; Mrs. C. Mussen, $5; Mrs. H. Joseph, $2; the Misses Homer Taylor, $2; Mrs. H. B. Mackenzie, 1; Mrs. W. Mackenzie, $1; Mrs. McDonough, $2; Mrs. F. C. Fairbanks, $1; Mrs. D. MacIntyre, $1; Mrs. W. B. Mathewson, $2; Mrs. Edward Holton, $1; Miss Thomas, $1.

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SHIPPING NEWS

INWARD.

Hamburg, arr. New York	Dec.	21
Pretorian, arr. New York	"	21
Bermudian, arr. Philadelphia	"	21
Kronprinzessin Cecilie, arr. New York	"	21
Philadelphia, arr. New York	"	21
America, arr. New York	"	22
Princess Irene, arr. New York	"	22

OUTWARD.

Carmania, arr. Liverpool	Dec.	21
Campanello, arr. Rotterdam	"	21
Nieu Amsterdam, arr. Boulogne	"	21
Canopic, arr. Gibraltar	"	21
Roma, arr. Gibraltar	"	21
Berlin, arr. Genoa	"	21
Corsican, arr. Liverpool	"	22

MOVEMENTS OF THE LINERS.

Corsican, from St. John, N.B., for Liverpool, was reported 114 miles west of Fastnet at 9 a.m. to-day.

Steamer Campania, Liverpool for New York, was in wireless communication with the Cape Race station when 1,065 miles east of Sandy Hook at 12.15 p.m. The ship will dock late on Saturday or 8.30 a.m. on Sunday.

Steamer Celtic, Liverpool for New York, was in wireless communication with Sable Island when 1,193 miles east of Sandy Hook at 12.35 this morning. The vessel will dock early on Sunday.

The Sardinian ,from London and Havre, is due at St. John, N.B., on Sunday morning.

C. P. R.'S NEW PACIFIC 'OILER.'

The 'Princess Alice,' the new C. P. R. oil steamer for use on the British Columbia coast, arrived in Victoria, B.C., yesterday on her maiden voyage. The boat left Great Britain September 22, and since then has called at five ports, Monte Video, Punta Arenas, Coronel, Callao and San Diego. Captain Lundgren, who took the C.P.R.'s 'Princess Adelaide' over the same route, was in charge. The 'Princess Alice' was built by Messrs. Swan, Hunter, Wigham & Richardson, Ltd. Her length is 300 feet, and breadth about 46 feet. She was built to fulfil the requirements of the Canadian Government for Pacific Coast and channel service.

REAL ESTATE HAPPENINGS

RECENT TRANSFERS.

HERMINE ST.—John Green sold to Thos. Mur, residences Nos. 14 and 16, Hermine street, for $1 and other considerations.

LABELLE ST.—The W. Irvine Estate sold to Jos. Sylvestre houses Nos. 50 and 52 Labelle street, for $3,500.

MANCE ST.—Mrs. Alf. P. Proctor sold to Theo. Monaghan residences Nos. 412, 414 and 416 Mance street, for $16,000.

LAURIER ST.—T. Taine sold to H. Robillard a property on Laurier avenue, for $11,000.

MARRIED.

NORRISH—COWAN—On Dec. 19, 1911, by the Rev. Dr. Mavety, Edytha Marguerite, daughter of the late John Cowan, M.E., and Mrs. Cowan, Ottawa, to Bernard Easterbrooke Norrish, MSc., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norrish, of Walkerton, Ont.

DIED.

MILLS—On Dec. 18, 1911, Cyrus Mason Mills, at his residence, Iroquois, aged 75 years, father of Mrs. L. W. Howard, of Ottawa.

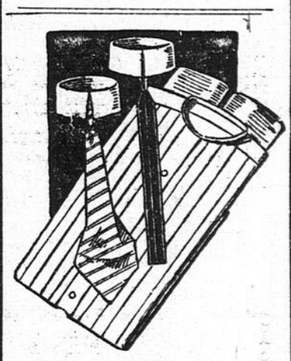
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THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF CANADA

Proceedings at the Forty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Shareholders

The forty-eighth annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada was held on Wednesday, December 20th, 1911, at the head offices of the Bank. Among those present were the following Shareholders: Sir H. Montagu Allan and Messrs. Jonathan Hodgson, Thomas Long, Charles M. Hays, Alex. Barnet, K. W. Blackwell, Andrew A. Allan, C. C. Ballantyne, E. F. Hebden, E. Fiske, John Patterson, William Agnew, D. Kinghorn, A. Piddington, M. S. Foley, A. D. Fraser, C. J. Fleet, C. R. Black, H. B. Loucks, H. B. Yates, T. E. Merritt, A. Dingwall, W. Stanway, James Alexander, A. Haig Sims and J. M. Kilbourn.

The President of the Bank, Sir Montagu Allan, was asked to take the chair, and appointed Mr. J. M. Kilbourn, the Secretary of the Bank, as Secretary. The notice calling the meeting was read.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were presented and taken as read.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The President then read the Directors' report as follows:—

It is with much pleasure the Board once more meet the shareholders in annual meeting assembled. We have another favorable year to report. Our profits, after making full provision for all doubtful debts due to us, amount to the sum of $1,179,581.03. Notwithstanding the increase of the dividend to 10 percent, making the second increase in two years, we have again written $100,000 off the Bank Premises Account, added $50,000 to the Officers' Pension Fund, and placed $500,000 to our Reserve Fund, which now represents the important sum of 90 percent of the paid up capital, and carried forward $58,878.18 to next year's Profit and Loss Account. We trust our shareholders will find this showing satisfactory.

All the branches of the Bank have been inspected during the year.

We have opened the following offices during the past twelve months: Vancouver, B.C. (Cor. Granville and Hastings Streets); Coronation, Calgary (2nd Street East); Chauvin, Pincher Station and Edgerton, Alta.; Frobisher, Regina and Moose Jaw, Sask.; Hartney, Winnipeg, Man., (Bannerman Avenue); and Wallaceburg, Ont. We have to report no offices closed during that period.

We have lost two Directors during the year—namely, Mr. Hugh A. Allan, who retired by reason of his now residing in Great Britain, and Mr. Charles F. Smith, who died in October last. Mr. Smith was a very regular attendant at meetings of the Board, where he aided deliberations by his wise counsels and sound judgment, and his demise is much regretted. The two vacancies on the Board were filled by the appointment of Mr. Andrew A. Allan and Mr. C. C. Ballantyne.

The Directors have much pleasure in testifying to the good work performed by the staff during the past twelve months.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. MONTAGU ALLAN, President.

Statement of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the year ending 30th November, 1911.

The Net Profits of the year, after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to $1,179,581.03

The balance brought forward from 30th November, 1910, was 99,297.15

Making a total of $1,278,878.18

This has been disposed of as follows:

Dividend No. 94 at the rate of 9 percent per annum	$135,000.00	
Dividend No. 95, at the rate of 9 percent per annum	135,000.00	
Dividend No. 96, at the rate of 10 percent per annum	150,000.00	
Dividend No. 97, at the rate of 10 percent per annum	150,000.00	
		$570,000.00
Transferred to Reserve Fund		500,000.00
Written off Bank Premises Account		100,000.00
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund		50,000.00
Balance carried forward		8,878.18
		$1,278,878.18

Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 30th November, 1911.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
1. To the Public.			Gold and Silver Coin on hand		$2,149,007.08
Notes in Circulation		$6,351,230.00	Dominion Notes on hand		5,659,100.00
Deposits at Call	$25,897,925.26		Notes and Cheques of other Banks		4,662,788.08
Deposits subject to notice (accrued interest to date included)	36,239,678.72		Balances due by other Banks in Canada		2,635.33
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	1,356,976.84		Balances due by Banks and Agents in the United States		368,514.23
		63,494,580.82	Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks in Canada	$3,854,845.31	
Balances due to Agents in Great Britain		310,980.05	Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks elsewhere than in Canada	9,091,612.77	12,946,458.08
Balances due to Agents in the United States and elsewhere		161,112.94	Government Municipal, Railway and other Bonds and Debentures		6,074,969.01
Dividend No. 97		150,000.00			$31,863,471.81
Dividends unclaimed		2,179.50	Current Loans and Discounts (less Rebate of interest reserved)		47,411,049.23
		64,118,852.31	Loans to other Banks, secured		160,584.74
2. To the Stockholders.			Loans and Discounts overdue (loss fully provided for)		112,216.43
Capital paid up	$6,000,000.00		Deposit with Dominion Government for Security of Note Circulation		272,000.00
Reserve Fund	5,400,000.00		Mortgages and other Securities, the Property of the Bank		109,295.23
Balance of Profits carried forward	58,878.18		Real Estate		38,517.65
		11,458,878.18	Bank Premises and Furniture		1,917,359.07
		$81,928,961.49	Other Assets		44,467.34
					$81,928,961.49

In moving the adoption of the Report, the President referred to the intention of the Directors to issue $1,000,000 new stock.

The General Manager spoke briefly regarding the business and prospects of the Bank, particularly in the Western Provinces, and paid a tribute to the devotion of the staff.

The following Directors were elected: Sir H. Montagu Allan, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson, Mr. Thomas Long, Mr. C. M. Hays, Mr. Alex. Barnet, Mr. F. Orr Lewis, Mr. K. W. Blackwell, Mr. Andrew A. Allan, Mr. C. C. Ballantyne.

Resolutions were passed expressing appreciation of the services of the Board of Directors, the General Manager and the staff, which were acknowledged by the President and the General Manager. The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, Sir H. Montagu Allan was re-elected President, and Mr. Jonathan Hodgson Vice-President.

Weekly Calendar

PUBLIC MEETING

A PUBLIC MEETING of the electors of the Town of Outremont, for the discussion of municipal affairs, will be held at the Town Hall on Friday, the 22nd instant, at 8 o'clock p.m. All electors of the Town are cordially invited to attend.

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TO-NIGHT—'Rigoletto'—MM. Colombini, Nicoletti, Huberty, Cervi, Allan, Panneton; Mmes. Bowman, Courso, Soucy, Buck.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON — Grand Operatic Concert.
SATURDAY NIGHT—'Faust.' — MM. Darial, Huberty, Wainman, Carmes; Mmes. La Palme, Courso, Riviere.
NEXT WEEK.
'Mignon,' 'Chopin,' 'Boheme,' 'Carmen.'

TO-NIGHT
FRIDAY, Dec. 22, at 8 o'clock
All are invited to come and hear the Rev. OSBORNE TROOP speak on 'The Second Coming of Christ,' at Inspector Street Mission.
If a dozen of the Zacchaeus kind of men come, and hear, and believe, the poor of the city will have the best Xmas they ever had in all their life. Luke xix., 1-10.
Pastor JOHN CURRIE.

MEN'S OWN
Calvary Congregational Church
SUNDAY, DEC. 24th.
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE.
Christmas Message from Mrs. L. KILPIN.
Special Christmas Music by the Calvary and Bethlehem Choirs.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON
For Next Sunday is Reviewed every Saturday from 5 to 5.45 p.m., in the Central Y.M.C.A. by the Rev. EDGAR T. CAPEL, Gen'l Sec'y of the Sunday-School Union.
Quarterly Thought—Analysis, Teaching Points, Point of Contact, etc., are suggested.
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The Royal Bank of Canada
ANNUAL MEETING.
Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of The Royal Bank of Canada will be held at the Head Office of the Bank, in Montreal, on **Thursday, the 18th Day of January next.** The chair will be taken at Eleven o'clock a.m.
By order of the Board,
E. L. PEASE,
General Manager.
Montreal, December 1, 1911.

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Dec.
22 7.30 a.m. Philadelphia, American.
*22 6.00 p.m. " Supplementary.
**22 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 this steamer; latest time of mailing is 9.30 a.m. 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.

SAILORS AND POETRY.

Stories by Sir Ernest Shackleton.

(London 'Chronicle.')

Many good stories enlivened the lecture.

One which Sir Ernest told in illustration of his early love of poetry, was that, during a stormy passage, going southward through the Bay of Biscay, he thought he had found a kindred soul in the officer who shared his watch. For three nights he recited poetry to this brother officer, and on the fourth night, when he began again, he was horrified to hear the officer exclaim: 'For the Lord's sake! Haven't you dried up yet? I have stood you for three nights, and I thought you had finished.'

In the course of twenty years at sea, Sir Ernest Shackleton said he had found that sailors had a real liking for poetry. Sailormen saw nature at its very best, and in a primitive way that made them realize the immensity of things. When he was in the Antarctic he edited two papers. One was called the 'Antarctic Times,' and the other the 'Blizzard.' It was curious to discover that many of the men in the two expeditions, who had not received what would be called a 'good education,' yet expressed their thoughts in verse in a way that brought light and feeling to those who read their lines.

Sir Ernest quoted a couplet written by a stoker when the first rays of the sun, after the long winter's darkness, lit up the huge mountains opposite their camp. The lines were:

'Created by the Creator; a mighty power from birth;
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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.

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 readers, 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 22, 1911.

The refusal of the Persian Parliament to agree to the decision of the Persian cabinet to accept the terms of Russia was most natural. It was not possible to explain to parliament or to the people of Persia that the proposed apology would save the face of Russia in retiring from an invasion which had been intended to be one of conquest. Nothing but British representations could have brought about such an unwilling retirement. The action of the Persian Parliament prevented the action which Russia demanded and absolved the latter from her promise to retire. Instead of doing so Russia made a second invasion entering the Province of Azerbaijan, whose boundary is coterminous with her own, at the foot of Mount Ararat. This invading force was attacked by the Persians, a beginning of hostilities, which, if pursued, could have only one ending. Persia has at the best no force with which to withstand Russia, and has at present no government, her ministry, if it has not resigned, being without the support of parliament. The latest news is that Persia has now agreed to Russia's demands. Who are included under this term Persia it would be interesting to know, but it is probable that with hostilities actually commenced most people would see that the choice was between accepting dictation and getting wiped out. Besides the constant lust for the extension of her boundaries which has marked the policy of Russia ever since the days of Ivan the Terrible, Russia has special cause for quarrel with Persia for setting up a constitutional form of government. That must be brought to naught at all hazards.

It is curious to see the Conservative city of Winnipeg, in the Conservative province of Manitoba, calling through its Board of Trade for the abrogation of a duty. It is only the cement duty this time, but the smallest hole in the sacrosanct tariff is anathema to the men who put up the money to win the elections in order that their protection might be maintained. It would be like the letting in of water through a rat hole in the dyke, that, if not stopped, would soon flood the whole country. Unfortunately the people of Winnipeg have taken passage on the wrong boat. They can hardly expect success in asking the captain to put his ship about. Indeed he has a pistol at his ear and cannot do it. This is a pity, for the same complaint is voiced in other parts of the country. But annexation must be avoided at all cost, and Mr. Borden must not be allowed to depart from the faith that to let in United States products is to submit to United States trusts, and that to remove trade barriers is to lose our nationhood. This is the true faith which except a man hold he is politically lost.

Another complaint of the Winnipeg Board of Trade voices a cry of pain from the interior of the country, before which a government is powerless. It tells how farmers have reached the last point of their credit and are suffering privation of the necessities of life, while the wealth of their fields lies in the granaries, in the elevators or dumped by the side of the railway track in default of the means of forwarding it to market. There was coupled with this a somewhat futile complaint against the high freight rates. So long as the business is far greater than the existing railways can carry, and so long as the railways are forced to take extraordinary means to meet such exigencies, high rates will necessarily be, as it were, forced upon them. When the three great transcontinental railways get fully under way; when by the second harvest the Panama route greatly relieves the overland traffic; when still later the Hudson's Bay and Georgian Bay routes do their share; when the farmers become forehanded and can afford to hold their grain till it can be shipped under less pressure, there will perhaps be competition enough, and lower rates as a result. These good results are, however, more or less remote, and no government can hasten them. What would have immediately relieved the situation would have been a market for part of the crop in the United States. The Winnipeg people must reflect on the fact that they voted in favor of the long haul and against the nearer United States market for a share of this crop. The Manitoba farmers are no doubt already thinking over this.

The 'Weekly Sun,' whose article on iron bounties we copy, says that 'for such a system there is no shadow of justification.' There is just this shadow of justification for the bounty system, that, as compared with the customs duty system, it is honest. It takes the farmer's money and gives it openly to the iron master; the farmer sees it going and gets as angry as he ought to; whereas the protective duty system is a pickpocket that gets behind the people's back in a crowd and steals it and hands it over to the iron master or the cotton lord, without being seen, under the hypocritical pretence of obtaining revenue for the government, and the farmer never sees it going, and he takes it as part of the settled order of things that he should be poor and pay, and that others should be rich and receive. For this reason we have always defended the bounty system as being an honest form of plunder, which people would of necessity soon rebel against. Still, if we were advising the iron people, we should advise them to hide, if they can manage it with the government, behind a duty, and not take their dole too much in the open.

BANK STATEMENT.

Coincident with the excellent demand which is being noted during the past few months in the stock markets for the shares of the Canadian chartered banks, it is interesting to note that there are several of these institutions which have announced, or contemplate, the issuing of additional stock. The newly united banks, the Commerce and Eastern Townships, will increase their capitalization, so as to create a capital stock of $15,000,000, approaching that of the Bank of Montreal, which will be $16,000,000 when the recent stock issue is paid up. The Merchants' is adding $2,000,000, the Royal a like amount, and the Hochelaga at least $500,000, an increase for these five banks of nearly fifteen per cent on former issues. The rapid industrial and commercial growth of the Dominion during the last few years has been such that the banks have been hard put to it, so representative bankers assert, to meet the requirements put upon them. These capital increases, if carried out, will assist materially, but other banks will doubtless follow. There is probably no better barometer of the heavy and constant demands made upon the banks for funds than the figures published by the Department of Finance at Ottawa in the monthly bank statement. The report for November, just issued, shows a marked alteration in form. While the tables are in the same order as in previous months, they are in much greater detail and more informative.

The outstanding feature of the commercial situation as revealed by the report is a gradual expansion of business all over the Dominion, upon a sound and healthy basis. In comparison with the statement for October last, the report for November shows an increase of nearly $10,000,000 in demand deposits, and of nearly $1,500,000 in notice deposits, while an increase of $1,874,411 in current loans is also recorded. It will be of interest to observe that bank notes in circulation on November 30 last amounted to $101,943,056, a decrease of $3,911,965 compared with the previous month, due to realizing on the crops. Another item that denotes the growing wealth of Canadians is shown under the heading of deposits on demand, which total the large sum of $341,710,265, or nearly $10,000,000 over the figures for October. Savings deposits show an increase from $586,451,045 to slightly under $589,000,000. Figures which imply rapid returns to the banks, largely the result of investments in the stock markets, come under the heading of call and short loans in Canada, which aggregate $72,033,493, an increase of close on $3,000,000. On the other hand there is a decrease of $1,232,975 in the volume of similar loans made abroad, a fact that reveals a greater confidence in home conditions. In current loans last month there were $770,566,419 out, an increase of $1,874,411. The report is correspondingly gratifying in other departments, and while it testifies to the increasing wealth and prosperity of the Canadian public, yet the main feature outstanding is the general strength and stability, the weaker banks, whose condition used to blemish these reports, having been weeded out.

BANK MERGER.

There have been bank mergers of late years which the public has hailed with unalloyed satisfaction. The general sentiment was that there were too many small and floundering banks, too hard up for business to be safe. Now we have two great, strong institutions merged into one, making a combination evidently determined to run neck and neck with the old premier Bank of Montreal, with its quasi national character. This union raises the question as to whether an opposite evil may not supervene. The United States was so afraid of banking combinations that it confined each bank to its own office, the result of which has been to restrain the fluidity of capital, to make it overabundant in some centres, while the scarcity of it in others gave rise to all sorts of fiat money notions to relieve the condition of money starvation. To this day, in consequence, the banking problem is a constant occasion for government interference with the money market and for Presidents and Secretaries of the Treasury and Congress to assume control of elements they do not any of them understand. Our system of nation-wide banks and automatically expanding and contracting currency leaves the regulation of the country's needs largely to nature, guided more by the rules of experience and business prudence than by pragmatical strategy.

Still this combining business suggests the question as to what it may grow to. In the presence of a few towering institutions, it will be more difficult for smaller banks to do business, and the smaller man seems to need the smaller bank. People who think only in millions cannot be bothered with the small man's dollars and cents, and his twenty-five dollar notes. The concentration of banking can hardly fail to accelerate the concentration of other businesses in the hands of the few to the wiping out of the many. The negotiations looking to this latest merger have, we understand, been going on for many months. The operations were carefully concealed, until the prospective results began to be told by the tape, when they had to be hastened to fruition. The terms of the agreement include the retention for the present of all the offices of both banks, the overlapping not being very great. The paid-up capital will probably be fifteen million dollars, a figure which places the combined institution in the front rank, while the reserve, the keynote strength, will be in the vicinity of twelve millions. The total assets are slightly in excess of two hundred and ten millions, a very comfortable figure if realizable.

JUST TO GET CONTROL.

The official stenographers of Montreal are about to petition the Quebec Legislature for incorporation. When asked for a reason, one of them informed a 'Witness' reporter that it was so that they would be able to pass on any new appointments before they became 'effective,' or, as he added, 'simply to get control.' We have already had far too much of this kind of thing. The doctors and the lawyers have their unions on provincial lines. These have their excuse in the public good by the exclusion of the unfit, of which they are the only judges; but they have elements of provincial exclusiveness. The barbers and some other learned professions are setting up a similar plea. The engineers and the land surveyors have each formed exclusive guilds, more or less frankly for the exclusion of outside competition. No provincial surveyor may work on Dominion Lands, nor do any of the provinces acknowledge the D.L.S. certificate of the national government. The coal miners of British Columbia also hit on the expedient of requiring a miner to pass an examination. That was the great strength of their recent strike. Another method is the law of residence, with which our demagogue aldermen are by large majority seeking to fortify the longshoremen in their war against the trade of the port. When Mayor Gaynor, of New York, undertook to enforce the right of any man to work if he wanted to in the cases of the teamsters strike, he put a policeman on each waggon. The second day the policemen had to come off the waggons, for it was found that the state legislature had made a law that every driver must have been a resident of the city for at least six months, and have a license. Provincial taxes on commercial travellers are of the same order of special privileges to interested groups of men, and also of the same order of burden on the community. If the stenographers are to get their request, there is no good reason why each of the other trades of the city should not ask incorporation and legal status be thus given to their principle, that none shall obtain work except by their permission.

MURDER ENQUETE LATE.

Ross Case Postponed For Second Time.

Enquete which was fixed for this morning in the case of Charles Ross, accused of the murder of Robert Fitzsimmons, was again postponed until to-morrow morning. This is the second postponement, and in both cases all the witnesses were on hand, including Dr. McTaggart, Mrs. Ross, and ushers who took part in the fatal game of cards. At first the case was postponed until the afternoon, but Mr. Walsh, Crown Prosecutor, explained to Judge Leet, that this would interfere with the afternoon performance at the theatre, so the case was fixed for to-morrow morning.

BRITISH ACTION.

Desired by Jews in Connection With Russian Passports.

Washington, Dec. 22. —President Taft yesterday signed the joint resolution passed by Congress ratifying his action in serving notice on Russia of the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with that country. The treaty automatically will continue in effect until January 1, 1913. In the meantime efforts will be made to negotiate a new treaty eliminating the causes of friction which led to the termination of the old one.

JEWS TAKING ACTION.

London, Dec. 22.— The Jewish 'Chronicle' says that the leading Jewish institutions here have decided to urge the abrogation of the Anglo-Russian treaty, which differentiates against the English Jews.

'PHONED FOR ANOTHER HORSE.

Inspector Allemand, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, compelled a carter to stop yesterday afternoon, at the corner of St. James and St. Peter Streets, and telephone to his stable for another horse, as the one which he was driving was suffering from a sore on the hip. The horse was very lame, and the carter was ordered to send it immediately to the veterinary. In addition to driving a horse which was in no condition, he had greatly overloaded the horse.

THE ROYAL PREROGATIVE.

(By Mr. Clement Harvard, in the 'Fortnightly Review,' London.')
(Abridged.)

In the old theory of the Constitution the King is capable of doing anything except the committal of a wrong. To quote Mr. Bagehot, he could disband the army; he could dismiss all the officers, from the general commanding-in-chief downwards; he could dismiss all the sailors, too; he could sell all our ships of war and all our naval stores; he could make a peace by the sacrifice of Cornwall, and begin a war for the conquest of Brittany. He may make every citizen in the United Kingdom, male or female, a peer; he could make every parish in the United Kingdom a university; he could dismiss most of the civil servants; he could pardon all offenders. In a word, the King could, by prerogative, upset all the action of civil government. And yet everyone is well aware that the King, however much he might wish to act in any of these unconstitutional ways, would be quite unable to effect his desires.

How the almost unlimited power of the old Kings of England has been limited and defined by Parliament and has been distributed amongst an executive which is practically chosen by the nation and has left the King one of the least independent men in the country, is the purpose of our present inquiry.

A few formal acts of state are still performed by His Majesty, but for the most part his power lies in consulting with his ministers and advising them on affairs of State, of upholding a court consonant with our dignified position amongst the other nations, of holding together and stimulating society, and it is hoped that the example set in this direction by his beloved father is only the forerunner, on the part of George V., to a greater stimulus to amusement, social enjoyment, and a consequent benefit to the trades and manufactures of the country.

In regretting the decline of court functions during Queen Victoria's reign, Mr. Bagehot points out how Charles II. was really the head of society. Whitehall, in his time, was the centre of the best talk, the best fashion, and the most curious love affairs of the age. He did not contribute good morality to society, but he set an example of infinite agreeableness. The court was the focus where everything fascinating gathered, and where everything exciting centred. Whitehall was an unequalled club, with female society of a very clever and sharp sort superadded. All this, as we know, is now altered.

Buckingham Palace is as unlike a club as any place is likely to be. The first two Georges were men ignorant of English, and wholly unfit to guide and lead English society. They both preferred one or two German ladies of bad character to all else in London. George III. had no social vices, but he had no social pleasures. He was a family man, and a man of business, and sincerely preferred a leg of mutton and turnips after a good day's work to the best fashion and most exciting talk. In consequence society has become an 'upper ten thousand;' it is no more monarchical in fact than the society of New York.

The peculiarly masculine world of the clubs and their neighborhood has no more to do in daily life with Buckingham Palace than with the Tuileries. The names of levee and drawing room still sustain the memory of the time when the King's bed chamber and the Queen's 'withdrawing room' were the centres of London life, but they no longer make a part of social enjoyment. Careful observers have long perceived this, but it was made palpable to everyone by the death of the Prince Consort. Since then the court has been always in a state of suspended animation, and for a time it was quite annihilated. There are arguments for not having a court and there are arguments for having a splendid court; but there are no arguments for having a mean court. It is better to spend a million in dazzling when you wish to dazzle, than three-quarters of a million in trying to dazzle and yet not dazzling.

Here are a few of the things which the King cannot do to-day:

The royal power falls under three heads, in all of which the King is restricted, and has, for the most part, lost independent action.

1. The choice of ministers through whom the royal power is exercised. Here the King must defer to the wish of the House of Commons.

2. The determination of policy. The Council and Privy Council used to do this. Now it is in the hands of the Cabinet.

3. Administration action; the carrying out of what is determined upon. These powers have passed to various government departments, such as the Home Office, which act in the name of the King.

But the King exercises great influence. He has the right to be informed by ministers, and can give advice. He can help by experience. Professor Dicey defines the prerogative as 'the discretionary authority of the executive,' and he explains this to mean everything which the King or his servants can do without the authority of an act of Parliament.

The Prime Minister is the chief means of communication between the Cabinet and the Crown. He presents the Cabinet minutes to the King, who is entitled to be told about everything that is going to be done; and told in good time, so that the ministry can listen to the opinion of His Majesty.

On the other hand, the sovereign must not seek or take advice from any other than his Cabinet ministers in matters of State without making it known to the Cabinet. The Duke of Wellington, when in opposition, wrote to William IV. pointing out the danger of the arming of political societies. William IV. replied to the letter without consulting the Cabinet, and the ministry remonstrated with the King. 'Nor shall the sovereign give a public expression of opinion on a matter of State without being advised by his ministers. The Sailor King violated this duty also by making a speech in the Privy Council reviling one of his ministers, and this also led to a remonstrance. The King must support his ministers loyally in their policy.

PAPER MAKING IN JAPAN.

The Greatest Industry There Next to Cotton Spinning.

(United States Consular and Trade Reports.)

Next to cotton spinning, the production of paper is Japan's greatest industry. Centuries before Occidental peoples learned to manufacture paper from rags it was being made in China from actual fibres. From China this art was carried to Europe through Central Asia by the Arabs.

Egyptians are considered to have been the first paper makers, but their papyrus was not real paper, but merely the peeled bark of the reeds growing on the banks of the Nile. The material for making paper first employed by the Chinese was the so-called paper mulberry bush, which is known as kozu in Japan.

The value of the annual production of Japanese machine equipped mills is about $7,500,000, and that of the hand mills reaches $9,000,000. In 1909 there were twenty-seven factories with 182 machines for the production of 'European' paper in operation in Japan, and these had a total of 6,486 employees. The quantity of European paper produced by these mills in 1909 amounted to 123,947 short tons.

As a result of the erection at Tomakomai, on Hokusku Island, of a newspaper factory whose daily output is sixty-five tons, the amount of machine made paper has recently shown a remarkable increase. An American was engaged to superintend the erection and starting of the machines in this mill. His success induced the company to engage him further in reorganizing other mills which it owns in Central Japan.

Although native paper has been made from ancient times, it was not until 1872 that the manufacture of European paper was commenced. In that year the Oji paper mill was established, which uses rice straw, rags and waste paper. After the Saigo rebellion in 1877 a great demand was created for European paper by the rapid adoption of printing in Japan.

Printing paper is the most important kind manufactured, and its total annual value is $3,202,000. The next in importance is cardboard, with a total value of $605,000. Whereas native paper is manufactured mainly with hand machines in rural districts affording an abundant supply of pulp, European paper is manufactured in large cities like Tokio, Osaka and Kobe.

Hand made paper is produced principally by farmers as a secondary occupation which they can pursue in seasons when there is nothing to be done in the fields. There are no less than 60,000 families engaged in this industry. Japan has been quick in utilizing to the utmost its assets in bringing the manufacture of hand-made paper to a high modern standard. In the districts where this paper is made there are experiment bureaus equipped with up to date instruments and apparatus for testing and selecting the various kinds of raw material not only for indigenous Japanese plants, but also imported fibres.

Co-operation is the secret of the success of the hand-made paper industry. In every manufacturing district there are guilds which supply the farmers with raw material and find markets for their product. Experiments have proved that imported wood fibre may be substituted without detriment in certain kinds of paper for the high-priced native fibres. The United States is not a large exporter of paper pulp to Japan. The value of American shipments of pulp to the Empire in 1910 was only $50,000. This consisted mainly of bleached poplar soda. Sweden leads in the sale of pulp to Japan.

THE KING'S TASTE IN BOOKS.

(Bristol 'Times.')

A highly interesting indication of the King's versatile tastes in literature is afforded by the following list of books included in the library which he took with him on his voyage to India in the 'Medina':—

Essays and Biographies (Macaulay).
Froude's Short Studies.
Barlasch of the Guard (Merriman).
With Edged Tools (Merrican.)
Saturday Bridge (Dalton).
Twenty-one Days in India.
Rulers of India (Thomason).
The Newcomes Thackeray).
Pendennis (Thackeray).
The Verginians (Thackeray).
Rupert of Hentzau (Anthony Hope).
Shakespeare.
British Dominion in India.
Dombey and Son (Dickens).
Bacon's Essays.
Chambers' Biographical Dictionary.
The Abbes of Vylae (Stanley Weyman).
Lavengro (Borrow).
Romany Rye (Borrow).
British India (R. W. G. Frazer).
Numa Roumestan (Daudet).
Inquire Within.
Warren Hastings (Trotter).
Life of Sir William Butler
Familiar Quotations.
Concise Oxford Dictionary.
Life of Gladstone (Morley).
Ramparts of Empire.
The Happy Vanners (Keble Howard).
The Truth about Egypt (Alexander).
Wordsworth's Poems.
Modern England (Justin McCarthy).
Buddhist India (T. W. Rhys Davids).

RICHELIEU.

(London 'Globe.')

Richelieu, a pretty little place about twelve and a half miles from Chinon, in the department of Indre-et-Loire, derives its name from the family of Cardinal Richelieu, whose patrimonial lands extended to an acre now occupied by part of the town. The people have not shown any undue haste in commemorating their townsman, who, after all, stands in little need of a monument. A committee has been formed, and has, appropriately, the high and unanimous patronage of the Academie Francaise, which owes its existence to the Cardinal. Other learned societies are represented. It has not been decided whether the monument will be in bronze or stone.

SACERDOTAL JUBILEE.

As yesterday was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of three canons of the Cathedral Chapter, the Archbishop's Palace was the scene of a quiet celebration in honor of the occasion. The three jubilarians, Canons Dauth, Cousineau and Martin, were the guests of honor at an informal banquet at which His Grace the Archbishop presided. In the morning a special religious celebration was held in the Cathedral, whilst throughout the day the jubilarians received the congratulations of their numerous friends.

EXCITING FIRE.

New York Has Early Moving Sce When Tenement House Ignited.

New York, Dec. 22.— Fire bro out in an old tenement house on E 4th Street early to-day, and soon fire escapes were white with screa ing women in night gowns, ma with naked children in their ar The ladder that conected the esc the fire escape with the ground co not be lowered, and policemen ca thirty women who jumped from second floor, throwing their babie the outstretched arms below.

On account of the difficult rescue it was reported first that eral persons had been burne death, but when daylight came the tenants were accounted for.

MURDERER INSANE

Chatham, Dec. 22.— Medical exam iners Brad and Charteris, app to inquire into the insanity of Je Senior, a farm hand convicted murderous assault upon his emp er, J. W. Robertson, at Northw cently, report that Senior is ...edly insane. He will be ... to the asylum to-day.

TURKEYS PLENTIFUL

Hamilton, Dec. 22.—Though there was a large supply of turkeys and other fowl on the central market to terday, the demand was quite equa to it, and in consequence prices were high. Turkeys were quoted at from 20c to 25c per pound, the price vary ing according to quality, fat chickens and geese were also high in price.

OUR MAIL BAG.

Hamilton, ...
Dear Sir,—Enclosed find my ... to 'World Wide'. Your last ... certainly had a great feast ... without in anyway disparaging ... the previous ones, which are all ... with good reading matter.
T. H. TAYLOR.

'WORLD WIDE.'

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

ALL THE WORLD OVER.

The German Reply to Sir E. Grey's Speech—The 'Times,' London.
The German Chancellor's Statement—Comment of the Foreign Press—The Correspondence of the 'Morning Post,' London.
The Insurance Bill—The 'World,' New York; the 'Evening Post,' New York.
Changing India's Capital—The 'Brooklyn Eagle.'
Woman's Suffrage—Mrs. Fawcett and Mr. Lloyd George—English Papers.
Mr. Lloyd George and Mrs. Pankhurst—The 'World,' New York.
The Italians in Tripoli—Progress of the War—The Military Correspondent of the 'Mail,' London.
China as a Cotton Market—The 'Sun,' New York.
The Disappearing Jews of China—The 'Literary Digest,' New York.
The Jew in Russia—The 'Evening Post,' New York.
The Persian Compromise—The 'Globe and Commercial Advertiser,' New York.
Troublous Times in Portugal—The 'Tribune,' New York.
The 'Conversationes' at Madrid—The 'Sun,' New York.
Workingmen's Insurance in Germany—The 'Evening Post,' New York.
Scottish Social History—Lord Rosebery's Address — The 'Manchester Guardian.'
The Unicorn—G. K. Chesterton, in the 'Daily News,' London.
Cheaper Cablegrams—The 'Manchester Guardian.'

SOMETHING ABOUT THE ARTS.

Pictured Politics—The Dilemma of the Cartoonist—Clarence Rook, in the 'Daily Chronicle,' London.
Music—The 'Academy,' London.

CONCERNING THINGS LITERARY.

A Christmas Hymn—Julie M. Lippmann in the 'Independent,' New York.
Christmas—Eliabeth Gibson Cheyne, in the 'Christian Commonwealth,' London.
Arnold Bennett and Christmas—'Public Opinion,' London.
New Stories of King Edward—The 'Daily Chronicle,' London.

HINTS ON THE PROGRESS OF KNOWLEDGE.

A New Arctic Route to Canada—The 'Standard,' London.
The Aerotechnical Institute in Paris—The 'Scientific American,' New York.
The Aviator's Chart—The 'Youth's Companion,' Boston.
Hearing in the Blind — The 'Morning Post,' London.

PASSING EVENTS.

THINGS NEW AND OLD.

So many men, so many minds. Every man in his own way.—Terence.

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THE WEATHER

MILDER, WITH RAIN.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The disturbance which originated in the southwestern states some days ago is now centred near Lake Superior, with greatly diminished energy, and there are indications that another disturbance will move northward towards the great lakes. The weather continues moderately cold in the Maritime Provinces and Eastern Quebec, and mild in other parts of the Dominion.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Southeasterly winds, with some showers on Saturday; mild; Saturday, unsettled and mild, with occasional rain.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa — Southeasterly winds, milder; light local falls of sleet or rain.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Southerly winds and fair to-day; Saturday, milder, with light snow falls.

Maritime—Light variable winds, fair to-day; Saturday, easterly winds and milder.

Superior—Southerly winds, mild with light sleet or rain.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan — Mild, the same temperature, fair with local snow flurries.

Alberta—Fair and mild.

TEMPERATURES.

	8 a.m. to-day.	Highest Yesterday.	Lowest to-day.
MONTREAL	22	30	16
Victoria	44	44	36
Calgary	32	38	24
Winnipeg	26	30	20
White River	32	36	30
Sault Ste. Marie	33	32	28
Parry Sound	30	32	26
Toronto	36	36	30
Kingston	34	32	28
Ottawa	24	30	14
Quebec	18	30	14
St. John, N.B.	16	30	12
Halifax	18	28	26
St. John's, Nfld.	18	26	18
Detroit	38	38	30
New York	—	40	—

Washington, Dec. 22.—Forecast: Eastern New York, Rain in south portion, rain or snow in north portions tonight and probably on Saturday; moderate east and southeast winds.

Western New York—Rain to-night and probably on Saturday; moderate southeast to southwest winds.

New England—Rain in south portion, snow in north portion, and probably Saturday; moderate east to southeast winds.

NOTICE.

The City of Montreal gives notice that it will apply to the Provincial Legislature at its next session, for amendments to its Charter on the following matters:—

Municipal autonomy; expropriations; opening and widening of streets; qualification of electors; power to make by-laws on different subjects, among others to give wider powers to the officers of the Fire Department; to compel citizens to take certain measures in order to avoid fires; to provide the use of horns on automobiles; to regulate vehicular traffic so as to protect the firemen when going to fires; preparation of the annual budget; preparation of a supplementary budget; awarding of contracts for supplies; power to regulate vacant lands; establishment of municipal ice-houses; preparation of voters' lists; underground conduits; powers of the Electrical Commission; levying of special taxes on improvement 'longshoremen; levying of special taxes on insurance companies; collection of taxes; preparation of rolls; regulation of the use of arms; annexation of a portion of the Village of Cote St.-Luc; power to charge a fee for the incorporation of clubs; security in the case of legal actions against members of the Council, the Commissioners and civic officials; reduction of the borrowing power of the City and the sinking fund; permanent pavings; opening of St. Lawrence Boulevard and ratification of the resolution of the Council in this connection; extension of Guy and Aqueduct streets; opening of Leroyer St.; correction of the sections of the Charter in which the numbers of the Articles of the old Revised Statutes are mentioned; insane brought before the Recorder; jurisdiction of the Recorders and of the Recorder's Court; power to subsidize Laval and McGill Universities; paving of private lanes; establishment of a boulevard and construction of a railway on the banks and in the vicinity of the aqueduct, annexation of certain portions of the aqueduct outside of the present limits of the City; construction of underground railways; sale and affectation of civic properties, for library, educational and charitable purposes; false alarms, annexation.

L. O. DAVID,
City Clerk.

City Hall,
Montreal, 20th Dec., 1911.

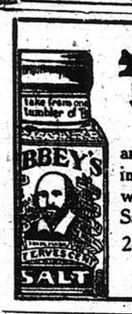
INCORPORATION OF THE DORVAL ISLAND PARK CO., LIMITED.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that under the First Part of Chapter 79 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, known as "The Companies' Act", letters patent have been issued under the Seal of the Secretary of State of Canada, bearing date the 12th day of December, 1911, incorporating Maxwell Goldstein, of the City of Westmount, in the Province of Quebec, King's Counsel; Pierre Beullac and Arthur Lalonde, advocates, John Albert Engel and Alderic Blain, law students, all four of the City of Montreal, in the said Province of Quebec, for the following purposes, viz.:—(a) To acquire, buy, hold, own, hire, maintain, control, manage, work, develop, sell, convey, lease, exchange, improve and otherwise deal in and dispose of real estate and real property or any interest and right therein and all other kinds of property and chattels; (b) To erect and construct houses, buildings or works of every description on any land of the company or upon any other lands; to re-build, alter or improve existing buildings or works thereon; to subdivide, improve or develop lands for the purpose of sale or otherwise, and to convert and appropriate any such lands as and for roads, streets and other conveniences, to construct and maintain proper approaches thereto, and to do and perform all things lawful and needful for the development and improvement of same; (c) To make and enter into any agreement or covenant, for paving, macadamizing, repairing, grading, cleaning or watering streets or highways and approaches thereto, and for the construction, opening and repairing of aqueducts, conduits, cisterns, drains or sewers; (d) To carry on a general real estate business, including the undertaking of investigations, valuations, sales, exchanges, leases, subdivisions and the like; (e) To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, or to undertake the whole or any part of the business, property or liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which this company is authorized to carry on or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this company; (f) To manufacture and produce steam, gas and electricity for heat, light and power, and to supply water for the purposes of the company, and to sell or lease the surplus thereof subject to all provincial and municipal laws and regulations in that behalf; (g) To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, or to take the shares, bonds, debentures or other securities of any company carrying on or engaged in or about to carry on or engage in the business which this company is authorized to carry on and to sell, hold, or re-issue with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with the same; (h) To issue and allot fully paid shares, bonds or debentures of the company in payment or part payment of any business, franchises, undertaking, property, right, power, privilege, lease, license, or contract which the company is authorized to acquire, and for services rendered to the company or to be rendered in placing or assisting to place or to guarantee any shares, bonds, debentures or other securities of the company; (i) To sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the property and undertaking of the company, or any part thereof, for such consideration as the company may see fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, bonds or securities of any other company; (j) To enter into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interest, co-operation, joint adventure, reciprocal concession or otherwise, with any government, municipal or local authority, or with any person or company carrying on or engaged in, or about to carry on or engage in any business or transaction which this company is authorized to carry on or engage in or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this company, and to guarantee the contracts of either with or without security, and to lend money to or otherwise assist any such person or company, or any person or company undertaking to build on or improve any property in which the company is interested, and generally to such persons or companies and upon such terms or conditions as the company may think fit, and in particular to tenants, builders or contractors; (k) To guarantee the payment of money secured by or payable under or in any respect of bonds, shares, contracts, mortgages, charges, obligations, or other securities of any company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this company; (l) To enter into any arrangements with any government or authority, federal, provincial, municipal or local, or otherwise that may seem conducive to the company's objects, or any of them; (m) To invest and deal with the moneys of the company not immediately required, upon such securities and in such manner as may from time to time be determined; (n) To distribute any of the property of the company in specie among its shareholders; (o) To do all or any of the above things as principals, agents, contractors or otherwise, and (p) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the above objects: The power granted in any paragraph hereof shall not be limited by any reference to or inference from any other paragraph. The operations of the company to be carried on throughout the Dominion of Canada and elsewhere by the name of "The Dorval Island Park Company, Limited," with a capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars divided into 2,000 shares of one hundred dollars each, and the chief place of business of the said company to be at the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec.

Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this 14th day of December, 1911.

THOMAS MULVEY,
Under-Secretary of State.

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OTTAWA SUBDIVISION — Trains 420, 421, 422 and 423 between Montreal and Ottawa (North Shore) will run on Sundays, December 24th and December 31st.

ST. LIN and ST. EUSTACHE—Special train will leave Montreal, Place Viger, 9.00 a.m. for St. Lin and St. Eustache on Sundays, December 24th, and December 31st.

ST. GABRIEL SUBDIVISION——On Sundays, December 24th and 31st, special train will run between St. Gabriel and Lanorale, connecting with trains 365 and 366.

LAURENTIAN DIVISION — Train 454 from Ivry, 6.15 p.m., St. Agathe, 6.30 p.m., due Montreal 8.55 p.m. Sunday, will be cancelled on Sundays, December 24th and December 31st.

Parlor car will likewise be cancelled from Ivry and Ste. Agathe to Montreal on Sundays, December 24th and December 31st.

Special train with parlor car attached will leave Ivry at 6.15 p.m., St. Agathe 6.30 p.m., arriving Montreal 8.55 p.m. on Mondays, December 25th, and January 1st, running on same time as train 454.

FRENCH FRIENDSHIP.

Paris, Dec. 22.—France is arranging another imposing testimonial of her friendship and affection for the United States. To-morrow a public subscription is to be opened to offer a bronze bust of 'La France,' by the illustrious French sculptor, Auguste Rodin, which will be plated at the base of the monument to be dedicated next June to Samuel de Champlain, the French navigator and explorer of 'Lake Champlain,' to which he gave his name.

CONTROLLERS REPORT ON WAGES OF LABORERS PASSED BY COUNCIL.

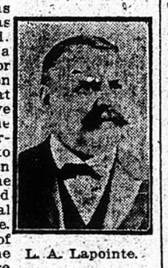
Alderman Tetreau Suggests That the Mayor, Controllers and Aldermen Give up a Portion of Their Salaries to Help the Workingman.

The City Council yesterday disposed of the salaries of the corporation laborers and carters by passing the report of the Board of Control on the appropriations for 1912, as amended by its supplementary report, by formally expressing its pleasure that the wages of the corporation laborers and carters are increased, and by expressing the hope that additional increase will be granted to these employees so as to advance their pay to $2.25 and $3.25 a day. The money for this raise, it was suggested, is to come from the moneys which will be available on the reduction of the reserve fund and out of the amount of $100,000 mentioned in the budget as decrease of revenues due to reductions of subsequent assessments.

This motion practically means that the Board of Control gains its point. The additional expenditure was $5,525 more than that originally recommended by the Controllers, who succeeded in having replaced on the lists provisions for several new employees.

The debate on the resolution and an amendment of Aldermen Tetreau and Turcot lasted nearly three hours, and was closely listened to by crowds of interested auditors in the galleries, who applauded the rhetorical outbursts of the champions of a higher wage at times. Several police officers were stationed in the galleries and in the approaches to the Council Chamber by way of a precaution against any possible demonstration.

The talk on the wages of laborers and carters was prefaced by the resolution of Ald. L. A. Lapointe, as finally adopted, as given above. Ald. Lapointe said a few words in favor of the stand taken and intimated that the resolution gave the Controllers the power to grant further increases to these workingmen in the spring if the finances warranted and if the general level of wages rose. But two or three of the salaries at the City Hall were greatly increased. The increases in the majority of cases were ten percent. Ald. Lapointe again asked the Controllers if the city could pay laborers more than $2.10 a day, and he asked that their reply be inserted in the minutes.


L. A. Lapointe.

Ald. Tetreau at once read an amendment, which was seconded by Alderman Turcot, and which, while satisfied with the increases to policemen and firemen, expressed the conviction that the wages of laborers and carters should be advanced twelve and a half percent. It decreed that the reports should be sent back to the Controllers with instructions to amend the list of salary increases, placing a limit of $300 on the advances given to the attorneys and the heads of the departments, and putting aside the $100,000 set apart in the estimates for possible reductions. All this was to be done in order to ascertain whether affairs could not be arranged so as to provide an amount of money sufficient to conform to the wage terms of this amendment.

The attitude of the Board of Control was then explained by Dr. Lachapelle. Every argument advanced in the Council, he said, was weighed by the Controllers in preparing the budget, and so earnestly were the distributions adjusted that it was impossible for them to find more funds for wages. It would be useless to send back the budget for further consideration.

Ald. Turcot, who was the next speaker, mentioned that large increases in salary voted in the budget to Mr. Atwater, and Mr. Lavalee, of the law department, Mr. George Janin, city engineer, and Mr. Pelletier, city controller, as well as some of the other officials. He said that, with the exception of Mr. Pelletier, from 25 to 65 percent remuneration of the heads of departments should be kept lower, and that higher wages should be given to the laborers. This is not election talk, he averred, and then he professed that his efforts were being made out of pure philanthropy. He feared that if wages were not improved in Montreal the city would have to open soup kitchens.

In the midst of these remarks Ald. L. A. Lapointe motioned to the crowds in the gallery, and clapped his hands. A few of the audience joined in the applause.

Ald. Turcot said that Controller Ainey, in his address before the all-night caucus, had wrought harm to organized labor. By that address many aldermen who were prepared to vote for the increase of twenty-five cents a day for laborers, and who listened to Mr. Ainey, were induced to vote against the increase, although they had promised to do so.

Ald. Tetreau seconded the efforts of his ally by making a suggestion on the way to find the extra money needed. 'Take the allowance for the increase in the wages of the laborers,' he said, 'and if there is a deficit in the budget let the Mayor, controllers and aldermen remit some of their salaries. He was willing to give up his thousand dollars a year for the workingman.

Controller Ainey said that the chief city attorney and his assistants had their salaries fixed by statutes at Quebec, and the heads of other departments were not receiving salaries commensurate with similar positions in private life. It would be impossible, he said, to find the money to pay an increase of twenty-five cents a day. He was not here to be the slave of twenty-five hundred civic laborers, and impose so much greater burdens upon the thousands of other workmen who would have to pay the extra advance in having sidewalks and sewers constructed past their doors. 'Why should Montreal pay a larger wage to its laborers than Toronto or Winnipeg,' he asked. 'Montreal actually was paying its labor as much as any other city, or more, than the Dominion pays. In the city the government was paying only $1.70 a day for laborers.'

Ald. Turcot said: 'Mr. Ainey forgets that the government which paid that wage is defeated.'

Laughter came from the galleries.

Mr. Ainey said that it was all right for those aldermen who were asking for the higher wage to talk, but he and his confreres had a great deal more responsibility than their critics had. In Montreal old men were employed, while in New York laborers had to undergo a medical examination, and all those unfit were rejected. Mr. Ainey was sure that the trades unions of Montreal would endorse his action, and he was convinced that this agitation would work harm to organized labor. When the time came when two thousand laborers could dictate the conduct of the council the same thing might take place as in other cities of this continent where contract labor replaced all sorts of day labor. It would have been better to have avoided discussion of this problem, said Mr. Ainey. Personally he felt that he had risked more than the rest, but he only was doing his duty.

Mr. Ainey was told the other night by an alderman that beefsteak was dear for the workingman and he should be given sufficient wages to enable him to buy beefsteak every day. Mr. Ainey would say that the remedy in reducing the cost of this food lay with that alderman, who was a butcher, and could simply charge less for his meat.

Ald. Lamoureux declared that the price of beef steak depended upon the wholesale market, and he could not afford to sell it below cost.

Ald. Carter raised the point that as the motion of Ald. Tetreau was one of reference it was not debatable, and therefore the debate was out of order.

Mayor Guerin said that he knew this objection was valid, but as this debate was of great importance, he wished the greatest latitude possible to be given to it.

'I am much surprised at the many friends the workingmen in the Council have,' remarked Ald. McMahon, in opening an address. 'These men,' he said, are most generous with what does not belong to them. But he refused to sacrifice his thousand dollars a year for a play to the gallery. The workingmen of Montreal were well treated. Their wages were advanced from $1.50 to $1.80 a day, from $1.80 to $2.00, and now would be put up to $2.10 a day. All that time the police and firemen had to do without an advance. Day labor was at a disadvantage in Montreal, he said. Climatic influences rendered its living conditions precarious, and it was impossible for men to work all the year round out of doors, but if they advanced the wages over much, all the older men would be crowded out of employment by the younger men.

The motion of Ald. Turcot and Tetreau, calling for an advance of 12 1-2 percent in the wages of these employees was submitted, and lost by a vote of nineteen to ten. The vote was as follows:—

Yes:— Ald. Leclaire, Lamoureux, Gauvin, Garceau, Tetreau, Clement, Letourneau, Mayrand, Turcot and Lariviere.

No:—Ald. L. A. Lapointe, N. Lapointe, O'Connell, Ward, Carter, Prud'homme, Dandurand, Boyd, Roux Brodeur, Monahan, Bastien, Emard Lussier, Deguire, Drummond, Morin, McMahon and Lavallee.

Ald. Ward then moved, and he was seconded by Ald. Carter, to strike out all the words in the main motion of Ald. L. A. Lapointe, given below, after the clause expressing gladness at the ability of the Controllers to grant an increase to laborers.

Ald. Carter said that this Council should not adopt such a recommendation as contained in the motion of Ald. L. A. Lapointe.

Ald. Tetreau at once objected that it was out of order.

Ald. Ward said that it was in order.

Ald. Carter was not prepared to vote for a motion which declared that the laborers of Montreal were not well treated. After the speech of Mr Ainey, he thought that the laborers for the city were better paid thar those working for private corporations.

Some of the aldermen who supported Ald. Tetreau and Turcot, clamored loudly, objected that this amendment was out of order, and tried to force matters to a vote. Ald. Turcot and Tetreau were particularly active in raising objections to the motion. On the calling of a division by the Mayor, only Ald. Ward and Carter voted for the amendment, and twenty-nine others opposed it. Mr Carter was then ready with another amndment instructing the Controllers not to authorize the heads of departments to pay employees less than the stipulated wage in cases where they were aged or otherwise incapacitated from doing a paid day's work. Ald. Boyd, who agreed to second this motion, withdrew, saying that it would not be acceptable to the Controllers.

The resolution of Ald. L. A. Lapointe was then put and carried by a vote of eight to twenty. It read as follows:

That the report of the Board of Commissioners on the appropriations for the year 1912, as amended by the supplementary report of said Board, submitted to Council this day, be received and adopted.

That this Council begs to declare that it is pleased to see that the salary of laborers and carters has been increased, and it expresses the hope that an additional increase will be granted to that class of workmen so as to raise their salary to $2.25 and $3.25 per day respectively out of the funds which will be available on the reduction of the reserve fund, and out of the amount of $100,000 mentioned in the budget as decrease of revenues due to reductions of subsequent assessments.

The following was the division on this motion:—

Yes.—Ald. L. A. Lapointe, N. Lapointe, O'Connell, Prd'homme, Dandurand, Boyd, Buodeur, Garceau, Monahan, Clement, Letourneau, Bastien, Emard, Lussier, Deguire, Drummond, Morin, McMahon, and Lavallee.

No.—Alds. Leclaire, Ward, Carter, Lamoureau, Gauvin, Tetreau, Mayrand, Turcot, and Lariviere.

Ald. Carter said to a 'Witness' reporter that he voted against this resolution, because it was said in the Council that Montreal laborers received more wages than in other Canadian cities, and the expressing of a hope for larger pay for these men was not sincere. It was merely catering for votes. If the aldermen thought that these men were not getting enough pay, why did they not give them the $2.25 a day at once? he asked.

A motion was passed appointing Mr. Charles Arnoldi, City Treasurer, in place of Mr. William Robb, who is retiring from office, and Mr. P. Collins was made assistant treasurer. The motion was not discussed.

BUILDERS' EXCHANGE SENDS A PROTEST.

The following resolution was read from the Builders' Exchange:—

'Whereas according to reports in the public press, a certain body of men known as longshoremen have made application to the City Council to impose a tax of $25 per head on men working along the wharves in the port of Montreal, who are non-residents of this city; and whereas the Legislative Committee has recommended this taxto the City Council, and the Council is reported to have adopted the principle of the proposed tax, be it resolved: 'That an energetic protest be, and hereby is submitted to the City Council of Montreal against such an unjust and unpatriotic tax on the following grounds:

'That while it is proposed at present to tax only one section of workers, there is no logical reason, if such principle be accepted, why the same tax should not apply to all classes of workers, non-residents of Montreal; and if 'non-residents' be not allowed to load ships why should they logically be permitted to lay bricks or hammer nails, or shovel snow, without paying for the privilege?

'That such a conclusion would be a monstrous charge upon this metropolis of Canada as an industrial, manufacturing and transportation centre of the Dominion, injurious to workers and employers alike, by increasing the local cost of production and distribution, tending in the end to curtail business and to divert commerce to other centres, and finally to work to the grievous injury and detriment of the city of Montreal.

'That the port of Montreal, being a national institution, is supported by the general taxes of all the Provinces of Canada, and at the cost of millions of dollars contributed by the ratepayers of the whole country, and as such should not be hampered by any such petty and vexatious impositions.

'That from the standpoint of labor, as well as from that of common Canadian citizenship, it is absolutely 'unpaternal' to deny the same rights and conditions of earning a livelihood to the 'brethren' from the rest of the Province of Quebec, as well as from any other Province of Canada.

'And that for the whole or any of the aforesaid reasons the City Council be humbly advised to non-concur in these sectional and petty 'class' demands, and to rescind any resolution adopted or to be adopted agreeing to the imposition of such proposed taxation.'

The resolution is signed on behalf of the Builders' Exchange by James Ballantyne, president, and Joseph Brunet, vice-president.

A resolution from the St. Jean Baptiste Society was received asking the City Council and the Board of Control to take a census of the city on the ground that grave errors have been committed in the last Dominion census. The same society begged the Council to contribute materially to the support of Laval University.

Mr. Ainey said, in discussing the wages of scavengers with a 'Witness' reporter, that these employees would also receive an increase of five percent. in their wages, and this would make them pay $2.16 1-3 a day.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

A Hundred and Fifty Point St. Charles Children Made Happy.

There was a very happy crowd of poor children at the Grace Church Sunday-school last night on the occasion of the annual treat given to a hundred and fifty poor youngsters of Point St. Charles by the Grace Church Young People's Society, who did not belong to the church. This year the committee and members worked hard to give the kiddies such a feed as they never had before, and succeeded to such an extent that the children went home not only delighted with the treat they had received but laden with good things. Shortly after four o'clock the children were given a real good meal consisting of ham, jellies and cakes, with tea and, after they had done excellent justice to the many good things provided they were entertained to games for an hour or two and then came the great climax—the Christmas tree!

The youngsters had been looking forward eagerly to this great event, and when the lights of the schoolrooom were almost extinguished they realized that their suspense was at an end. Suddenly the folding doors immediately behind the platform were thrown open and there, amidst all its glory, stood a huge Christmas tree heavily laden with toys, books and indescribable articles which made the eyes of the little boys and girls fairly water. The tree was lighted with candles in colored shades, and alongside stood the redoubtable Father Christmas, to hand out the presents to the little ones. It was a pretty picture in the darkness, the tree showing out very conspicuously, and the children went wild with delight. They clapped their little hands and shouted and whistled, and when partial quietness was restored the good things were doled out. Each child received a present from the tree and in addition a tuque, a pair of stockings, and mitts for the winter, besides an orange and a bag of candies. The party dispersed about 8 o'clock having spent a most enjoyable time.

The Ven. Archdeacon Ker was present throughout the proceedings, together with the Rev. H. C. Winch, Mr. T. Ker (president), Miss M. Kinsella (vice-president) Mr. F. Parker (secretary), and the following members of the committee, who were assisted by several members of the society: Misses R. Hulbert J. Smith, M. Harrison, N. Harrison, Messrs. F. J. Fradd, A. Delo, O. C. Bingham and W. Wilkinson. Mr. T. Worthington carrid out the duties of Father Christmas.

NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—'The men and religion forward movement' is about to be launched in Canada. Representatives from all parts of Canada are to meet at Ottawa on Jan. 4 and 5 for the purpose of Canadianizing the movement. American representatives will be there, including the chief executive, but their function is chiefly to set the idea in motion as it is thought best to keep the two movements distinct.

From Toronto there will go Dr. A. S. Grant, the Rev. Mr. Halpenny, Messrs. G. A. Warburton, of the Y.M.-C.A.; R. W. Forgie, A. G. Robertson and others. The representatives from Hamilton will be in number including Mr. Fred Ford.

PORTUGUESE ROYALISTS AGAIN

Vigo, Spain, Dec. 22.—Advices from Braga, a city in Portugal thirty-five miles northeast of Oporto, say that a monarchist outbreak occurred there on the night of Dec. 20 in the barracks of the 29th Infantry Regiment. The colonel and a captain of the regiment were wounded in the course of the disturbance. At noon on the following day firing was still heard in the city.

Lisbon, Dec. 22.—An official note issued by the Government says that the revolt reported to have occurred at Braga was confined to a few rifle shots. The colonel of the 29th Infantry was wounded. The affair arose from the insubordination of some soldiers over the question of punishments. A number of soldiers were arrested.



A Message From Santa Claus

"Dear me," said Santa Claus, "those children in Montreal do keep me busy. Three hundred thousand of them, and I am expected to bring everyone of them just the right sort of present."

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"How strange it is," said Santa, with a serious look, "some people don't believe in me because they think I am too wonderful to be true. And yet the telephone which they use every day is far more wonderful than I am. It is the most marvelous invention of the age. I wonder how people ever lived without it."

"But I must ring off now," laughed Santa Claus. "You know this is my busy day. Merry Christmas! Good-bye."

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Mocha wool lined, $1.00, $1.50, $2.25.
Mocha fur lined, $3.00 to $5.75.

Men's English Leather, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50.
French Kid, White, $1.00, $1.25.
Russian Leather, $1.50 to $2.25.
Mocha wool lined, $2.25.
Mocha fur lined, $3.50.

Children's English Leather, .75.
Real French Kid, .49, .89, $1.00.
Real Gazelle, $1.00.
Chamois natural color, .75.
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Long Kid Gloves, 12-button.....$2.00
Long Kid Gloves, 16-button.....$2.50

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To make what is always our biggest day in the Glove Department still higher, we are going to start selling to-morrow at 8 a.m. sharp. To do this we offer 300 pairs of Women's, Men's and Children's Gloves at Half, and in many cases, less than Half price. Divided in two lots—.85 and $1.00 gloves, **.50** per pair; $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00 for **.75**.

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Women's finest French Kid, Grey, Navy, Green, Tan, Brown, Mode, Champagne, Tan and Grey, French Suede, also Tan Cape.

Men's Grey Suede, fine French quality, unlined and silk lined, English leather unlined extra fine Mocha, wool and knitted lining, fine quality Cape with knitted lining. Gloves that would sell from $1.25 to $2.00, all at **.75** per pair.

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1629 YARDS of all silk weave heavy Taffeta Ribbon, in White, Cream, Pink, Cardinal, Mauve, Black and Red. This is specially suitable for hair ribbons.
Regular .18; Friday evening..... **.15**

2461 YARDS rich Duchess Satin Ribbons, in White, Cream, Sky, Pink, Old Rose, Navy, Black, Scarlet and Cardinal.
Friday evening..... **.20**

This is a good chance to buy your Xmas Ribbons.

Gift Books Reduced in Price

100 only Books, bound in solid leather, gilt edge, each in a suitable box for gift purposes. These are all the world's renowned poets.
Regular $1.75. On Sale Friday, at 7.30 p.m., each..... **$1.19**

Fancy Baskets, Each .25

200 only various shape Fancy Baskets, Catchalls and Hair Receivers.
Regular values up to .75 each. On Sale Friday, at 7.30 p.m..... **.25**

Women's Umbrellas

20 WOMEN'S High Class Umbrellas at Half Price. Up to date in every way, beautiful handles, every one cased. Our regular prices were $2.95 and $3.95.
Friday night..... **$1.48** and **$1.98**

50 ONLY Children's Umbrellas, long or short handles, good quality top.
Saturday evening each..... **.50**
(Boxed for Xmas Gifts.)

Reason 6--A Gift from this Splendid Assortment of Neckwear

You have the "Murphy" guarantee for style, quality, and exclusiveness, which are sufficient inducements to buy here.

Real Irish Lace Neckwear,
Real French Hand Embroidered Neckwear,
Fancy Swiss Neckwear,
Guipure and Oriental Lace Neckwear,
Fancy Christmas Neckwear, Fancy Silk Neckwear,

Comprising a full assortment of Jabots, side and front effect; Dutch and Coat Collars, in square, round and pointed effects; Dress Sets, Stocks, Stock and Jabots attached, Bows and Hunting Stocks. Ranging in price from .15, .19, .25, .35 to $18.50 each.

Reason 7--Your Christmas Ribbons are Important

Saturday is the last day you can buy your Christmas Ribbons, so make it a special point to visit "Murphy's" Ribbon Department. Our wide selection will enable you to find exactly what you are looking for.

Holly Ribbon, per bolt..... .25
Parcel Ribbon, in all colors, 18 yards for..... .18
Parcel Ribbon, in all colors, 18 yards for..... .23
Hair Ribbons, in all colors and at all prices.
Dresden Ribbon, 2 inches wide.... .10
Dresden Ribbon, 4 inches wide.... .12
Dresden Ribbon, 5 inches wide.... .15
Dresden Ribbon, 5½ inches wide.. .15
Satin Duchess Ribbon, 5 ins. wide, .25
Satin Duchess Ribbon, 6 ins. wide, .39
Satin Duchess Ribbon, 5½ ins. wide, .35
All Silk Taffeta Ribbon, 5½ inches wide..... .15
All Silk Taffeta Ribbon, 6 inches wide..... .18
All Silk Taffeta Ribbon, 6 inches wide..... .29

A large selection of Ribbon Bags and Novelties suitable for Xmas presents.
(Ribbon Dept., near Metcalfe Street Entrance.)

Reason 4 ----Our Handkerchief Department Has Made Every Preparation for Saturday

Each line of Handkerchiefs has been unpacked for to-morrow, extra salesladies have been engaged, as we believe that from eight o'clock until closing time we shall be very busy. 'Phone orders will receive prompt attention. This list is for your benefit: —

Ladies' pure Irish Linen, any initial, 6 for .75, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50.
Ladies' pure Irish Linen, any initial, each .13, .18, .23, .25.
Ladies' pure Irish Linen, plain, .08, .10, .15, .20, .25, .35.
Embroidered pure Irish Linen, any initial, 6 for $1.25, $1.50, $2.00.
Embroidered pure Irish Linen, any initial, .23, .25, .35, .50 each.
Ladies' fancy Swiss, from .05, .10, .15, .20 to .65.
Ladies' Linen hand embroidered corners, .12½, .15, .20, .25 to $2.00.
Ladies' real American Lace Handkerchiefs, .50, .75, $1.25, $1.50.
Ladies' real Lace, $2.50 to $25.00 each.
Men's Mercerized Handkerchiefs, assorted colored borders, from .05, .10, .15, .20, .25, 3 for .25 and 2 for .25.
Men's White Cotton Handkerchiefs, .05, .10.
Children's Cotton Handkerchiefs, colored borders, 3 in a box, for .15, .20, .25.
Children's Cotton Handkerchiefs, colored borders, any initial, for .20 and .25.

Reason 8--Fancy Linens worth up to $7.50, for .98

Saturday, the last day for Christmas shopping. We are offering *EXTRA SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS* for early shopping.

Fancy Linens, worth up to $7.50 each, all to go on Sale Saturday..... **.98**

About 500 pieces fine new Fancy Linens in real hand made French Cluny Laces, dainty Irish hand embroidered pieces, beautiful Japanese drawn and embroidery work. Very fine Guipure and Venetian Lace, hanrsome Battenburg Linens and new Maderia Linens in covers and scarfs, shams, tray cloths, runners, doylies, centres, luncheon cloths and tea covers. Regular values from $1.50, $2.00, $3.00, $4.00, $5.00, $6.00 and $7.50 each. All to clear Saturday each..... **.98**

Reason 5.---Children's Winter Coats at Reduced Prices

Warm little double breasted Coats, with Military cape trimmed with self strapping and piped with scarlet with large gilt buttons, in Navy Blue Storm Serge. Regular price $5.75;
Saturday..... **$4.98**

A smart little Navy Blue Storm Serge Coat, box style, double breasted, turnover collar, trimmed with Military braid, scarlet cloth. Sizes from 2 to 5 years. Regular price $4.50;
Saturday..... **$3.98**

Girls' heavy Navy Blue Cheviot Coats, made box style, double breasted, turnover collar, trimmed with Military braid, and gilt buttons, from 6 to 14 years. Regular price $6.50;
Saturday..... **$5.49**

Reason 12---You Should Give a Willow Plume

We have 168 Willow Plumes, each one in a dainty box suitable for Xmas presents. The Plumes are in Black and in White only. They are single willowed, extra fine stock, the large broad and full heads, and they are wonderfully full. Every lady will appreciate one of these. Regular $8.50 to $12.50.
Saturday..... **$5.49**

Reason 11.---A Special Offer in Women's Winter Coats

We are placing on Sale Saturday, 98 Women's Winter Coats at less than cost of material. They are made of Broadcloth, Beaver, and Melton, and are all well finished. Regular $15.00 to $20.00. Saturday **$6.95**

Reason 10.--Kabo Corsets $1.25

To-morrow only, we will introduce a new model of the celebrated perfect fitting Kabo Corsets, all sizes. Ask to see them. Regular $1.50;
Saturday..... **$1.25**

Corset Covers and Drawers made of our usual good quality Nainsook, just opened up for Xmas selling, very dainty. Regular .79;
Saturday..... **.50**

REASON 9—100 Samples of High Class New York Waists

Regular $7.50 to $15.00, for **$3.95**

Every Waist is distinctly different and the very latest models in all the newest shades. In the lot are Silk Crepe de Chine, Silk Chiffons, Peau de Soie, Duchess Satin and fine Net. Please note they are mostly in size 36, with a few 34, 38 and 40. Regular $7.50, $8.50, $10.00, $12.00 and $15.00. Saturday..... **$3.95**
(No 'Phone orders.)

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DISINFECTING SINKS, CLOSETS, DRAINS, AND
FOR MANY OTHER PURPOSES
THE STANDARD ARTICLE
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RELIGION AND MARRIAGE.

Winnipeg Now Has a Sensational Case in Point.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Fred. Brewer charges the St. Boniface Hospital with refusing to permit her to see her husband because he is a Protestant and she a Catholic. At the Palace it was said the woman was not admitted because she is not Brewer's wife, saying he had a wife when he married the present Mrs. Brewer. The record shows the first Mrs. Brewer died December 16, 1895, and he was married again four years later. The case is being given wide publicity, and has caused a sensation. Mrs. Brewer claims the priest was trying to force her to be married again in the Catholic faith.

THE SEA GIVES UP.

United States Will Make 1,000,000 Ton of Fertilizer From Weeds.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 22.—The United States will not have to depend on Germany much longer for its potash with which to make fertilizer, Mr. Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, stated yesterday. In the near future the United States should be able not only to supply its own needs, but also to export a considerable amount of potash, he said.

The principal source of American potash, the experts of the agriculture report, will be in the kelp, of seawed of the Pacific coast. The plan examiners potash salts from sea water and from 25 to 35 percent of its weight is potassium chloride. The Pacific coast should yield annually about a million tons, worth forty million dollars.

EMPEROR'S CONDITION.

Vienna, Dec. 22.—The Emperor yesterday gave a half-hour audience to Count von Achrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Emperor Francis Joseph is suffering only from a cold and hoarseness. He sleeps well and his appetite is said to be fairly good. Notwithstanding various reports that are being circulated, alleging the Emperor's serious illness, it was stated yesterday in a most reliable quarter, that there was no reason for alarm. This is confirmed by the fact that Archduke Franz Ferdinand, the heir presumptive, left Vienna with his family this evening to spend Christmas at his country home near Prague.

CAMORRA TRIAL.

The Proceedings Have Lasted Nine Months and Jurors are Rather Angry

Rome, Dec. 22.—The acute cause of the collapse of the Camorra trial at Viterbo was the threat of the jurors to strike. They notified the president of the court that they needed no additional evidence, and this, with the refusal of witnesses to attend, brought about a farcical crisis in what had been regarded as a farcical proceeding. The public prosecutor had indicated that it would take a fortnight for the closing arguments, the defendants' counsel seeking an opportunity to make long speeches. The jury became furious at this prospect after having been compelled to sit for nine months.

The English and other foreign newspapers withdrew their correspondents from Viterbo months ago, and few, if any, of the papers have printed a line of the trial since. Even the Italian journals dropped the reports for a time, and though they have since resumed printing items about the trial, they have confined the despatches to perfunctory paragraphs.

A week ago it was thought that there would be a mutual agreement to drop ninety-two minor witnesses against the accused members of the Camorra, who have been on trial here since March 11 last for the murder of the Cucoccolos and that the case would be hustled to an end. That the witnesses might not appear was not realized and the trend of other witnesses' testimonies this week has favored the accused. They testified to the good moral character of Erricone and his companions and reviled the informer, Abbattemaggio, and Captain Fabrione, of the Carbineers.

As illustrative of the power of the Camorra, the police commissary, Cervino, was called to whitewash the character of Sortono. He said that Sortino had only committed one particularly atrocious murder, and that otherwise he was a perfect gentleman.

Sixty witnesses were called for one day this week, and not one appeared.

OPPOSED TO TAX.

Builders Think It Invidious to Pick Out Non-resident Long-Shoremen.

The Builder's Exchange at a meeting of its board of directors held on Wednesday, passed a resolution opposing the proposed tax of $25 on non-resident longshoremen. The Builder's Exchange says that while it is proposed at present to tax but one class of workers, there is no logical reason, if such a principle be adopted, why it should not apply to all classes of non-resident workmen; and if non-residents be not allowed to unload ships, why shoud they be permitted to lay brick, drive nails or shovel snow without paying for the privilege. The port of Montreal is a national institution, it declares, and is supported by the general taxes of all the provinces of Canada, and as such it ought not to be hampered by any such vexatious and petty impositions. It urges the City Council to reject the proposal of the legislative committee of that body.

ARCHBISHOP'S JUBILEE.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—Fifty years ago Archbishop John Ireland entered the priesthood of the Roman Catholic church. At the express wish of the Archbishop there was no public celebration of the anniversary, but many were received yesterday at the Archbishop's residence.

The 'Witness' Fashion Hint



WHITE FUR ON BLACK.

The vogue of fur trimmings permits of strong contrasts, and white fur is used not only for collar and revers, but sometimes also as a trimming on the hem of a dark garment. The illustration shows a black velvet cloak bordered with white fur.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES.

Most people certainly appreciate a gift that is done up daintily and showing some extra carefulness more than one that is wrapped up in the ordinary, every-day fashion, neat enough though it may be. White tissue or embossed paper with holly ribbon, or green paper with red, is always appropriate and satisfactory, but sometimes the sender and receiver both like a little change. Light blue paper with tiny gilt or silver foil stars pasted here and there over the top is dainty and appropriate. The stars can be cut out of gilt paper in a few minutes with a pair of embroidery scissors. The crepe paper napkins that fill so many uses can be utilized effectively in doing up boxes and small packages, and for this purpose those in a scarlet poinsettia design are particularly good. If the parcel is too large to be done up in the paper napkin, the poinsettia can easily be cut out and pasted on a larger piece of ordinary white paper. It is usually better to paste the design on after the package is wrapped up, as one can place it just where it will be most effective. Tiny red or silver paper bells stuck on the parcel is another 'Christmassy' decoration. The national idea under some circumstances, as when the gift is for a Canadian away from home or a Scotch friend in Canada, will be appreciated. Maple leaves, preserved from the autumn, can be glued on the package, or paper ones in autumn tints can be cut from crepe paper napkins, cards, etc. The friend from Scotland will doubtless feel complimented by the use of plaid ribbon in tying the parcels.

FLOWER PETAL SWEETMEATS.

Crystallized rose petals and violet petals are dainty additions to the box of home-made Christmas bonbons. To prepare them, an expert says, have fresh perfect petals quickly washed and thoroughly dried. Boil a syrup of sugar and water to the 'crack' stage. Then set the pan in hot water, to keep the syrup from hardening, dip the petals, one at a time, into the syrup, and place on a fine sieve, dusted with confectioner's sugar. When crisp and dry, roll in confectioner's sugar. Small tongs—sugar tongs, or those that come in candy boxes, should be used for dipping. The petals may need to be spread out a little, so that they may dry in a natural shape. Some of the pale roses will probably need a little artificial red coloring added to the syrup. One of the harmless 'fruit coloring pastes' may be used. A little rose flavoring may be needed if the less fragrant varieties of roses are used.

Another method uses rose-water to make the syrup. Make a thick syrup of white sugar and rose-water, drop the petals in, and let them become saturated. Then turn the mass out on to a sieve, and let the syrup drain through. Separate the petals and straighten them out. When they are dry, brush them over with white of egg and roll them in sifted, crystallized sugar until well coated; then lay them out separately on a sheet of white paper, and leave them in a warm place, till dry.

A third method which is rather more troublesome, but which sometimes gives better results, is to dip the leaves or petals into a solution of gum arabic, and let them dry, before crystallizing. Egg white—mixed, but not beaten, with an equal quantity of water, is similarly used by some people, but it is not always satisfactory.

SUFFRAGE CHRISTMAS SEALS.

The National Suffrage Association of the United States have adopted the Christmas seal scheme to extend its propaganda. Incidentally, a sum of money will be raised to help to carry on the publicity work of the Association: There are some two million avowed suffragists in the United States, and, as the 'Woman's Journal' of Boston, says, there are several other millions who are unconscious suffragists, not yet wakened up. If the two million, who already know their own opinions, take the trouble to use little 'votes for women' seals on their Christmas letters and parcels, the result would, no doubt, be decidedly appreciable. Many millions of people would see that slogan, 'Votes for women,' once more, and some would see it for the first time, as the mail matter went from hand to hand; and what people see they think about. If each of these two million of suffragists used only one of the one-cent seals on one parcel or letter, there would be $20,000 spent for 'the cause,' and, what is really the primary motive, a vast number of people would have had their attention called to the question of the day. Of course, not all of the two million will respond, but many will use dozens of seals, to the expansion of the movement.



Happy Thought

"I will go to the Willis Piano House and buy one of their best pianos for Christmas. It will make the entire family happy.

The above is indeed a very happy thought. Now put it into action and come to-day or to-night to see the immense stock of high class instruments at the house of

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Prices to suit all pockets this Christmas time.
OPEN EVENINGS

LIBEL IN AN ADVERTISEMENT.

Carrick, Limited, Must Pay Mr. J. R. Gordon $500 Damages.

Ignoring rulings on the law of libel given by the courts of the State of New York, Mr. Justice Greenshields yesterday ordered Carrick Limited, real estate agents, to pay to J. R. Gordon $500 damages for defamatory libel which consisted of the publication of Gordon's picture in an advertisement which His Lordship held was grotesque and ridiculous, and was inserted with the intention of exposing him to ridicule in the community. It was also done maliciously in view of the fact that another important lawsuit was at the ime pending between the parties. Suit was originally entered for $1,999.

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.



9115.—LADIES' WAIST WITH PEPLUM.

One of the features of this season's styles is the added basque or peplum. The fronts of this model are crossed, forming a side closing, and finished with the ever popular sailor collar. The sleeves show a wide turn back cuff. The pattern is cut in 6 sizes: 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure. It requires 3 1-2 yards of 40 inch material for a 38 inch size.

PATTERN COUPON.

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

No.....

Size .....

Name .....

Address in full:

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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.

Does any 'Witness' reader condemn conscientious conviction if it happens to conflict with his own, and does he feel that to hold a different opinion on an economic question is so much worse than actually taking a wrong stand on a moral or religious question that it is his duty, as some have frankly told us, to give up the 'Witness' and urge others to do the same?

If you want your friends to think for themselves and to think honestly introduce the 'Witness' to them, even if you do not agree with some of its opinions or want others to. The right is never wronged by honest debate.

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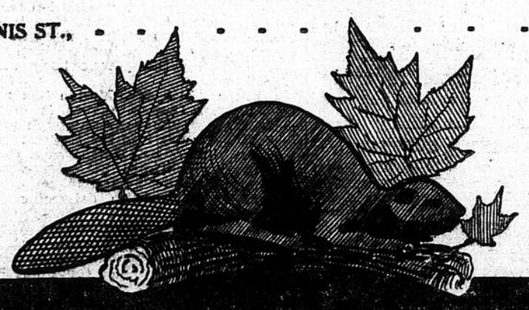
¶At this season of the year, you are thinking of some purchase which will, in material form, express your own appreciation of some dear friend or relative; then our range of furs, enables you to select the most acceptable present for a lady. Bear in mind, we challenge the world for fit, quality and style, and owing to our complete organization and European connection in the World's great Fur Markets, we are enabled to undersell all competitors, to the extent of 40 per cent, which is in itself a magnet to the intending purchaser.

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APPEAL

For the Relief of the Protestant Poor of Montreal.

THE BOARD OF OUT-DOOR RELIEF appointed at the public meeting held in connection with The Montreal Protestant House of Industry and Refuge, for the relief of Protestant poor, will begin their work for the winter on Thursday morning, December 21st, at 9 o'clock, and APPEAL TO THE FRIENDS OF THE INSTITUTION FOR FUNDS to enable them to carry on the work during the next three months, and relieve the needy poor. Contributions will be thankfully received by the following members of the Board:—

J. C. HOLDEN ....377 Mountain Street.
LT.-COL. J. H. BURLAND ..Royal Insurance Building.
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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 birth, 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.

CLEGHORN — On Dec. 16, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Power Cleghorn, Travancore Apartments, 70 Cedar avenue, a daughter.

PRICE — On Sunday, Dec. 17, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Price, 2392 Esplanade avenue, a daughter.

MARRIED.

HALL — TYE — At Lansdowne, Ont., on Dec. 12, 1911, by the Rev. J. B. Pring, Marguerite J. Tye to Willard T. Hall, of Outlet.

HERON—WEATHERBE—On Dec. 20, 1911, at Grace Church, Deer Park, Toronto, by the rector, the Rev. J. H. Broughall, Winifred Maud, daughter of the late Major and Mrs. Heron, of Ottawa, to Philip Weatherbe, M.D., son of Sir Robert and Lady Weatherbe, Halifax, N.S.

THOMPSON — KERR — On Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1911, in St. James Methodist Church, Montreal, by the Rev. Dr. Sparling, Annie Pearl, third daughter of Mr. Richard Thompson, of Shrewsbury, Que., to Captain A. O. Kerr, 11th Regt., only son of the late Samuel Kerr, of North Gore, Que.

DIED.

ARCHIBALD — On Dec. 21, 1911, at 97 Crescent street, Ellen Robertson, widow of the late Alex. Archibald, and mother of Mrs. R. W. Garth.
Funeral on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at 2.30 p.m.

BRADLEY — At Sherbrooke, Que., on Dec. 19, 1911, William Robert Bradley, in his 73rd year.

DARBYSON—At the Jeffrey Hale Hospital, Quebec, on Dec. 20, 1911, Mary Ann Dynes, born in county Wexford, Ireland, wife of the late Joseph L. Darbyson.

KNOX—At Quebec, on Dec. 19, 1911, Elizabeth Lennen, beloved wife of James Knox, of the Ross Rifle Factory, aged 59 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

HENNESSEY—In loving memory of John Hennessey, who died in this city, December 22nd, 1902.

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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A CHRISTMAS STORY.

New York, as Usual, Has Produced an Appropriate One.

New York, Dec. 22.—Jimmy Scully's little sister was in a fair way to get a diamond and ruby necklace for Christmas, for Jimmy, who is an errand boy in a tailoring establishment, had found on the street a beautiful bauble of 200 shiny stones of dazzling white, and 39 pigeon blood red ones, which Jimmy had stowed away thinking the stones were glass and considering the string a perfectly appropriate gift for Mary. Yesterday, however, when James innocently displayed his find to one of the men in the shop, an uproar and the hurried calling in of an expert on precious stones followed.

It was speedily determined that the necklace was composed of diamonds and rubies, the value of which was not to be questioned, and worth altogether something like $10,000. Advertisements were hastily scanned and a reply to one inserted by a distracted woman of fashion revealed that the necklace was the property of Mrs. Mary Steinman, of Tuxedo Park.

In her happiness over recovering her gems she made Jimmy a present of a brand new hundred dollar bill, so that although little Miss Scully will not get a diamond and ruby necklace for her Christmas gift, a really lavish present will be hers and the entire Scully family is to be treated to a turkey and plum pudding dinner at their Second avenue home.

OVERALL FACTORY ROBBED.

Windsor, Dec. 22.— Thieves broke into the Peabody Overall factory at Walkerville on Wednesday night, and stole goods amounting to between $500 and $600.

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By H. B. Marriott Watson.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

Sir Philip Temple rescues a woman from a burning train in a railroad accident and takes her to the Castle of Waldthal, in the principality of Eisenburgh, where she dies without regaining consciousness. The Eisenburghers are birth of an heir, which will prevent the succession passing to a rival house. Sir Philip decides to remain in the principality and takes lodgings at the village inn. The joyful announcement of the birth is followed by the tolling of the bells for the death of the mother, the Grand Duchess of Eisenburgh. The unknown lady is buried in a nameless grave but Sir Philip is not satisfied that every possible effort has been made to identify her and notify the relatives. He decides that he has a duty in the matter. Sir Philip pays a visit to his mother in England, and finds that a mysterious person by the name of 'Cayman,' and giving a bogus address, has spread the report that Sir Philip had been fatally injured in the accident. Returning to Eisenburgh, Sir Philip makes the acquaintance of Herr Kartolen, who professes to be a commercial traveller, when walking in the Grand Duke's park Sir Philip meets a young and beautiful woman, and is told that he is trespassing. This encounter is hardly over when he is arrested and taken to the village gaol, the victim of an extraordinary conspiracy, and is only released when the English consul comes to his aid.

CHAPTER VI.

THE SHOT IN THE FOREST.

Eisenburg was sometimes amusingly, but more often distractingly, bilingual. It hesitated between French and German, with a distinct bias—at least, in the trading centres—towards the language which dominated the commerce of the country. Owing to the geographical situation of the grandduchy on the flank of Germany, that language was, of course, German. German enterprise had long since penetrated and exploited Eisenburg. German commercial travellers, like Herr Kartolen, had mapped out the grand-duchy in sections, and took their annual levies. The State was, to some frightened minds, in the way of becoming a mere German appange. That was why the Court party made a determined 'set' in favor of French. Though German was spoken among the traders of the capital, at the Schloss with its German name they talked in pure French. Thus it fell out that the passenger in Eisenburg streets must needs ply the tongues in turn, according to his itinerary and the accidents of his meetings. He would converse in German if he bought groceries, but over the way was a shop in which his wife, purchasing lingerie, must express her preferences in French.

Sir Philip Temple perused two newspapers on the morning following his release on bail—the one in German and the other in French. The German, after its news, was commercial and non-political, while the French sheet, circulating in polite society, reflected Court news, and probably Court views. At least, future Court movements were foreshadowed, as of national importance. The public proclamation of the new Grand Duke was fixed for such-and-such a date, which was some five days ahead. The Princess Regent would leave Waldthal for the capital on such a day. His Excellency Count Cavari was in residence at his official house in Eisenburg. . . Thus, or after some such fashion, ran the fashionable information of the 'Gazette,' which Temple idly scanned at breakfast. Mr. Wakeling had departed for Eisenburg and his duties, leaving with Sir Philip an assurance that he need fear no further misunderstanding, and a cordial invitation to visit him in the capital. Mr. Wakeling, you see, was a practical man, had lived fifty years, and knew something of his own country and her worthies. There was some historic glamor attaching to the name of Temple of Templemore.

The Chancellor was in residence! Philip regarded the fact leisurely, and turned with equal leisure from it to wonder if the Chancellor had received his letter. Till now he had had no answer. He was also interested as to the fate of the other letters which he had dispatched from his cell. Now that he had found that the consular machinery had not been set in motion by him, he had a renewed suspicion of all the circumstances. His letter to Mr. Wakeling had miscarried, and it was the German 'drummer' who had saved him. He could not overlook the fact, and somehow it seemd to possess a curious but undetermined significance. He wrote that morning to Berlin, to Paris, and to Captain du Vallon at the Castle of Waldthal. He did not write to His Excellency.

Yet it was from His Excellency that he first heard—indeed, in the evening of the same day. Count Cavari wrote through his secretary, as every busy and distinguished man must, acknowledging the receipt of Sir Philip Temple's letter, and stating that he had taken steps to communicate with the necessary authorities. Upon this formal document Temple had two criticisms to make to himself—the one that the Chancellor had evidently accepted his uncorroborated statement as to his identity, and the other that it came, so to speak, a day after the fair. However, it was welcome in its way and day, more especially as it was clear evidence that he was to be troubled no more in the matter of a ridiculous charge. The next day brought a confirmation of this, in an official communication from the authorities, whose investigations had proved the truth of the suspect's claim to be an important English gentleman. Simultaneously he received a second letter from the Chancellors' secretary, expressing regret at the absurd mistake of the police and a hope that Sir Philip Temple had not been greatly inconvenienced thereby.

It was a civil thing for a busy man of affairs to have done, and Temple recognized this. At the same time, he was exercised still about his unanswered letters. As he had thought, no one had dared to intermeddle with the Chancellor's postbag, but it was abundantly clear that no respect had been paid to any one else's. We have heard as to the Consul's; and the next mail brought Philip communications from Berlin and Paris, from which it appeared that his original letters to both Prince von Stregen and the Marquis de Pomeau Laval had only just been delivered, owing, no doubt, to delay in the post. Captain du Vallon was still silent.

It seemed, then, that the Chancellor was the only one who had received his letter—in due course. Temple passed many things in mental review, among others the operations of agents provocateurs, of which he had read, and various other reputed tricks of the criminal police of different countries. After that, as the weather was clouding, and the valleys of the Odenstock merged in mist, he spent a dull afternoon indoors, with such books as the scanty library of the hotel offered and his own reflections. Among these latter reappeared the affair which was mainly responsible for bringing him back to Waldthal. Now that he was discharged his mind reverted to the dead woman, and he pondered a good deal on the tragedy after he had tired of his literature. He wrote to His Excellency's secretary, acknowledging politely what he might consider to be official apologies for his arrest, and in the same letter stated his intention of advertising in the hope of throwing some light on the identity of the unknown victim.

He drew up the same afternoon a carefully framed advertisement which he sent off to various papers in England, France, and Germany, giving his own initials and address at the Hotel du Cerf, Waldthal. From this it seemed that he was not at present designing to leave Eisenburg, despite the obloquy of his arrest. As a matter of fact he had made up his mind to witness the Proclamation before he went on to what he had originally meant to be his destination—Munich.

On the day following this dispatch of letters Sir Philip Temple, armed with a fishing-rod and basket, took the road to the upper waters of the Larche, distant in the hills some five miles from Waldthal.

The same day at the midday meal two men were facing each other across the table in the chateau of Demarne, in the Upper Odenstock. The chateau, an elegant building of the eighteenth century, was perched in a very picturesque and romantic situation. Behind it the forests of the Odenstock, black and grim, sloped upwards to the crown of the hills, whence they rolled downwards in a tumbled confusion of vale and dale across the plains of Montrais towards the border of Graumark, in the German hegemony. Northward and eastward the whole of Eisenburg lay stretched before the eye, with the Castle of Waldthal in the middle distance, and even the towers and spires of the capital on the dim horizon. From the windows of Demarne, the seat of the Boar of the Odenstock, a magnificent prospect is ever in the eye; for no sooner have its shafts left the spacious, rambling park and gardens than they descend by the white cataracts of the Larche, by gaps and wooded spurs, to the lower heights about Waldthal, and thence again to the glittering plains in which the city of Eisenburg rises by the silver Effel. Yet of this wonderful view the two men at the table took no heed. They were not looking out of the windows at all, but at each other. The Boar, as he was popularly styled after the beast, that, even in modern times, still ravaged occasionally in the Odenstock, was clean-shaven; but his companion, short, and rather bald, wore a peaked of Vandyke beard, which he plucked in an apparently abstracted and deliberate manner.

'I assure you, my dear Baron,' he said in his pleasant voice, 'that I was actuated by mere idle curiosity. The narrative had been interrupted, and it interested me. I wanted it finished.'

'Well, it wasn't,' said Favrinck bluntly.

'But it will be,' said the other softly. 'I cannot see why you lay such stress upon what appears to me a triviality,' said the Baron.

'It probably is a triviality,' said his companion, nodding. 'In my life I have found trivialities often to indicate significant things. Floating straws, my dear Baron, show the direction of the current. I may be watching a straw that means nothing, but I watch it. I don't like losing chances, and, after all, it hurts no one and amuses me.'

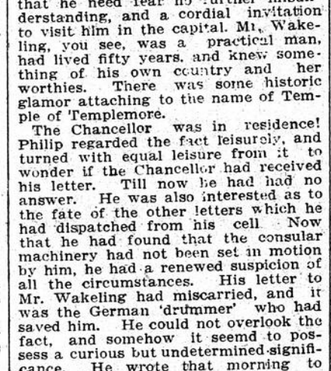
'Oh, if it amuses you, Von Hauser——' The Baron shrugged his shoulders, and did not complete his sentence

'Consider that he was interrupted in a very interesting story, and at a critical point of it,' went on Von Hauser, pleasantly. 'He was privileged to be in the Castle on the night of that interesting event. Think of it! What would you not have given for that privilege, my dear fellow?' The Baron snorted. 'He took there a dying woman for attention, an act of humanity; and he left at midnight and went to the Hotel du Cerf.'

The Baron looked up. 'I saw him then—a tall, rather slender, characteristic Englishman? Yes, I saw him that night in talk with Maillac.'

'No doubt,' assented his companion, and resumed in his easy way: 'He told Maillac, it appears, that he designed to stay in Waldthal for some little time and explore this'—he nodded out of the window — 'magnificent domain of yours. But he returned to England in obedience to a telegram, was absent a few days, and came back. The day after his return he was arrested on the charge of being a certain Ketschinski. Now, Baron, do you know any one named Ketschinski?' He had turned his grey eyes on his host, who frowned and brooded as if over some internal convulsion of thought.

(To be Continued.)



WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURE?

December 22.

Have the gates of death been opened unto thee; or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?—Job xxxviii., 17.

Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.—Ps. lxxxviii., 18.

Seek him that turneth the shadow of death into the morning, the Lord is his name.—Amos v., 8.

TRANSFER ANNUITIES BRANCH

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The government annuities branch will be transferred from the Trade and Commerce to the Post Office Department on Dec. 31. Arrangements for the transfer have been about completed.



SANTA HAS ARRIVED AND IS VERY BUSY.

"BED-TIME STORIES"

CHRISTMAS EVE LULLABY.

(John Kendrick Bangs in Leslie's Weekly.)

Slyly twinkling in the skies,
Peeping from the heavens' blue,
Are a million starry eyes
Smiling, darling, down on you.
Peeping through the cloudy gauze
From their little homes above,
While we wait for Santa Claus.
With his gifts of cheer and love.
Hushaby, my baby, O.
Santa Claus is on the way,
And his sledges overflow
With the sweets of Christmas Day.
Lull-a-by,
Hushaby, my baby, O.

Santa Claus is coming by
With his pack of pretty toys.
Fast his speedy reindeer fly
With their load of Christmas joys.
Now he flits across the moon,
Now he flickers o'er its gold—
We will hear his footsteps soon
On the housetop, crisp and cold.
Hushaby, my baby, O.
Soon we'll hear the joyous horn
That will usher in the glow
Of the golden Christmas morn.
Lull-a-by,
Hushaby, my baby, O.

Meet him halfway, baby dear.
Join the jolly, pranksome band
Of the elfmen with their cheer,
Waiting him in slumberland.
Santa Claus must come along
Through the dreamy vales of sleep;
There with all the elfin throng
Let us, too, the vigil keep.
Hushaby, my baby, O.
Haste to slumberland away,
Where the fairy-children go
On the eve of Christmas Day.
Lull-a-by,
Hushaby, my baby, O.

THE LITTLE TRAVELLERS.

(By the Author of 'Preston Papers.')

A little, soft, gray cloud hung, balancing, pretty near the rising sun. It had been going up, higher and higher, until now it seemed as if it had only to make a short journey to enter the sun's backyard. But it was really a long distance; and the two little drops of water that had been in the cloud carriage for so long were very tired.

Rainbow said to Crystal: 'Please reach out your hand, and let me touch you. Then let us jump out for a walk.' But ever before Crystal could reach Rainbow the cloud was blown by the wind, and tipped over, while the drops were thrown nearer to each other. Clasping hands, they jumped, and began to go down, down, down; Oh, it seemed so far, and it had looked so near.

'But they fell into a dear little pool, formed right in a rock up in the Catskill Mountains, where dear old Rip Van Wrinkle slept for so long; and there they found other drops, gathered for a visit. They all bade Rainbow and Crystal welcome, and one rushed to the edge of the pool to look over tht edge.

'I'm going down the mountain side to see what's down there,' she cried in high glee. 'Who'll follow?'

'Let's play 'follow your leader,'' said Crystal, taking Rainbow's hand again, both of them forgetting how tired they were as they jumped after her. They soon found her in a clump of soft green grass, and 'the rest came tumbling after.'

They rested for a few minutes to look around at the big dark mountains; then all started out for a further run, soon overtaking many more drops of water trickling down the steep path.

Laughing, chatting, singing, they made a tiny stream, and this grew larger as they walked, danced and ran along, often being joined by other little drops. Pretty soon they came to much larger streams which flowed between quite high banks and had, now and then, a small row boat on its surface. 'How delightful!' cried Crystal. 'Let's go with it!' Away they flew to join the 'branch,' as it was called.

Later on, what do you think they heard? Why, nothing less than that branch was going to join the Harlem River go over into East River, out into the bay, and then to the ocean, east and south of New York!

Both Crystal and Rainbow were a little disappointed at the prospect, for they wanted to see the great city, with its large schoolhouses; play with the boys and girls on the streets; watch the cars on the 'L' and in the subway, and do a thousand things which would be impossible if they stayed with the crowd. So they decided to jump into the pail which a small boy in one of the boats dipped into thre branch, now and then, and go with him. This they did; and when he was tired of fishing and rowing about he took the pail, half filled with water, up the street with him; but son emptied it on the pavement. Most of it ran into the gutter and was carried into the sewer, but Crystal and Rainbow stayed behind until the sun grew hot and sent down some long beams, on which the little drops of water soon climbed into a cloud carriage that took them out to sea and dropped them there for a bath and a nap, then drew them up toward the sun again, ready for another long tripu.—'New York Observer.'

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

(By Flora Brent Hamilton.)

Long long ago and far away,
A Babe was born on Christmas Day,
And Jesus was his name.
His Mother, Mary, meek and mild,
Humbly adored her baby child,
Knowing from God he came.

His earthly parents were so poor,
They wandered wearily, before
A place they found
Where she could lay her weary head,
To rest upon her humble bed,
With cattle 'round.

And shepherds came from far and wide,
To kneel that lowly bed beside;
An angel led the way,
While from the East, led by a star,
The wise men travelled from afar
To where our Saviour lay.

The wise men brought him treasure rare,
The simple shepherds, but a prayer
To sing his praise.
And we'll each bring a loving heart,
To be of Jesus' gifts a part,
This day of days.
—The 'Christian Intelligencer.'

POLICE CENSURED.

Neglected to Get Proof That Cocaine Belonged to Prisoner.

Mr. Recorder Dupuis yesterday expressed his dissatisfaction at the mode of procedure adopted by the police in a cocaine case that came before the court. Lucien Leclaire was suspected and when his room was searched a trunk was pointed out to the police which was found to contain bottles of the drug. Sergeant Gagnon could not furnish proof that the trunk belonged to Leclaire, nor could he name the woman who had informed him. The case was dismissed.

'Hitherto I have had to congratulate the police on their efforts against this evil,' said the Recorder, 'but in this case I cannot say the same, and I think in bringing such prosecutions you should first consult the Clerk of the Court as to the advisability of bringing it before me.'

The case immediately following was that of Alphonse Imbleau, charged with being a vagrant. Testimony of police was to the effect that he was a loiterer on St. Lawrence Main street, and was a vendor of cocaine. After hearing witnesses for the defence, who stated that the man was at work, the Recorder deferred judgment, but at the same time intimated that he was satisfied that the man was a frequenter of the worst places in the St. Lawrence district. Imbleau will come up on Wednesday next.

C. P. R. TRAIN WRECK.

North Bay, Ont., Dec. 22.—A serious wreck occurred last night about seven o'clock, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, thirty miles west of Pembroke. Two freight trains which left North Bay about noon yesterday, eastbound, came together in a rear-end collision near Bass Lake. The leading train had stopped at the foot of a grade, and in the early evening darkness and by some evident mistake in back flagging, the second train thundered down the grade and crashed into the standing train, wrecking the caboose, and demolishing ten cars and the locomotive of the second train. Engineer William Packer, of North Bay, was badly injured, and Fireman Mackay, of Chalk River, is reported so seriously injured that he may not live through the night. Both men were pinned in the locomotive cab of the second train and badly crushed and scalded. Packer is a married man and his wife is visiting in England at present. Mackay is single. The other trainmen escaped with minor injuries. The track is badly torn up and the line blocked to such an extent that traffic will be delayed for many hours, a serious matter with the heavy Christmas passenger traffic, which will be delayed. The injured men were taken to Pembroke Hospital in a special train, which was hurried from the divisional point at Chalk River, nine miles from the wreck.

A JUROR BRIBED.

New York, Dec. 22.—The monotony of the trial of George Graham Rice and his associates in the firm of M. F. Sheftles and Company, charged with defrauding investors all over the country through a chain of alleged bucket shops, was relieved yesterday by the arrest of a man who is charged with trying to bribe the jury. The prisoner, G. J. Byrne, was arraigned before U. S. Judge Holl, on an indictment made public for the first time to-day. He pleaded not guilty and was held in default of $10,000 bail.

It is alleged that Byrne tried to bribe Frederick S. Dale, juror No. 6, offering $1,000 if he would hold out against a conviction. Byrne is a tall, distinguished-looking man and was a familiar figure in the corridor outside the room where the Sheftel trial is being held.

Juror Dale and Byrne were business neighbors, having offices in the same building. The alleged tampering with the juror may lead to a mistrial in the case, which has been in progress in the U. S. Court for two months past.

BISHOP'S SECRETARY DEAD.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Mr. W. S. Battin, secretary to the Anglican Bishop of Toronto, passed away yesterday, at his home, Indian Road, after a lingering illness. Mr. Battin had been obliged some weeks ago to relinquish his work at the Synod office and had latterly been confined to his bed. Deceased was 64 years old, and is survived by a widow, two sons and three daughters.

BROCKVILLE'S SURPLUS.

Brockville, Dec. 22.— The Town Council is closing the year with a surplus of $5,024.79. In addition, a deficit of $7,255.06 from 1910 was wiped out. To accomplish this the taxes this year were raised on from 26 to 29 mills, with the understanding that they would be reduced next year. Heavy civic improvements were the cause of last year's deficit.

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ETC. ETC.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.
all prices, from .. 25c to $4.50

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.
5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c.

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All sizes, from 5c, up to $1.69

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Autos, from .. 20c to $1.50
Railroad trains with or without rails, from .. 25c to $3.25
CRADLES, from .. 15c up to 89c
Black-board, special .. $1.49

WOODEN TOYS.
Black Boards, Furniture such as Chairs, Desks, Tables, Cradles, etc., all at very low prices.

DOLLS' CHAIRS.
Very pretty Dolls' chairs, also Young Girls' chairs. Prices, 19c, up to $2.19

ROCKING HORSES.
We lead in this line, our Horses are all well made, they are all neatly painted, our prices run from .. $1.25 up to $6.98

DOLLS.
Our assortment is most complete, Dressed or undressed Kid or Rag, all sizes, at prices from 5c to $5.50

DOLL'S CARRIAGES.
Very pretty Doll's Carriages and Go-carts, price from .. 25c up to $4.89

Soldiers' Costumes, Firemen's Uniforms, etc., all prices, select from .. 50c to $1.89

TOOL CHESTS.
These Chests are not fitted up with a lot of cheap, useless tools, but each piece is practical in itself and all made of good material. Prices run from 5c up to $4.50



PIANOS.
We have imported a very large quantity of Toy Pianos. They are all upright and are right up to date, our prices run from .. 19c up to $4.98

BUREAU.
Very pretty girls' Bureau from .. 30c up to $3.00

DRUMS.
All our Toy Drums are of the best manufacture, we believe they are the finest on the market, our prices run from .. 25c up to $1.25

DINNER SETS.
Toy Dinner Sets complete, prices all the way from .. 5c up to $3.50

FLUTES.
Flutes of all sorts, from .. 3c up to 45c



BLOUSES.
Our stock of Blouses is most complete this season. We have them in white, black, and colors. Lawn, Guipure, embroidery, silk, chiffon, linen net, etc. $2.25 to $7.39.



LADIES' NECKWEAR.
This department is complete with the latest American Novelties. A little bit of Neckwear is always highly appreciated as a gift. Collars, Jabots, Boas, etc. Prices from 10c to $2.25

SPECIAL.
Dogs, Cats, Cows, Sheep, Elephants, Lions, Tigers, Birds, etc., on wheels. Price from 5c to $17.50

LINENS.
Linens make a nice present or will improve your table linen. A smart appearance at your Christmas or New Year dinner.
Cloths and Napkins, $1 $1.50, $2.00, $2.50 $3.00, $3.50

GLASSWARE.
Very large assortment of glasses, from 40c dozen to $1.50

GLASS PLATTERS
(Nearest to cut paper.) On foot and upwards, foot, 25c, up to $1.75

OILCLOTHS AND LINOLEUMS.
We have just stocked a new lot in all the latest designs and colorings. Give us a call and be pleased. The special patterns you wish for is here.

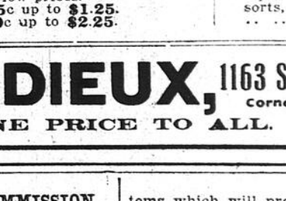
100 doz. of Men's Natural Fleece Shirts and Drawers, value 75c; price for this sale only 49

Also, complete assortment of Men's Shirts and Drawers, in all qualities and all sizes. Price as high as $7.00 A SUIT

DRESS GOODS
We have on hand a very large assortment of Dress Goods just received for our Holiday trade.
Very nice assortment of plain and fancy Tweeds for Ladies' Coats. We have some in all prices.
150 pieces of Challie, Cashmere, and Fancy Flannel for blouses, value 75c and 85c; price for this sale 49
50 pieces of New Plaid Silk and Wool, 45 inches wide, very pretty; value 75c; price for this sale only 56



BLANKETS.
Good, large, Union Blankets (heavy); value $4; for this sale, only .. $2.69
Good, large Blankets, all wool; specia value, $4.50; for this sale .. $2.98
Comforters. — Good large Comforters, size 72 x 72, value $2.25; price for this sale only .. $1.49



CROCKERY.
Very Pretty Dinner Sets, pieces, assorted colors; real value $10.00, for this sale, only $6.50 up to $15

PERFUMES.
We have just put in to stock a very large quantity of French and American Perfumes specially imported for our holiday trade.

GENTS' FURNISHINGS
We have just received a large shipment of high class gents' furnishings; the latest and the most beautiful creations for the holiday season.
400 doz. of Silk Ties, all colors and styles, from 35c to 50c; price for this sale only 25c
Also very complete range of Ties; all the very latest designs; value 75c; for this sale 50c

UMBRELLAS FOR GIFTS.
A Nice Umbrella is always very acceptable as a gift, don't you think so? Prices from 75c to $6.00

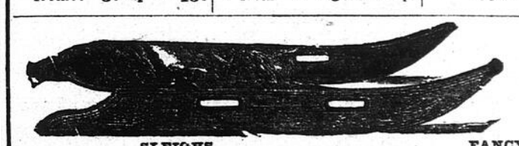
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1,000 dozen of these useful, yet sometimes dangerous articles; they are on mull-muslin silk, with lace embroidery or quilt crochet, etc. All prices, from .. .. 5c each up



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CAPS.
Full range of Caps for boys and men, from 10c, up to $1.50

GLOVES.
100 dozen of Ladies' Gloves of all sorts, specially imported by us for our holiday trade.
Come and see them.
We have received a very large assortment of gloves for our holiday trade. Our prices are from 25c, up to $2.98



SLEIGHS.
100 doz. of Boys' and Girls' Sleighs to be sold before Xmas at very low prices.
Boys' Sleighs, from 25c up to $1.25.
Girls' Sleighs from 40c up to $2.25.

FANCY TOPS.
500 doz. of fancy tops, decorated all sorts, from .. .. 5c up to 75c

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ONE PRICE TO ALL.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The Hon. A. B. Morine, the chairman of the new Civil Service Inquiry Board, believes that the work of the commission offers great opportunities for usefulness and that a permanent commission having similar functions may ultimately be formed. Some idea of the scope of the new commission may be gathered from the fact that it is given power to appoint sub-committees to carry on the work begun in any place by the parent body and report to it.

A letter which Mr. Morine has received from Ottawa makes it quite clear that an unusually thorough and searching inquiry into the civil service is to be made. Mr. Morine says that the inquiry will not be destructive, but constructive. 'I shall take up my duties,' he said, 'with determination to investigate beyond effects and cause. I have no desire to be a scandal monger, or a muck raker. The purpose of such a commission as that which has been named, could not be just to disclose waste in any department, but to devise methods and systems which will prevent waste in the future.

'It may perhaps be found that a permanent commission will be necessary. There can be no question, I think, of the necessity of such a commission. The territory of the dominion is very vast, and the problems confronting the different departments of the government sometimes so intricate that the administration of each cannot be carefully watched.

'I am glad that authority has been given for the appointment of committees. This will enable us to go deeply and thoroughly into matters which otherwise could be investigated only more or less superficially.

'I know my colleague, Mr. Lake, intimately, and am pleased to be associated with one so well qualified in every way for his new duties. I do not know Mr. Ducharme personally, but I have always heard him spoken of most highly.

'I am going to Ottawa next week for a preliminary interview regarding the work, but the commission will not begin any investigation until the new year.'

SANITARY INSPECTION.

A Complaint and Some Correspondence With the Board of Health.

...ring to the 'Witness' from New ...land, Que., Mr. John Ridge says: ...r editorial under the heading, ...rtment of Public Health,' in your ... Dec. 12th, and many other ... you have given in regard to ... questions are worthy of deep ...ration and warm thanks from ...blic.

...r correspondent, 'Medical Free-...whose letter appeared in the ...s' for the 9th inst., marked as ... much feeling, reads well on ... but when put in practice does ...nswer the purpose. The fol... portion of a lengthy corres... I had with the Board of ... of the Province of Quebec, ... plainly that something more ...ical medical testimony is need... we shall have a satisfactory ...ary country.

New Rockland, Que.,
June 12th, 1911.

The Board of Health of
the Prov. of Que.

Gentlemen,—I beg to draw your at... to two tenements which I ... to be in a very unsatisfactory ... near my house in this muni... They have been unoccupied ... more than two years, and the peo... that lived in them were not clean ... habits. There is no proper ... from the cellar, and the ... from the rear has been obliter...; but with all this drawback two ...lies moved into them silently ...bout the permission of the owner or ... else, and swept most of the ... that was in them into the cellar. ...ade a complaint to the mayor and ...mayor, but am not satisfied with ... answers. The owner lives in ... States. He will not make any ...pairs, and in a letter I received from ...ately it seems that he cares but ... for the property. . .To al... such conditions is detrimental to ... health, especially my wife, who ... been ill lately, and is yet not in a ...ong condition.—Yours sincerely,

John Ridge.

In answer to this letter was the fol...ing:—

The Mayor of New Rockland.

Dear Sir,—In accordance with your ...quest I examined the houses. . . . ...o the surrounding sheds and out...houses, and found them in a sanitary ...ondition.—Yours truly,

R. de L. Johnson, M.D.

In answer to this note, is the fol...ing extract of the Board of ...alth:—

. . In reply I say that I am as...onished at Dr. Johnson's report. I still ...aintain that my report is correct, ...d that the houses are still in an ...sanitary condition. . . . The first ...nday after Dr. Johnson's inspection ...here was an offensive odor issuing ...om them. . . .—Yours respectfully,

John Ridge.

The query that the Secretary of ...ealth sends in regard to this letter:— ...Kindly tell me if Dr. Johnson main...ins his report.'

So that is the last I heard about the ...case.

Now, Mr. Editor, I do admit that it ...s natural for the authorities of the ...ealth Department to accept a medi...al testimony in preference to others. ...But I consider that the fault lies in ...the system more than in the officials. ...Your correspondent asks 'Under which ...school of doctors the department ...should be put?' It need be under no ...school, but under a department of ...well-trained scientific men, amongst ...whom there should be sanitary civil ...engineers as well as medical men. ...What I maintain is that such a ...complaint as I made, an officer of the ...Department should have been dispatch... to make a thorough examination ...of the conditions of the houses and ...the municipality. Such a one would ...be more likely to settle the question ...to the satisfaction of each party.

...The houses are yet, though unoc...cupied, in a very insanitary condition, ...and I defy any one to show any re...mains of a drain from under the cel...lars, or show a drain on any portion of ...the premises. As the law stands ...there is nothing to prevent any one ...occupying them. There are also other ...houses in this municipality that re...quire better drainage. Whose report ...should be taken in such a case? Surely ...not any young doctor that has an axe ...to grind, but a government official, ...whose education in sanitary science ...is of the highest standard.

...It would be too much for me to ex...pect you, Mr. Editor, to publish all the ...correspondence I had with the authori...ties in this case, (which I am willing ...to if required). What has been quot...ed is enough to show there should be ...Department of Public Health as you ...maintain.

...Holding some property, and having ...had something to do with sanitary ...questions in the Old Country, I know ...that such sanitary conditions and ...educational standards as are allowed ...in this municipality would not be ...tolerated there. I also had something ...to do for years with workingmen's ...unions there. Such houses as those I ...complain of would not be tolerated by ...the Union on any account.

...If I exhibit too much warmth in ...this letter, it is owing to having lost ...the one who was the dearest to me ...in this world, and during her ailment ...complained of an offensive odor rising ...from the houses when she passed by ...them.'

MR. RIDGE'S RECOURSE.

The Provincial Board of Health acts ...always in conjunction with the muni...cipal sanitary authorities, and sends ...an expert or an inspector only in ...cases where the municipality fails in ...its duty. They have 1,100 municipali... under their jurisdiction, and any ...other method would entail enormous ...expense. In the case above mention... the facts are about as stated, but ...the Board has made no direct exam...ination. Mr. Ridge's letter to the ...Board was sent by Dr. Pelletier in ...the last to the mayor of New Rock...land, Que., with the order that the ...nuisance should be abated, and stat...ing that a penalty of $25 a day could ...be exacted from them if it was not ...complied. The mayor had the Medi...cal Health Officer make an examina...tion as above, and this was sent to the ...Board who sent the report to Mr. ...Ridge. The latter totally disagreed ...with Dr. Johnson's report, and his ...letter to the Board was sent to the ...mayor of New Rockland on July 24th. ...No answer had been received nor ...any further communication Dr. Pel...letier concluded, the matter had been ...dropped.

...Any ratepayer according to the law ...can prosecute a municipality if after ...reasonable notice a nuisance remains ...uncorrected, and claim damages to the ...extent of $25 a day. This recourse is ...open to Mr. Ridge.

DRY GOODS OFFICERS.

The Montreal Wholesale Dry Goods ...Association of the Board of Trade ...held its annual general meeting yes...terday afternoon with the president, ...Mr. Thomas Brophy in the chair.

...The election of officers for the en...suing year resulted as follows: Presi...dent, T. E. Hodgson; vice-president, ...F. Martin; treasurer, R. Hender...son; directors, Messrs. Wm. Agnew, ...A. Brock, H. W. MacDougall, R. ...Smith.

...The retiring president, Mr. Thomas ...Brophy, was unanimously chosen as ...the association's nominee for election ...to the council of the Board of Trade. ...The retiring president's report of the ...affairs of the association, together ...with the treasurer's report, were ap...proved.

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BOARD ADJOURNS.

The Commission Hearing Shoe Machinery Case Has Much Work Ahead.

Quebec, Dec. 22.— The board of commission who are inquiring into the matter of the United Shoe Machinery Company finished its work for the present in Quebec, after the morning session yesterday. The members of the commission will go back to their homes for the Christmas holidays, and although no date has been set for their reassembling it is understood that they will meet in Montreal on the 5th of January. Later on they will return to Quebec, as on the conclusion of the sitting yesterday they had not concluded the examination of Mr. Cleophias Blouin, sheriff of Quebec. Mr. Blouin stated that he had conducted a shoe factory in Levis for ten years. He had given evidence in the case of Brunet and Company against the United Shoe Machinery Company. He did not, however, remember just what evidence he had given and referred the commissioners to the printed testimony of the case.

Mr. Thomas Duchaine gave evidence to the effect that he had used the Caron machines in his factory for two years. There were certain machines which were not satisfactory, and applying to the United Shoe Company for machines which he needed he was refused unless he installed the United Shoe Company's machinery entirely. This he did and sold the Caron machines to the United Shoe Company. Mr. Duchaine stated that if the 'tying' clause was cut out of the lease of the United Shoe machines, they could use others. He stated that the thread used in the manufacture of shoes turned out in his factory had to be purchased from the United Shoe Machinery Company, and the cost was 12 cents more than that charged ordinarily. Witness stated that it costs him one-half cent more per pair of shoes manufactured by United Shoe Machinery Company machines.

Prior to 1905, when the firm was dissolved, Mr. T. Lachance, formerly of Brunet, Lachance and Guay, testified that they had used other machines than those of the United Shoe Machinery Company. The other machines were manufactured by Mr. Caron. The company was served with an injunction restraining them from using other machines than those of the United Shoe Machinery Company make. Litigation followed this, and finally the case went to the Privy Council, which sustained the United Shoe Machinery Company in their contracts. Following this judgment Mr. Brunet continued the business, and witness and Mr. Tanguay formed a new partnership. They installed United Shoe Machinery Company machinery. He had found the machines satisfactory, and thought that the lease system was advantageous to the small manufacturer. Mr. Laflamme one of the counsel for the United Shoe Machinery Company, yesterday afternoon crossed over to Levis to attend the investigation into the Dube case.

TWO DRY HOLIDAYS.

Ottawa Hotels Will be Closed Christmas and New Year's Day.

Ottawa will be 'dry' on both Christmas and New Year's day.

The new provincial law resuiring hotels throughout Ontario to be closed to the public on Christmas goes into effect for the first time this year. As Chrismas falls on a Monday the hotels will be closed from seven o'clock Saturday evening to Tuesday morning. And Ottawa thirsty ones cannot slake their desires by going over the river the way many have done in the past when hotels were closed on the Ottawa side. The Hull hotels, under a Quebec regulation, are closed on Christmas Day.

New Year's day falls on the first Monday in January which is the day for the municipal elections. Under the law the hotels in the city must be closed that day which also means a dry spell from seven o'clock Saturday evening till Tuesday morning.—Ottawa 'Citizen.'

A PARIS SENSATION.

Four Men Rob and Kill Messenger in Crowded Thoroughfare.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The latest sensational murder here occurred yesterday in broad daylight in the heart of one of the crowded thoroughfares of the city. A bank messenger, who carried a satchel containing $60,000, was stopped by four bandits. They invited the messenger to turn the satchel over to them and when he refused and offered resistance they shot him dead. The thieves then seized the satchel and jumped into a waiting automobile. The murder and robbery were witnessed by thousands of amazed and frightened citizens.

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Ottawa	3.35	London	12.95
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Sherbrooke	3.20	Peterboro	7.85
St. Agathe	1.90	St. John, N.B.	14.30

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Good going December 23, 24 and 25; return limit, December 26, 1911; also going December 30 and 31, 1911; January 1, 1912; return limit, January 2, 1912.

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Good going December 21 to January 1, 1912; return limit, January 3, 1913.

Special Excursion, Single Fare.
Quebec City, points in the Maritime Provinces. Good going December 21st to January 1st, 1912; and good to return until January 3, 1912.

HOLIDAY TRAIN SERVICE

OTTAWA SUBDIVISION — Trains leaving Place Viger 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. for Ottawa (North Shore), and from Ottawa (Broad Street), for Montreal, 8.30 a.m. and 6.20 p.m., will run on Sundays, December 24th and December 31st.

ST. LIN AND ST. EUSTACHE—Special train will leave Montreal (Place Viger) 9.00 a.m. for St. Lin and St. Eustache on Sundays, December 24th and 31st. Returning, special will leave St. Lin 6.45 p.m., and St. Eustache 7.10 p.m., Mondays, December 25th and January 1st.

ST. GABRIEL SUBDIVISION — On Sundays, December 24th and 31st, special trains will run between St. Gabriel and Lanoraie, connecting with Sunday morning and evening trains between Montreal and Three Rivers.

LAURENTIAN DIVISION—Train 454, from Ivry, 6.15 p.m., St. Agathe 6.30 p.m., due Montreal 8.55 p.m. Sunday, will be cancelled on Sundays, December 24th and December 31st.

Parlor Car will likewise be cancelled from Ivry and St. Agathe to Montreal on Sundays, December 24th and December 31st.

Special train with Parlor Car attached will leave Ivry at 6.15 p.m., St. Agathe 6.30 p.m., arriving Montreal 8.55 p.m. on Mondays, December 25th and January 1st, running on same time as train 454.

STEAMSHIP SPECIAL.

In connection with the R.M.S. "HESPERIAN," from St. John, N.B., Friday, December 22nd, Steamship Special of baggage, first-class coaches, dining and standard sleeping cars, will leave Montreal, Windsor Street Station, 8.15 p.m., Thursday, December 21st, and run through to the Steamer's side in West St. John, N.B.

TICKET OFFICES:
218 St. James St. Telephones, Main 3732, 3733, or Place Viger and Windsor Street Stations.

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Sherbrooke	$3.20	Toronto	$10.00
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Round trip tickets will be sold between all stations in Canada; also, Massena Springs, N.Y.; Swanton, Vt.; Island Pond, Vt.; Rouses Point, N.Y., and intermediate stations, at

SINGLE FIRST CLASS FARE.
Going Dec. 23, 24, 25; return limit, Dec. 26. Also going Dec. 30, 31, Jan. 1, with return limit of Jan. 2.

FIRST CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD.
Going Dec. 21 to Jan. 1; return limit, Jan. 3.

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE

On Sundays, Dec. 24 and 31, Special Train will be run, Montreal to Fort Covington and Hemmingford, leaving Bonaventure Station 8.05 a.m., arriving Fort Covington 10.40 a.m., and Hemmingford 9.50 a.m. Returning same date to leave Fort Covington 6.20 p.m., and Hemmingford 7.00 p.m., arriving Montreal 9.00 p.m. These trains will make all intermediate stops in each direction.

CITY TICKET OFFICES:
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7.40 A.M. — Express for St. Hyacinthe, Drummondville, Levis, Quebec and intermediate stations. Connections for Montmagny, Riviere du Loup and intermediate stations, daily, except Sunday.

MARITIME EXPRESS

12.05 P.M. — for Levis, Quebec, Riv. du Loup, Cacouna, Little Metis, Campbellton, Moncton, St. John, Halifax, Prince Edward Island and the Sydneys, daily except Saturdays. On Saturdays to St. Flavie only.

4.00 P.M. — Express to St. Hyacinthe and Nicolet, and intermediate stations, daily except Sunday.

CITY TICKET OFFICE:
130 St. James St. Tel. Bell M. 615.

H. A. PRICE, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt. GEO. STRUBBE, City Ticket Agt.

VALUABLE TAPESTRY.

Boston, Dec. 22.—George R. White has placed in the Museum of Fine Arts, as a loan to the Western Art Department, two tapestries designed by Rubens, one of which has been missing for nearly three centuries.

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Feb. 20. . T.SS. ASCANIA . .	Mar. 9

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next Session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, the Manitou Club, a body politic and corporate, having its head office and principal place of business at Lac Manitou in the Township of Beresford in the Parish of Ste. Agathe in the Province of Quebec, a club formed under the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec, 1888, for the purposes of fishing, shooting, aquatic sports, and generally with a view of social recreation, instruction and amusement, will apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec for an act confirming its Charter and extending its powers to wit:—To acquire by purchase or otherwise, immoveable property necessary for all the objects of the said club, and to sell, exchange, hypothecate, alienate, or to dispose of such property; to construct, establish, and own golf links, bowling alleys, tennis, gymnasium and a general club house for the use of its members; to promote and encourage the games of golf, bowling, tennis and other sporting games, and to encourage same by the granting of prize; to purchase, lease or acquire the properties, rights, privileges, and franchises of any other company having similar objects or to sell or amalgamate with any other company having like objects; to issue paid-up stock as may be required and to make all rules and regulations regarding the transfer and voting of the same; to sell or rent part of the property of the company or to dispose of the same upon such conditions as the company may fix and to receive in payment, therefor, shares or securities of any other company with whom it may deal; and generally extend the powers of the said company so as to give it similar rights and privileges as those enjoyed by the Rivermead Golf Club under the Act 1, George V. (Second Session), Chapter 117, and for other purposes.

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Per ROBERT STARKE,
President.
Per H. N. JOHNSTON,
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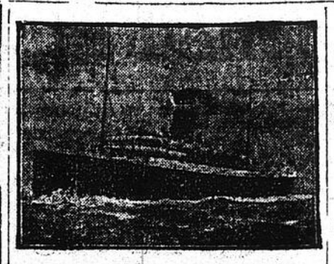
Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The crop and threshing situation in the west has benefited through warm weather which has recently prevailed in the west. The snow has disappeared in most places, according to advices received by Colonel Fred White, Comptroller of the North-West Mounted Police. As a result grain which it was thought would spoil in the shock in the fields is being gathered and threshed and is turning out well. A great deal of wheat has been gathered in this way, and the fi... is said to be receiving even more benefit.

BEGGING APPEAL DISMISSED.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The Court of Appeal has dismissed the appeal of L. C. Munroe from the refusal of Chancellor Boyd to release him under habeas corpus proceedings. He maintained that as he had $28 in his pocket he was not a vagrant, though he had no employment. He was arrested in Kenora on a charge of begging, and was sentenced to six months in Central Prison on a charge of vagrancy.

HUDON'S BAY RAILWAY.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The announcement that the government will change the starting point of the Hudson's Bay Railway from The Pass to Prince Albert has brought a flood of new competitors out. Regina and Saskatoon have put in applications for the honor, and have intimated to the Minister of Railways that they propose to press their claims to the road in the most vigorous fashion.



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NOTICE

is hereby given that the Saint Maurice Hydraulic Company, a body corporate and politic, will apply to the Legislature of Quebec, at its next session, for an act granting it power to construct storage and regulating dams on the Saint Maurice river and its tributaries for the purpose of conserving and regulating the flow thereof, and to acquire the necessary lands for the said purpose, to construct a telephone system in connection therewith, to issue debentures, to charge tolls for the floating and transmission of timber, as well as to assess different persons and companies owning, controlling or operating water powers on the said Saint Maurice River, for certain annual contributions in respect to the said improvements and for other purposes.

BROWN, MONTGOMERY & McMICHAEL,
Solicitors for Applicants.
Montreal, 5th December, 1911.

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 sanctioning and confirming By-Law No. 31 of the Town, authorizing the execution of a contract with the Montreal Park & Island Railway Company, its representatives and assigns, and also By-Law No. 34, amending said By-Law No. 31, empowering the Town to enter into such contract with the Montreal Tramways Company in lieu of the Montreal Park & Island Railway Company, and also any contract or contracts entered into by the Town with both or either of the said Companies, their representatives or assigns, in accordance with the terms of the said By-Laws; and by said Act, to repeal Section 21 of the Statute 1, George V., Chapter 65, being the charter of said Town.

Montreal, December 13th, 1911.

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Hockey Season Opened at Jubilee Last Night

HOCKEY SEASON OPENED LAST NIGHT AT JUBILEE.

Nearly Two Thousand Present to See Three Games Under M. H. A. Schedule.

Close on 2,000 spectators were present to see the clubs of the Montreal Hockey Association open up the season at the Jubilee Rink last night.

The ice was in fairly good shape, but the players gave every evidence of a lack of condition, having had little or no chance to practice owing to the mild weather.

The three games were hotly contested, nevertheless, and the numrous flashs of brilliant play exhibited give us the promise of still hotter games as the season will progress.

Nationals and Athletics went through their two halves without a score, the goalkeepers, Buttress and Cadotte, being invincible.

Champetre won the second game by a score of 4 to 1 from Voltigeurs, and Hochelaga took the third event, doubling the score on St. Louis.

The teams, summaries, and penalties follow:—

Athletics—Buttress, Lockwood, Tetreault, Tighe, Eaves, Martin, Phelan, McKeown.

Nationals— Cadotte, Cattarinich, Duckett, Millaire, Sasseville, Desourdy, Giroux, Art Bernier.

Referees—Jack Laviolette and D. Pitre.

Timekeepers—Messrs. J. N. O. Ledoux, H. A. Lacoste and L. Prevost.

Penalties — Tetreault, 3 minutes; Desourdy, 3; Tighe, 3, 3.

Second Game.

Champetre—Larochelle, goal; Decarie, Jette, Furlong, Belleisle, Laliberte, Leduc .

Voltigeur — Gagnon, Gohier, D. Bourdon, Theoret. Miller, L. Pare, Bougie, David, Rochon, D. Gagnon.

Summary.

1st game—Champetre; scorer, Leduc.

2nd game—Voltigeur; scorer, Pare.

2nd game—Champetre; scorer, Furlong.

Second Half.

3rd game—Champetre; scorer, Leduc.

4th game—Voltigeur; scorer, Pare.

5th game—Champetre, scorer Belleisle.

Penalties—Belleisle, 3 mins, 3.

Third Game.

Hochelaga—Girous, goal: Marcon, Payer, Martin, Saucier, Art Blanchard, Alb. Blanchard, Matte, Comeau, Breault.

St. Louis—Martin, Brown, Chamillard, Paul, Chaput, Hughes, G. Bradford, Smith, Demers.

Summary.

1—Hochelaga.....Pyer 1.40
2—Hochelaga.....Art Blanchard 14.00
3—Hochelaga.....Breault 1.00

Second Period.

4—St. Louis.....Smith 4.20
5—St. Louis.....Bradford .... .20
6—Hochelaga.....Martin 6.00

Penalties —Chamillard, 3, 3; Bradford, 3.

Referee, Clarke; scorer, Hopkins; timekeeper, Silverman.

The league standing at present is as follows:—

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Nabobs	3	0	1.000
Britts	2	1	.666
Maples	1	2	.333
Orioles	0	3	.000

Tigers and Railway Y. M. C. A. met in an intermediate City League basketball game in the R. R. Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last night. Both teams were playing at home and a fast and close struggle resulted. The final score—W.R.Y.M.C.A., 16; Tigers 15—indicates the keen fight between the two fives. Frank Bremner, of the M.A.A.A., refereed, and John Watson acted in the capacity of scorer. The line-up:

Tigers (15).	R.R.Y.M.C.A. (16).
Davis..	Forward.. .. .. .Tate
Munslow	Forward.. .. .Pearson
Fitzpatrick.. ..	Centre... G. Brownrigg
Legge..	Defence.. .. .. .Marshal
Lindsay.. ..	Defence .. B. Brownrigg

Munslow and G. Brownrigg were the principal scorers for their respective teams.

Ottawa, Dec. 22. — The Ottawa Hockey Club held its first practice of the season last evening, four of last year's championship seven being in uniform. Lesueur, Lake and Shore completed the defence, but the only regular forward in uniform was Jack Darragh, who held down right wing and who, under the new six-man system, will probably be a fixture in that position. Neither Kerr nor Walsh had come to terms with the team committee, Chairman Butler of which announced that they had made their highest offer to the 'hold-outs,' and that they were arranging for other men to fill their places.

The ice was in excellent shape, and the Ottawas worked out for three-quarters of an hour against New Edinburgh, the Interprovincial champions, who showed that they had beaten the professional teams to Clint Benedict, by having this goaler in their nets again. Skene Ronan and Denison were both out with Ottawa. Ronan has signed, but Denison will probably go to the Eastern professional league. Pete Green, who has again been appointed manager, states that both Kerr and Walsh may be in uniform Saturday night.

It was announced last night that Eddie King, of Calgary, reputed to be the fastest man in the West, had practically closed with the local club. King will be transferred to Ottawa for the winter, and will be carried as utility forward. In the event of Kerr not coming down off his high horse, King will play left wing.

George Kennedy had a letter from Rocket Power Wednesday, from the backwoods, where the husky defence man had been working. The communication was in the nature of a feeler to find out whether or not he was wanted by the French-Canadian club again this winter. In the answer, which he immediately despatched, the manager of the Canadiens told Power that he expected him to report with the rest of the squad and get into shape for the season, and hopes to see the big fellow any day now.

Asked about the report that Power was going to New Glasgow for the hockey season, Kennedy said he would not release him to the Eastern club, although he might possibly part with him to Quebec should a deal be put through with the Ancient Capital organization.

NO CHANGES IN C.R.F.U. RULES.

Toronto, Dec. 22.— According to President W. J. Slee, of the Canadian Rugby Football Union, the annual meeting of that body will be held in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on Saturday, January 13th. This announcement was made last evening, and notices to the different clubs in the union will be sent out to-day. The recent space that has been given to the adoption of new rules, makes this gathering one of the most important football meetings that has been scheduled for years. The result will be eagerly awaited.

In regard to the new rules, President Slee does not think that any changes will be made in the present constitution.

'I cannot see where any of the proposed rules will benefit us, and after passing through the most successful season in the history of the union, I am of the opinion that it will be foolhardy for this organization to meddle with any ideas that are more or les of an experiment,' was his comment.

SOCCER SMOKER.

The Soccer smoker last evening, in the Auditorium Hall, was a success in every way but from the attendance point of view. The programme was a 'hummer' and no mistake. There was a little, and in some cases a good deal, of everything that goes to make such a gathering enjoyable, and singers of popular songs, dancers, boxers and entertainers in general passed before the curtain in such profusion that it was remarked that all the talent of its kind in the city must have been appropriated for the occasion by the P.Q.F.A.

The various trophies, cups, medals and shields were presented to the winners during the course of the evening, international cups, both senior and junior, being awarded to the men who played for their respective countries; medals going to the winners of the leagues, the Sons of Scotland in the senior; G. T. Juniors, junior, and Royal Rovers, juvenile. The Rosemount shield was also awarded to the Sons of Scotland, the winners, and all the boys were suitably received as they stepped up to get their emblems.

During the evening Mr. Fred Barter and Mr. Jack Wells announced their retirement.

MONTREAL CURLERS DREW FOR PRESIDENT'S PRIZE LAST NIGHT

Mild Spell Has Completely Upset Calculations of Local Rink Men Unable to Make Ice—Meeting of the Branch To-night.

None of the other clubs will draw for the President's Prize for a week or so to come, though St. Andrew's may make a move at to-night's meeting in the club house. Outremont met last night, seven new members being elected and four more proposed for membership. Both the north end club and Montreal have selected the rinks for the first friendly matches, but those will not be made generally known till the morning of the games.

To-night the branch meet again at the Thistle, when the final programme for the Scottish curlers visit here will probably be given out. Though the general plan for the reception of the visitors has been announced the details of the tour here are still somewhat uncertain. To-night's meeting should clear the horizon.

A couple of scratch games with the granites were played at Outremont last night, but beyond this everything in the curling line was at a standstill. The second series of friendlies is scheduled for Tuesday, but as was the case with the first games these may quite likely have to be postponed to the end of the season, unless the temperature drops rapidly within the next twenty-four hours.

The mild spell has completely upset the calculations of local rink men, who were unable to make ice yesterday, and it is doubtful if there will be curling to any extent this side of Christmas day.

Montreal met and drew for their President's prize, the first game for which will be played on New Year's day.

Twelve ends will be played through the opening stages of the competition and fourteen in the final stages of the trophy contest.

The draw is as follows:—

R. S. Skinner	J. McNaught
Col. Cole	Rev. E. J. Hart
J. R. Gordon	C. Routh
A. Ramsay	W. Brown
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R. P. Adams	W. W. Southam
N. J. Dawes	G. H. Allan
P. W. McLagan	H. Trenholme
Col. Gardner	H. E. Suckling
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S. A. Ivey	T. E. Merritt
J. G. Ross	T. Drummond
W. L. Maltby	E. Darling
Dr. Elder	J. B. Bell
(Skip)—	(Skip)—
J. F. Grant	H. Baby
G. H. Russell	P. C. Schaefer
S. Huxley	C. T. Jordon
Dr. Scane	J. W. Brown
(Skip)—	(Skip)—
D. McLennan	L. Lewis
E. E. Howard	Dr. Springle
W. A. Wilson	W. W. Walker
Col. Miller	F. C. Wilson
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A. M. Irvine	T. G. Wells
J. T. Gnaedinger	J. R. Smith
C. E. Archibald	J. F. Johnson
W. I. Fenwick	Dr. Morrison
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J. H. McCulloch	H. R. Swenerton
W. A. Reid	A. S. Robertson
C. W. Tyre	J. A. Burknell
A. J. Darling	F. N. Southam
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H. E. Moles	Dr. Tooke
W. B. Blackadder	G. H. Carter
P. B. Tytler	A. P. Glassco
J. T. McCall	J. F. Mundle
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R. O. McMurtry	B. W. Coghlin
H. B. Mussenn	J. W. Blair
W. Jamieson	Dr. Gurd
G. P. Walker	Geo. Darling
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R. J. Younge	B. G. Winans
W. L. Bond	E. H. Fuller
Dr. Cameron	C. H. Smith
J. Baillie	E. E. Smith
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Dr. Oliver	Prof. Smart
Dr. Cushing	G. Lyman
H. Vallance	C. F. Notman
R. A. Dunton	T. Williamson
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W. H. Galt	M. E. Williams
A. Barry	W. S. Maxwell
C. J. Saxe	J. T. Brierley
Hed. Suckling	A. J. Hodgson
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Rev. R. Dickie	F. G. O'Grady
J. G. Borthwick	T. De G. Stewart
Dr. Jamieson	F. Camp Brown
H. B. Brainard	Rev. J. Williamson
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F. J. Laverty	F. C. Nash
Dr. Hickson	A. G. Gardner
J. W. Pyke	Guy Brock
W. Abbott	Col. Busteed
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G. S. Balfour	G. Hogg
E. Stranger	Dr. Ross
J. J. McGill	Dr. Matthewson
J. Pitblado	S. A. McMurtry
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J. D. Earle	J. S. Lewis
G. C. Smith	H. D. Carr
Tom. Brown	W. S. Gardner
W. Taylor	W. O. H. Dodds
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WINGED WHEEL BLUES WON

The M.A.A.A. Blues took a fall out of the Champetre bowlers last evening on the Peel street alleys. After losing the first game of the match the winged wheel five started after the French team, and made it one all when the second game had been played, and in a whirlwind finish romped off with the third game, and the match by 41 pins.

At the Palace alleys both the Cresteams were victorious. Crescents No. 1 took three straight from Canadians, while Crescents also applied the whitewash brush to Beavers.

Crescents No. 1, with an average of 554.2, made the best showing of the evening, although all the bowling was very fair.

Alexander, of the M.A.A.A. Blues, made the highest single score, his 230 being four better than the next best, which was Duperron's.

M.A.A.A. Blues.

Wall	135	139	171
Douglas	191	221	220
Flower	139	185	174
Holmgren	181	169	189
Alexander	230	162	150
Totals	876	936	904

Team average, 543.2.

Champetre.

Labelle	224	213	180
Beuadiane	128	205	183
Pelletier	221	151	182
Blondeau	144	196	171
Mireault	204	155	147
Totals	921	919	863

Team average, 540.6.

Crescent No. 1.

L. Viau	184	187	208
H. Bessner	179	176	155
M. Merlet	188	191	187
W. Eddison	211	171	166
H. Stanford	171	215	182
Totals	933	940	898

Team average, 554.2.

Canadians.

Desautels	187	200	188
Lapointe	167	183	152
Duperron	155	163	225
Gaudet	169	147	169
H. G. Foucher	201	141	158
Totals	879	839	893

Team average, 522.2.

Crescents.

Bryson	190	172	197
Hartcorn	133	178	160
Surgeon	225	211	162
Walker	144	163	207
Sutherland	171	198	184
Totals	863	922	911

Team average, 530.2.

Beaver.

O. Clarabut	175	168	156
R. Zimmerman	195	206	193
F. Stuart	154	155	155
F. Cockburn	176	189	202
J. Aird	149	179	191
Totals	849	897	897

Team average, 528.6.

CLASS 'A' STANDING.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Crescents	16	5	.762
Champetre	15	6	.714
Nationale	14	7	.667
Crescents No. 1	14	7	.667
M.A.A.A. Reds	13	8	.619
Beavers	12	9	.571
M.A.A.A. Blues	10	11	.476
Canadians	4	17	.190
Westmount	4	17	.190
Standards	3	18	.143

WINGED WHEEL WHISPERS.

Work on the rink, which it was intended to open to skaters to-morrow, is completed, but the mild weather made it impossible to make ice yesterday or to-day.

Under the circumstances the chances of skaters enjoying the beautiful sheet of ice it was expected would be ready for Saturday, are somewhat slim.

The new club house, although far from being completed, will be sufficiently far advanced to be used.

In a game for the Evans Cup, open to R.R.Y.M.C.A. teams, Thistles defeated Shamrocks after a good struggle by 22 points to 13 last night. The teams were:

Shamrocks (13).	Thistles (22).
Boston	Forward. Lyons
Stephenson	Forward. Ulley
Willis	Centre. Grimble
Thompson	Defence. Tate
Brownrigg	Defence. N. Thompson

Referee, W. Hyman; scorer, John Watson.

AMATEUR STATUS INQUIRY.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The far-reaching effects of the principles of amateurism were in evidence here last night when a cablegram from Paris reached the Rev. Faher Stanton, of the Ottawa University, enquiring as to the standing of 'Quig' Baxter, who is evidently going to play hockey in the French capital. Baxter is a former Montreal boy, who learned the game at Loyola College and who also played Rugby with the Montreal and Westmount Clubs. He has been in the Old Country for two years. President Jack Coughlan, of the Intercollegiate Union, replied that Baxter was considered an amateur in this country. Apparently the line against professionalism is drawn just as tightly in France as it is in Canada.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 22.—An Exchange telegram from Sydney, N.S.W., says the Australian cricketers beat England by 146 runs. England all out with 291.

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HOCKEY NOTES AND REFLECTIONS

The Junior Amateur Hockey League met last evening at the M. A. A. A. Clubhouse, but not having secured dates for their matches, did not draw up a schedule. St. Patricks were admitted to Section 'B' of the organization.

The first games in the Newspaper Hockey League take place to-morrow at the Jubilee Rink at the following hours:

2.3 0p.m.—La Presse vs. La Patrie.
3.30 p.m.—Star vs. Gazette.

A ladies match between teams from the Star and La Patrie is scheduled to start at 4.30. The executive of the new league is:

President: Ernest Cox (Gazette); vice-president, F. X. Lizotte (La Presse); 2nd vice-president, R. Le Boind (La Patrie); secretary-treasurer, D. G. Dumaresq (Star); committeee, J. Morley Anderson, H. M. Williams, P. W. Wight, N. Hennessy, S. E. Lafricain, G. A. Carter, G. Bourgouin and A. O'Donnell.

That the line-ups of the six clubs in the City Hockey League will be very strong, as seen from the list of men registered by the various club, and which appeared in these columns some nights ago, is well-known, and all the clubs will be ready to put up great games, with this week devoted to hard workouts, when they step on the Jubilee next Tuesday night, Dec. 26th. Alderman Dandurand has already consented to officiate at the facing of the puck in the opening game of the evening, and it is hoped that Mayor Guerin —both honorary patrons of the league —will also be able to attend. In the opening game, between the champion Garnets and the Baillargeon team, a lively battle should result, the champions will have either Brady or Kenny in goals, the former played last season in the poles for the champion Allis-Chalmers-Bullock seven of the Manufacturers' League, while a strong defence for the other two positions can be chosen from Kirlin, Johnston, Little and Brown; on the forward line 'Patsy' Seguin is certain to figure in the early games of the season. Turner, the league's leading scorer of last year, and with Kane, Walsh, considered by many last season's leading wing man, Dunlop, Aspell and Breard, they will stand a lot of beating. The Baillargeon seven look very fast on paper, having most of the champion Ontario team of last year's Suburban League. Routledge will more than likely fill the pole position; a hard defence to pass can be chosen from Lehue, DeGruchy, Mill and Brophy, and a wonderful forward line from Mullan, Strike, Fyon, W. and C. Eva, Bethune, Murray and Allan. This first game alone should well be worth the price of admission, and a hummer from start to finish.

The Stars have a large number to pick their team for the second encounter of the evening with the Astor-Canadiens. In goal both Peters (who played such a great game in Boston last week) and Godsall are fine men, while a defence picked from Captain Heffernan, Bell, Smarton, McCabe, O'Hearn and Munroe will need a lot of watching, while on the line Colligan, Hall, Kelly, Mulcair, Norrnell, and Darragh will keep on the move all the time. The Canadiens will have 'Hock' goals, with two good defe front, chosen from Leduc, Lalonde, while the forward well taken care of from Hacala, Gingras, MacDona que, Larue and Comeau. ing game of the evening National-Independents and another stiff game is looked The former will have a strong defence in Major, leau, Lamalice, Pare and while the forwards will strength in Chapeldaine, Jaron, Gauvreau, Roy, Robert, Mitchell and Mar opponents the St. Jacques upon by many as one of the for the next championship foot, of last year's C. P. Bedard in goals, this posi looked after, the balance of will be chosen from Dandurand, lieres, Kirby, Laurendeau, and on the forward line a clever and scoring bunch can be chosen, Laviolette, of last year's Cas and leading scorer of the Co League, Liffiton, of the champion C. B. team; Guevremont, Ford, Robinson, George, Hewitt, and Benard.

The teams are all anxious to away with victories in the first and with Jack Marshall and Art nier refereeing the play is bound be clean and swift.

The first of the three games start at eight o'clock sharp, the being scheduled as follows:

8 to 9—Garnet vs. Baillargeon.
9 to 10—Astor-Canadiens vs. Star.
100 to 11—National-Independent St. Jacques.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.— The New Edinburghs will not be the only ice hockey team that will enjoy a season trip. The seven represe the Ottawa University have arrange to play games in both Boston and New York on January 3rd and 5th respectively. It was at first intended to play a series of three games with the Cornell University on December 28, 29 and 30, but owing to the fact that the big arena in Syracuse is still unfinished the matches were cancelled, but the garnet and gray hockeyists intend to make the visit some time in February.

Owing to the fact that both teams, themselves and Laval, are in this section of the Intercollegiate Union, the Collegians have time which to play exhibition games.

The game in Boston will be against the Boston Amateur Athletic Association, while in New York they will meet the New York A. C. seven.

The Rev. Father Stanton, of the University puck-chasers, has letters from both Yale and Dartmouth requesting them to visit.

CIVIC LIBRARY CLOSED.

The Civic Library will be closed to-morrow, at 6 p.m., till Tuesday, at 9 a.m., and also from Dec. 30, at 6 p.m. till Jan. 2, 1912.

BASKETBALL

Nabobs took the lead in the Central Y. M. C. A. Intermediate Basketball League last night by defeating the Britts. The game was fast and close, and Nabobs did not secure a safe lead until the second half was well under way. Both teams had clean records and the contest was a strenuous one. In the second game Maples hosed out Orioles by a single point, the score at half-time being 6—5 in Orioles's favor.

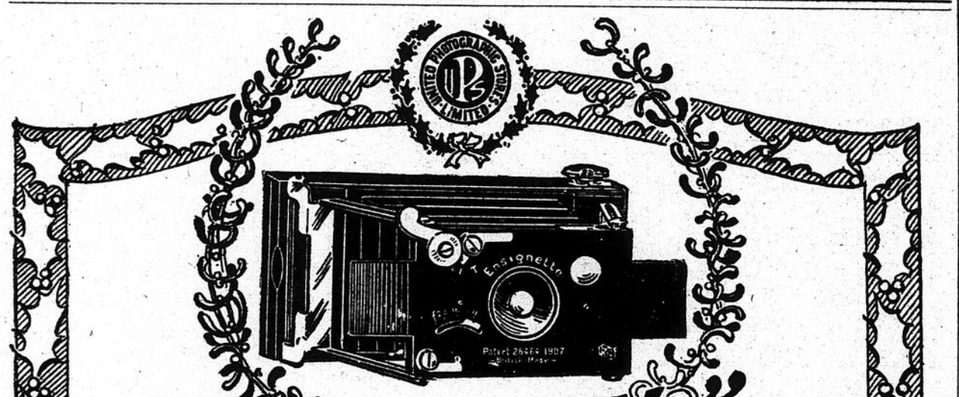
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Pascoe	Defence. G. Forbes

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Orioles (14).	Maples (15).
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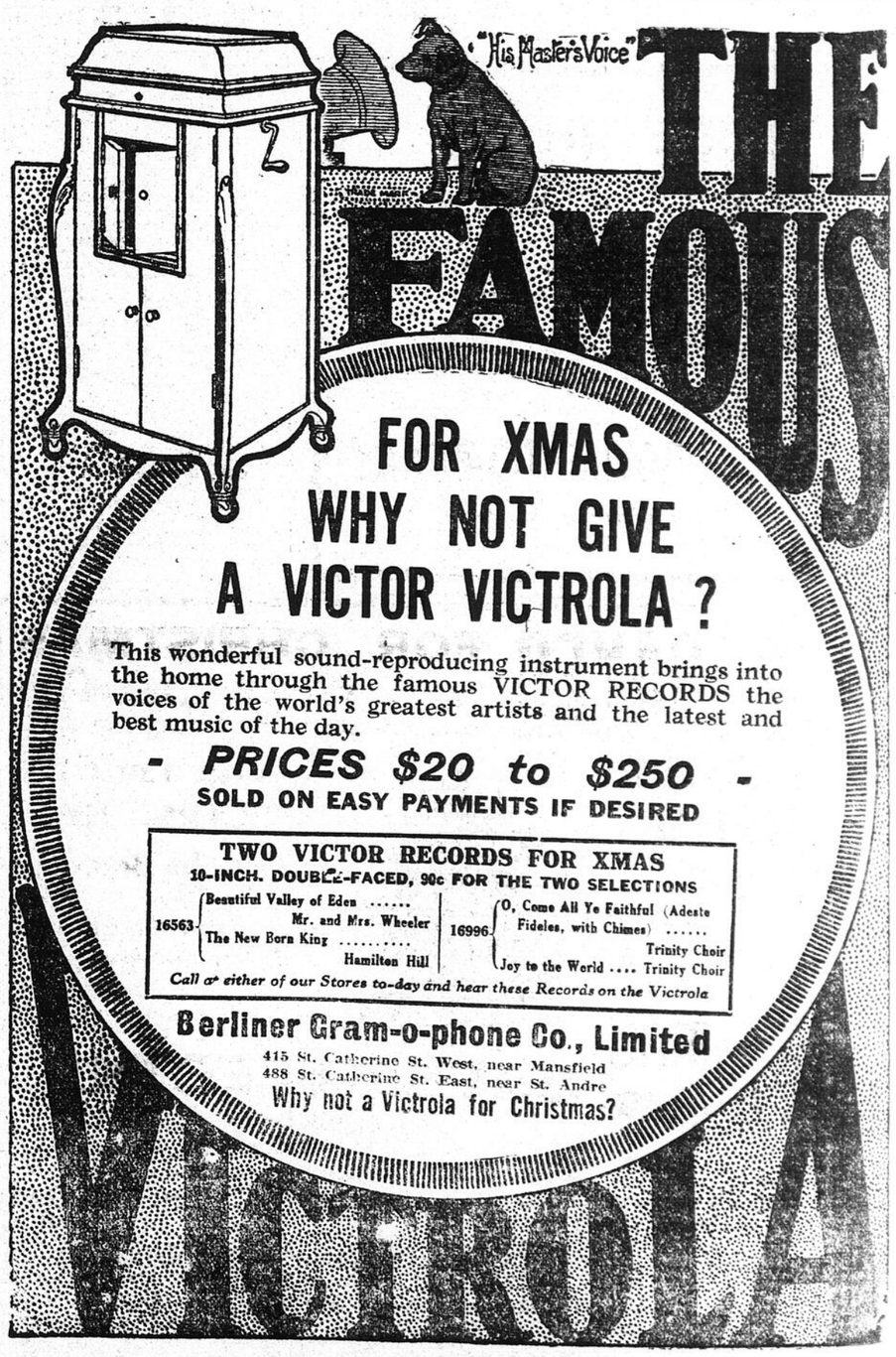
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CHANGES IN CITY CHARTER

Long List of Amendments Asked for by City Council.

CONTESTED TAXES RULES.

Legislature Requested to Force All Ratepayers to Discharge Obligations to City.

A number of amendments to the city charter have been approved by the City Council, on recommendation of its Legislative Committee. The last step to be passed bear on many points in civic administration, and in the forefront of these is one which has been incorporated in the resolutions at the instance of Mr. Robb, the city treasurer, and which aims at preventing many heavy losses to the city over those contested tax claims which are awarded to the city after long litigation and never paid.

It is desired to have enacted, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, that th any municipality which has sidewalks or sewers laid and permanent improvements effected previous to its annexation to Montreal, the assessment rolls for these improvements shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the charter of the city.

At the request of Mr. William Robb, the retiring city treasurer, a clause is desired enacting that notwithstanding the contestation of any valuation, assessment, or special assessment roll before the courts, the taxes imposed by virtue of this roll shall be exigible by the city, and in case the roll contested is invalidated, the taxes paid by virtue of the roll are to be refunded by the city at the legal rate of interest from the date of payment.

The city asks to be authorized to charge a fee of not more than twenty-five dollars for each authorization to any association or club to form a corporation.

Leave is asked to incorporate part of the village of Cote St. Luke with the city without any other conditions than the following:

'Lands under cultivation in the territory so annexed shall not be valued at more than one hundred dollars per arpent from the date of the annexation to the expiry of the delay granted to that effect to the former town of Notre Dame de Grace, to wit, June 1, 1920, or so long, during such period as such lands or parts of lands have not been subdivided into building lots. During the said period, farmers may keep manure on said lands or parts thereof for the use of their farms, provided that the same be not placed at a distance less than 100 feet from the public road or from any dwelling. The said valuation shall include the houses, barns, stables and other buildings in use on said lands.

The charter is to be amended by a clause empowering the city to provide for the establishment, maintenance and operation of municipal ice-houses; to charge the cost of the establishment of such ice-houses against the loan fund and to pay the expenses connected with the maintenance and operation thereof out of the city's revenue.

Another amendment sought is a clause saying that each recorder is ex-officio a justice of the peace in and for the district of Montreal, and is vested with all the rights, powers, and authority of the Recorder's Court, and of one or two justices of the peace, with jurisdiction throughout the Province of Quebec. One of them may at the discretion of the Council, be a member of any committee appointed to revise and consolidate the charter of the City of Montreal.

Another change asked is a declaration that the Recorder's Court shall also have jurisdiction in all suits for the recovery or imposition of any fine or penalty resulting from any infraction of this charter or of any by-law of the city.

Other amendments are as follows:

In cases tried for drunkenness, or where a person is arrested on view by a police officer or constable for any violation of the provisions contained in articles 3580 to 3592, inclusive, of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec (1909), or of the provisions of this act, or of any by-law of the Council, it is not necessary that the complaint be reduced to writing, but a verbal complaint, under oath, made before the Recorder's Court by the constable who has arrested such person, shall be deemed a sufficient complaint; however, if the accused demands that the complaint be reduced to writing, the court shall direct the clerk to do so.

In all prosecutions instituted before the Recorder's Court or before the recorder, other than civil actions, the provisions of the Criminal Code, respecting summary proceedings before magistrates, shall apply to the Recorder's Court and to the recorder, as regards the mode of procedure on such prosecutions to final conviction or judgment, the execution and carrying out of such conviction or judgment, and generally as to all rules imposed upon magistrates for such object, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and where no express provision is made in relation thereto.

'The several forms contained in the said code may be varied in so far as it may be necessary to render them applicable to the court.'

Another new clause is asked, stating that: 'Whenever any person, interdicted or not, endangers public safety, decency or peace, or his own safety, such person may be brought before the Recorder's Court or one of the judges of said court, on a sworn information, accompanied by a sworn certificate from a physician; the Recorder's Court or one of the judges of the said court may then send the person to prison or confide him to the care of any public institution to be confined therein for the purpose of having him undergo a further medical examination, and, if need be, of obtaining the certificates required by Article 4132 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec (1909), provided that such confinement, which may be renewed, shall not exceed eight consecutive days.

'In all cases of persons sent to prison or to public institutions, as aforesaid, the Recorder's Court or one of the recorders shall ascertain, if possible, the domicile of such persons, and a special record shall be kept showing the name of the person and his or her domicile, and a certificate stating the name and domicile of such person shall be forwarded to the institution receiving such person. Residence of at least twelve months in the city shall be necessary in order that the cost of the maintenance of such person shall be chargeable to the city by the province. In default of such residence, the municipality of the domicile of such person shall be responsible to the provincial government for the cost of such maintenance.

Another amendment sought says: 'If, at the trial of a person charged before the Recorder's Court, or one of the judges of this court, with an offence against the laws or by-laws, it appears to the court, or to the judge, or it is established under oath, that such person is insane, the court or judge may then send such person to prison or confide him to the care of any public institution to be confined therein for the purpose of having him undergo a medical examination and, if ned be, of obtaining the certificates required by article 4130 of the Revised Statutes of the Province of Quebec (1909), provided that such confinement, which may be renewed, shall not exceed eight consecutive days.'

Article 526 of the City Charter is to be replaced by the following:—

'The recorder may, upon satisfactory proof that a child, less than sixteen years of age, is without sufficient protection, cause such child to be brought before him and deal with it as aforesaid.'

The following article is to be inserted:

'Notwitsstanding any law to the contrary, in every action resulting from offences or quasi-offences or illegal acts alleged to have been committed by the mayor, aldermen and members of the board of commissioners and the municipal officers or any of them in the performance of their respective official duties, or resulting therefrom, the plaintiff shall, on the day of the return of the writ, or within three days thereafter, give security for costs in the manner and form prescribed by articles 560 and following of the Code of Civil Procedure; the amount of the security may, however, at any stage of the proceedingsfi, be increased or reduced at the judge's discretion; and, in default of such security being furnished within the said delay, the suit shall be dismissed with costs on the application of the opposite party with recourse preserved'

The following amendment will be asked to the conduit commission law:

'Such commission shall consist of three competent engineers, as hereafter provided, to prepare and draw up complete plans, drawings and specifications of underground conduits for the portion of the city of Montreal in which it is intended to construct underground conduits, which said plans, drawings and specifications may be prepared separately for any street or part of street, at the discretion of the Electrical Commission of the City of Montreal, and shall be submitted, as they are completed, to the approval of the Quebec Public Utilities Commission which may, after hearing the interested parties, approve and adopt or amend the said plans, drawing and specifications.

'As soon as the said plans, drawing and regulations mentioned in the foregoing paragraph are approved by the Quebec Utilities Commission, and the contract or contracts fof the construction of any part of the underground conduits are given out by the city of Montreal, the city shall, with the approval of the Quebec Public Utilities Commission, appoint a competent engineer who shall alone have the direction and supervision of the construction and maintenance of the said underground conduits, which may then be constructed by the city or which shall become the property of the siad city, and as soon as such appointment is made the duties of the three members composing the said electrical commission shall cease and determine as to that part of the conduits for which plans shall have been prepared and approved, and the powers of the said commission, as regards such parts of conduits, shall be exercised by the engineer appointed as aforesaid.

'All compensations shall be fixed and determined by the electrical commission of the city of Montreal.

'The said commission shall hear the interested parties and give their award within four months unless such delay be extended by the said commission. The decision of the majority of the commission shall be final and binding upon the city and persons, firms, syndicates, companies or corporations.

The city is authorized to enter in and upon any private property, including lanes, courts, yards and buildings, for the purpose of placing overhead or underground wires, with their appurtenances, without the consent of the proprietors thereof; but compensation shall be given for all real damages caused by the work done, or in consequence of such obstructions.

Such compensation shall be fixed by the Electrical Commission of the city of Montreal. In the event, however, of the interested proprietors refusing to accept the compensation granted, the said proprietors may apply to the court in order to have the same determined.'

The following are also sought:

The ratifications of the resolutions of the City Council to open the St. Lawrence Boulevard and to acquire the properties required for this purpose.

The authorization of the city to acquire by common agreement or to expropriate the realities required to open Le Royer street, from Jacques Cartier square westward to the part of the street already opened. For this purpose St. Therese street may be widened to form an extension of Le Royer street. The cost is to be payable by the city out of the annual loans which the city is authorized to issue to carry out permanent works. The price to be paid by the properties expropriated is to be the actual value of the property at the time.

The owners or occupants of any plot of land except farm land, are to be compelled to cut all grasses between July 15 and August 15 of each year.

The members of the city fire brigade are to be protected from those who send in false alarms by a fine of not less than $100 for the first offence, or six months in jail, and not less than $200 for the second offence, or twelve months in jail. For the third offence the penalty asked is two years' imprisonment, without any option of a fine.

The city is to be authorized to acquire by agreement or expropriation the land required for the opening of Cartier street, from Logan street. The cost is to be paid half by the proprietors.

FOR THE POOR OF LACHINE.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Making House to House Collection.

This evening a house-to-house collection will be made for the poor in Lachine. The funds are to relieve those in need, and provide them with necessaries and comforts for the winter. The collection will be made by members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lachine, of which Mr. Jos. A. Descarries, K.C., is president. The funds will be used for the poor, regardles of creed distinctions, their need being the only consideration.

MISSIONARIES IN CAMP

Shantymen's Christian Association Keeps Eight Employed in Ontario.

THE LUMBERMAN'S SUNDAY.

Cards Put Away and Men All Expectancy When Service Was Announced.

The work which the Shantymen's Christian Association of Toronto is carrying out in the lumber camps is an excellent work and deserving of encouragement and support. At present they have five missionaries at work, two in the Algoma district, two in the Nipissing district, and one in the neighborhood of North Bay.

The story of how a Sunday was spent in the lumber camps is related in an interesting manner by Mr. William Henderson, the superintendent, and shows that not only are there the difficulties caused by the different languages and nationalities to be contended with when the visits of the missionaries are made, but the men's surroundings, and the manner in which their leisure time is spent are also unfavorable to the carrying out of mission work. In spite of these drawbacks, the work is being proceeded with, and in one of the camps visited in, which ninety men were employed, twenty-eight were Poles (Greek Church), who did not understand English; eleven German (Roman Catholic or Lutheran), forty French (Roman Catholic), and eleven Irish (Roman Catholic). When the superintendent and a French missionary went into the camps they found the men sitting in groups card playing, and the bedlam of voices, laughing and singing did not seem very encouraging.

The announcement was made that a service would be held in half an hour, and when the missionaries returned they found a change that was marvellous and inspiring. The cards had been put away and the benches were lined with quiet, expectant men, who gave a respectful hearing to the message. The service consisted of the singing of hymns, Scripture reading in English and French, addresses tin both languages and prayer.

On the Sunday morning a visit was made to another camp, where out of about one hundred men it was found that forty of them were Poles.

After dinner, services were conducted with the French and English, and then following a blazed trail through the woods, a visit was made to another large camp. While sitting in the office of this camp stentorian voices were heard in one of the camps chanting in a foreign tongue. After the visitors had listened for a while they entered and found two rows of Poles facing each other, with a leader pacing up and down between them, leading the singing and gesticulating with his arms to urge them to greater enthusiasm. For the best part of an hour this singing was kept up by these men, while others lay in their beds reading their prayer books. Then another leader came to the front, and sitting near a lamp with a group of his countrymen, read over the church service, the rest of the men every few minutes chanting the refrains.

Having thus seen how the Polish 'stranger within our gates' spends his Sunday, for this is their second service that day, a visit was made to the camp of the native born Canadian, French and English. Here, instead of the singers, were found two large groups round the gambling tables playing or watching the game, that had gone on all day. As the missionaries looked at the surroundings and thought of the meeting announced to be held in half an hour, they felt despondent, but when the time for the meeting arrived they found the cards had been put aside and every man who understood either French or English was sitting ready to give attention. When over singing, the visitors gave addresses, the wrapt attention was an inspiration that one does not receive from many congregations.

The secretary, Mr. Thomas Yellowlees, of 23 Division street, will be pleased to give any further information about the work of the Shantymen's Christian Association to anyone interested. The chairman is Mr. H. B. Gordon, of Toronto; treasurer, Mr. John McClelland, 552 Spadina avenue, Toronto; superintendent, Mr. William Henderson, Toronto; superintendent of North Bay branch, Mr. D. Puris, North Bay, and the missionaries, in addition to Mr. Henderson, are Mr. Russell Laurence, Mr. Charles Judd, Mr. W. Nairne Clark, and Mr. P. Thos. Tyers.

THE CLAMOR FOR MORE IRON BOUNTIES.

(From 'Weekly Sun.')

The Toronto 'World' has joined in the clamor for a renewal of the iron bounties.

Of all the unjustifiable demands for special favors for special interests, that have been heard since the Interests triumphed on the 21st of September, this demand for a renewal of the iron bounties is the most utterly unjustifiable. In the fifteen years ending with 1910 there was paid out in bounties to the iron industry, by the Dominion Government, nearly $16,000,000. This was at the rate of over a million dollars a year. The aggregate amount was about equal to the value of the silo corn crop of Ontario for four years. This vast sum of money was not paid out in return for goods received by the Dominion Government. It was a straight gift; just as clear a case of giving something for nothing as would be involved in the Government giving each housewife in Ontario a bonus of ten cents a dozen on each dozen of eggs sold by her in addition to the price obtained by the housewife for the eggs in the open market.

The steel industry has had other forms of aid as well. It has been protected against British and foreign competition in the Canadian market by means of the tariff. On steel rails it is protected against British competition by a duty of $4.50 per ton on British rails; on billets and ingots at the rate of $1.50; on other products there is corresponding protection. Thus the iron industry has enjoyed two forms of plunder; it has, under the bounty system, received a cash subsidy on every ton of metal produced, and it has been enabled, by means of the tariff, to sell that metal to the Canadian consumer at an unduly high price.

For such a system there is no shadow of justification. If an industry cannot be made to pay without such excessive and long continued assistance, it is clearly unsuited to our conditions; if it can be made to thrive without such aid then the continuance of the aid is, to copy the language once used by Sir Richard Cartwright, legalized robbery.

That the iron industry is able to get along without the aid of a pipe line connecting with the Dominion treasury has been shown over and over again. It has been proven out of the mouths of those connected with the industry. The Dominion Iron and Steel Company, the principal beneficiary of the bounty system, has sold rails in India and in Australia in open competition with British, German and American makers of rails. The heads of the Dominion Iron and Steel have told us their company is able to do this by reason of the fact that rails can be manufactured more cheaply at Sydney than anywhere else in the world. President J. H. Plummer, of the Dominion Iron and Steel Co., in an interview in England, declared rails could be made 'much more cheaply in Sydney' than in England, and Frank F. Jones, manager of the same, said the cost of assembling the raw material for rail making is $2.45 per ton less at Sydney than at Pittsburg.

Corroborative evidence of the assertion that the steel industry is not in need of the aid which is being sought is found in the financial statement of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company. This statement shows that in the first ten months of this year, after setting aside $419,000 for sinking fund, depreciation, etc., after paying interest on bonds and dividends on preferred stock, the company had a surplus of $811,000 left. True Government bounties accounted for part of this showing, but only for a very small part, as the bounties ended with this year, and, before being cut off altogether, they had been reduced to a very small amount. Moreover the public have been assured by the company that the reduction in cost of production has more than kept pace with the reduction of bounties. To-day, even with bounties no longer being paid, $20,000,000 of the company's common stock, which is nearly all water, is quoted at well up to 60, a quotation justified by the facts that earnings are sufficient to pay 4 percent on this stock, and still leave a comfortable margin for depreciation, plant renewal, etc.

If, under all these circumstances, the key of the Federal safe is again handed over to the Dominion Iron and Steel Company the breach of trust will be no greater than would be committed by a bank manager in handing the combination of the bank's vault to a burglar and telling the gentleman with the jimmy to help himself.

A HOLIDAY TRAGEDY.

New York, Dec. 22.—Joseph Cosgrove and his friend, John Gaddle, were trimming a Christmas tree for Cosgrove's grandchildren in their home on Thirteenth street, Brooklyn, late last night, when the men got into an argument over the artistic fitness of certain ornaments. According to the police, Cosgrove, who is 63 years of age, knocked Gaddle down, and then while the children looked on, cut Gaddle's throat with a carving knife. Gaddle died almost instantly. Gaddle was engaged to be married to Cosgrove's daughter.

POST-OFFICE HOLIDAY.

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BRITISH LABOR TROUBLES.

London, Dec. 22.—The Miners' Federation has decided to take a vote on the question of national stoppage of the work in the mines based on the question of a minimum wage scale. If a two-thirds majority of the members of the federation vote to stop work the strike will be ordered for the end of February.

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I would have sent my name in sooner, but was waiting to gather a few others. At a meeting of the Women's Institute in our home a week ago, a paper was read on woman's franchise, after which the vote was taken, and every one of the sixteen present voted in favor of woman's franchise on equal terms with men. If this had not been such a busy season I could have got a great many signatures, but I have not time at present to go out to see them.

MRS. A. M. STACEY,
President W.C.T.U.
Creemore, Ont.

I am a firm believer in woman's suffrage. It is only just and right that women should be legally recognized as men's equals. They have proved themselves such in many lines of business, though seldom receiving equal pay for their services, and have no voice to determine conditions under which they labor. Times are rapidly changing, however, and to treat the subject of 'votes for women' as a joke, to-day, displays the ignorance of the one who laughs. Petitions are less influential than votes. Votes we need, and will have, ere long. All honor to those in our legislatures who dare advocate this and similar reforms.

(MRS.) NETTIE NEWTON.
Salford, Oxford Co., Ont.

The question of Woman Suffrage is being agitated, and there is certainty of final victory. A large and intelligent body of women will never cease their demand for equal rights until it is accomplished. When this is done, then war and crime will disappear, and the march of civilization, embodying education, temperance, morality and all the elevating arts and sciences move with greater dignity. Some argue that woman's sphere is in the kitchen, washing dishes and getting nine children ready for school each morning, and building fires in the winter. Others maintain that as man was created first he is superior to woman.

The birds, beasts and fishes were created before man, and would man like to be counted inferior to them? Women! be brave, the time is not far distant when Woman Suffrage will be ours.

MRS JAMES EAYLEY,
(President W. C. T. U.).
Merrickville, Ont.

I certainly favor votes for women; not that she should go into public life; the family should be her most sacred place. But her vote should go to the best man, for we should have the noblest type of mind in our politics.

M. W. F.
New Brunswick.

Why I favor the franchise for women: 1st. Placing woman beside man we find that God has implanted in them the same power to discern between good and evil. Like desire to choose under what conditions they shall pass their lives. Equal tendency to trace forces which deal with cause and effect. Since God has given these faculties necessary in the use of the franchise equally to men and women there should not be 'rights reserved for men only.' 2nd. The desire to protect our children compels us to seek the ballot. 3rd. A belief that man would be benefited by the partnership of women in political life.

(MRS.) B. J. McLEAN.

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The Executive desire to express their gratitude to those who have so generously assisted them in the past, and hope they will renew, or if possible, increase their contributions for the present year, and aid in obtaining others to contribute also.

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REQUIEM FOR FRENCH HEROES

Celebration for Sailors Who Were Drowned While Aiding Delhi's Passengers.

MASS IN BONSECOURS CHURCH.

Singers From Opera There, and Governor-General Was Represented.

It was fitting that His Royal Highness the Governor-General should be represented at the celebration of requiem mass, held in Notre Dame de Bonsecours Church this morning. The mass was for the repose of the souls of the four brave French sailors of the cruiser 'Friant,' who, while rendering assistance to the wrecked liner 'Delhi,' last week, and particularly to the Princess Royal, the Duke of Fife and their two daughters, close relatives of the Governor-General, lost their lives in a raging sea off the Morrocan coast.

Col. J. P. Landry, A.D.C. to the Duke of Connaught, represented His Royal Highness at the service. There were also present Mr. Louis Reynaud, French consul; Mr. Gonzalve Deisalniers, president of the Alliance Nationale Francaise, as well as the representatives of other societies and prominent citizens.

The scene before the church at half-past eight this morning was an animated one. The street, being in the vicinity of the market, is a busy one under any circumstances on a Friday, but on this occasion the usual number of supplicants was considerably augmented by the large crowd who had travelled some distance to attend the requiem mass. Mendicants stood at doors begging alms, not without avail. Inside, the congregation filled the church, many having to stand in the aisles and at the rear. The soft lights from the chandeliers and those of the altar flooded the church with brilliance, which was enhanced by the scarlet uniforms of Col. Landry and Major C. T. de Lanaudre, orderly officer, and others; by the strange green and red habilaments of the Zouaves, and by the purple vestments of the priests and Franciscan friars, while in the body of the church surrounding a casket representing the bodies of the deceased sailors, stood three representatives of French societies bearing tricolors.

Notre Dame de Bonsecours was a particularly appropriate place in which to hold a memorial service for the men who gallantly gave their lives to save the passengers on the 'Delhi,' for it is the sailors' church, and here every week, prayers are said for those who go out to sea or who risk their lives on the lakes. Suspended from the ceiling of the edifice are exquisite models of lightships, beautifully carved and illuminated.

The service, lasting over an hour, was celebrated by the Rev. Father Lafontaine, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Legrande and Gouin, and by two Franciscan friars. The beautiful singing was supplied by the artists who are now engaged in opera at His Majesty's Theatre.

Among the societies represented were the Union Nationale-Francaise Republicam, Veterans des Armees de Terre et de Mer, Mutuelle Francaise, and the Alliance Francaise.

LATE CARS ON SUNDAY.

For Those Attending Midnight Services.

On Sunday evening the regular service of the Montreal Street Railway Company wil be continued up to midnight, after which hour a five-minute service will be given until after church service. The ordinary fares will be accepted after midnight.

On the suburban lines the regular service will also be continued to midnight. The last cars leave from St. Denis depot for the Sault Mount Royal and Park avenues for St. Laurent and Cartierville, Place d'Armes square for Lachine and Lasalle avenue for Bout de l'Ile after church service allowing patrons sufficient time to arrive at the starting point from the different churches.

ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.

Pupils Increasing at Lower Canada College.

Stanley Hall was crowded yesterday afternoon with pupils of the Lower Canada College and their parents and friends. The gathering was the occasion of the presentation of prizes won by pupils during the past year. Prof. Caldwell, of McGill, presided, and made the presentatons.

Mr. C. S. Fosbery, M.A., the principal, reported on the past year's work, and referred to the growth of the college, which now has 175 pupils enrolled, an increase of fifty boys within the year. Favorable comment was made on the punctuality and regular attendance of the boys, and the interest taken in the school by both pupils and parents. Speaking of the financial improvement Mr. Fosbery stated that the debt on buildings and grounds was now paid.

Dr. Caldwell addressed the gathering emphasizing the need for a sound education combined with healthy physical and moral training. Sports should be entered into with the prime motive of benefiting physically—the winning of the game should be a secondary consideration. Co-operation between parents and instructors is bound to achieve good results, it being pointed out that many difficulties could be overcome by friendly discussion rather than by criticism without inquiry.

The programme given included gymnastic exercises, rifle practice and club swinging by the boys. The prizes awarded were distributed as follows:—

Form 5a—Robertson.

Form 5b—Johnston, Poe.

Form 4—Blacklock, Farthing, Hadrill, Williamson, Brow i. (rhetoric). Presented by the Lord Bishop of Montreal.

Form 3a—Ambridge, Blackader, Timmermen, Wells i., Wevill, Burns.

Form 3b—Claxton, Elder, Claxton (French); presented by Mr. A. G. Claxton.

Form 2a—Wells ii.

Form 2b—Buller.

Form 1—Heward ii., Pierce, Walter.

THE RICHESON TRIAL.

Boston, Dec. 22.—Kept under opiates throughout the day to deaden the pain from the self-inflicted wounds, Mr. Clarence V. T. Richeson was unable to converse with his counsel, William A. Morse, in his cell at the Charles street jail yesterday, so that his silence regarding his act of Wednesday morning remains unbroken.

Mr. Morse, one of Richeson's attorneys, contends that the trial should be postponed, saying that Wednesday's incident must cause delay, inasmuch as Richeson will not be physically fit to stand repeated interviews with counsel in preparation for the trial.



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Baby Bootees, in felt, wool, etc., price **25c TO 55c**

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GERMAN OFFICERS.

Must Inform Superiors of Intended Travel in Britain.

London, Dec. 22.—The Emperor, acting in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the German army, has forbidden all his officers to visit Great Britain without permission from the military authorities. At present German officers must obtain the consent of the authorities to travel abroad, but they have not been required to state their foreign destination.

The Kaiser's new decree is intended to prevent German officers from undertaking at their own risk espionage on British territory. Hitherto this has been a common practice among the ambitious young military men who desired to gain distinction by bringing home useful information about Great Britain's defences.

This new order, however, does not mean that German officers will cease to visit Great Britain as agents of the Intelligence Department, but they will resign their commissions during the period of such activity, so that if they are arrested they may be described as mere civilians.

SEEKING CANCER CURE.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Medical men are hopefully paying great attention to the latest results of the fight against cancer, which is being waged by Professor August Von Wasserman and Drs. Keisser and Michael. Professor Von Wasserman has had remarkable success in treating mice which had been infected with cancer, by injecting into the veins a preparation of cosin and selenium. After the fourth injection the cancerous tumors almost disappeared and in ten days some were entirely cured.

The professor, in making this announcement, was careful to say that he was not yet justified in assuming that similar results could be attained in human beings, but he contended that the view which has hitherto been held, that it was impossible to reach a tumor by chemical means through the blood and thus destroy it, has been proved by his experiments to be unmenable. The experiments were tried on four types of carcinoma and one of sarcoma.

'BIBLICAL' QUOTATIONS.

Of 'Biblical' quotations not to be found in the Bible, the surest catch of all is 'God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb'—which really comes from Sterne's 'Sentimental Journey.' But a good second is 'Cleanliness is next to godliness.' To this day it has never been discovered who originally said that. John Wesley said it in a sermon on dress, but appears to have been quoting. The saying has been traced back to dicta of Aristotle, St. Augustine, and the Talmud, but the only certainty is that it is not in the Bible.

One of the most familiar 'quotations' from the Bible which are not to be found there upon research is 'the lion lying down with the lamb.' The spirit of the reference is correct enough; but turn up the passage in Isaiah, and you will find: 'The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together.' The popular mind has condensed the zoological miscellany, and to the incorrect version alliteration has no doubt contributed.—London 'Chronicle.'

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CHRISTMAS FATALITIES BEGIN.

Coshocton, Ohio, Dec. 22. — While playing the part of Santa Claus in a school entertainment at Chestnut Hill, Melville Shyrock, aged 16, was probably fatally burned and Jesse Turner, aged 13, who was assisting him, was seriously burned, when a lighted candle fell, setting fire to a Christmas tree. The school building was crowded with persons who had come to witness the entertainment, and in the panic that followed the spread of the flames several af the teachers and a number of other persons also were more or less seriously injured.

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OTTAWA SUBDIVISION — Trains leaving Place Viger 8.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. for Ottawa (North Shore), and from Ottawa (Broad Street) for Montreal 8.30 a.m. and 6.20 p.m. will run on Sundays, December 24th and December 31st.

ST. LIN and ST. EUSTACHE — Special train will leave Montreal (Place Viger) 9.00 a.m. for St. Lin and St. Eustache on Sundays, December 24th and 31st. Returning, special will leave St. Lin 6.45 p.m. and St. Eustache 7.10 p.m. Mondays, December 25th and January 1st.

ST. GABRIEL SUBDIVISION — On Sundays, December 24th and 31st, special trains will run between St. Gabriel and Lanoraie, connecting with 9 day morning and evening trains between Montreal and Three Rivers.

VALLERENTIAN DIVISION — Train from Ivry 6.15 p.m., St. Agathe 6.30 p.m., due Montreal 8.55 p.m. Sunday will be cancelled on Sundays, December 24th and December 31st.

Parlor car will likewise be cancelled from Ivry and St. Agathe to Montreal on Sundays, December 24th and December 31st.

Special train with parlor car attached will leave Ivry at 6.15 p.m., St. Agathe 6.30 p.m., arriving Montreal 8.55 p.m. on Mondays, December 25th and January 1st, running on same time as train 454.

SPORTING

(See Also Page 10.)

OUTLAW BASEBALL LEAGUE.

Started to Embrace Clubs From New York, Brooklyn, Washington and Other Cities.

New York, Dec. 22.—The United States League of professional baseball clubs is the name of an organization formed here last night which proposes, according to its backers, to start an 'outlaw league' this summer in the east, with five cities—New York, Brooklyn, Reading, Washington and Richmond—as the nucleus, and Baltimore, Newark, Pittsburg, Cincinnati and Buffalo as possibilities. William A. Wilman, of Reading, Pa., former manager of the Pennsylvania state league, was elected president, secretary and treasurer of the league at the meeting last night, and Franchises were granted to E. C. Landraf and J. G. Lazarus, of Richmond; Hugh Mckinnon, of Washington; Ambrose W. Hussey, of Brooklyn, and to Wilman, for Reading.

Mr. Witman said that he was not at liberty to say to whom the New York franchise would be granted, but that three prominent Wall street men had been negotiating with him for it. Applications had been received, he said, from the five other 'possible cities' which were under consideration. Stock companies 'with unlimited backing' had been formed in the cities that had already got their franchises he asserted—enough to make the baseball world 'sit up and take notice.'

WORLD'S BOWLING RECORD.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Edwards and Dunn, bowling in a tournament here last night made what is said to be a new world's record for two men games. They turned in a score of 1,409. Edwards bowled 299 in his third game. The previous record was made in Pittsburg at the Pittsburg National Tournament.

Mr. A. G. Spalding has written a book of nearly 600 pages entitled, 'America's National Game.' It is not a history of baseball, although it necessarily has some portion of its contents devoted to the early days of the game, but is largely a chronicle of personal reminiscences of events that occurred when the game was first established on a stable basis. Mr. Spalding was first a player and subsequently a magnate, and helped draft the first constitution and organize the National League in 1876.

One chapter, devoted to sundry topics, gives an account of the sale of the immortal 'King' Kelly—the original baseball beauty'—by Chicago to the Boston Club, in the late '80's. 'America's National Game' is handsomely printed and bound in blue cloth, stamped in gold with a cartoon of Uncle Sam, bat in hand, by Davenport, and is out for sale by all booksellers. It will be sent postpaid on receipt of $2.00 by the publishers, the American Sports Publishing Company, 21 Warren street, New York.

FIRST BIG MAIL IN.

Post Office Staff Were Kept Working Hard all Night.

146 SACKS DISTRIBUTED.

Early Posting of All Local Mail Urged by the Post-office Authorities.

The first big Christmas mail from the Old Country arrived in Montreal last night, having crossed the ocean on the C. N. R. liner 'Royal Edward.' The entire staff of the post office was awaiting it, and by working all night it was able to get the entire 146 sacks distributed by the postmen this morning. The shipment received by the 'Royal Edward 'was about double what that vessel usually brings.

For the next few days the staff will have its usual Christmas rush of Old Country mail. The 'Philadelphia' is due to-day, with 231 sacks, most of which is British mail. To-morrow the 'Empress of Britain,' will arive at Halifax with Christmas mail and a big load of English plum puddings. In addition, the 'La Savoie, 'and the 'Campania,' now crossing the ocean, have heavy mail consignments.

To keep even with the work, the entire staff will work all day Sunday, while Christmas Day will see over 100 extra sleighs working delivering the mail. For the postmen have to visit 108,194 residences and 17,909 offices in the city.

The postal authorities advise the early posting of all local mail and, also, that parcels and envelopes be securely tied and sealed.

GOT PRAISE OR BLAME.

Students Stood up to Hear Results of Examination.

The results of the first examinations held by the Montreal Technical School were announced yesterday afternoon in the Assembly Hall of the institution. Each student's name was called, and he stood up to receive the praise or the disapproval of his teachers, as his work suggested. Later reports were sent to the parents by all the scholars.

The results in the French section were announced by Principal Alexandre Macheras, while those in the English department were given out by Prof. C. Coll McPhee. A French student, Eugene Cole, led the English section.

Short addresses were delivered by Principal Macheras and by Mr. G Deserres, chairman of the Board of Governors.

Specimens of the work done by the students in the various shops were on exhibition, and excited very favorable comment. Classes will be resumed on Jan. 8th.

The leading students in each class were as follows:—

First year, possible marks, 260; pass marks, 130.

French section: 45 students— 1, Leeman, 221; 2, Henriet, 198; 3, Denis, 192.

English section, 23 students — 1, Cassidy, 192; Esdon, 188; Gahan, 180.

Second year; possible marks, 280; pass marks, 140.

French section, 22 students—1, Belanger, 233; 2, Normandin, 226; 3, Fortier, 219.

English section, 11 students— 1, Eugene Cote, 238; J. Drummond, 205; J. Gillelan, 197.

CLAIMS FOR LOSS OF FIRE.

By annexing Longue Pointe the city has brought on its head up to date thirty-eight suits for loss in the fire which took place there last July. Eight more were entered yesterday, the claimants being as follows: Louis Desrochers, $701; Idola Lavoie, $193.15; J. Chevalier, $16,575; Ludger Lavoie, $519.10; Jos. Bourgeois, $4,450; F. L. Cunningham, $254; G. Tremblay, $1,068; F. Martineau, $1,050. They claim that the city was obliged, when it took over the town, to install hydrants for fire-fighting purposes, which it did not do.

DYNAMITE CASES UNDER WAY.

Grand Jury at Indianapolis and Los Angeles Collecting Voluminous Testimony

POLICE CHIEF ON STAND.

Local Conditions in Cities Where Explosions Have Occurred Are Being Thoroughly Investigated.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22.—Claude E. Myers, chief of police of Tiffin, Ohio, where 540 pounds of dynamite and other explosives were found hidden in a barn the day after the arrest of John J. McNamara in Indianapolis on last April 22, was the chief witness before the federal grand jury in the investigation of the dynamiting conspiracy yesterday.

He was among those from whom it was said the investigators expected to learn facts as to who, besides the McNamaras and Ortie McManigal, were implicated particularly in the explosions in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, to carry on which the stores of explosives at Tiffin were used as a base of supplies. Information was said to have been obtained by United States District Attorney Charles W. Miller that the explosions were directed from McNamara's headquarters in Indianapolis, where as secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers he had his offices, although the suggestion fof the destruction of property erected by firms employing non-union men came originally from the city where the explosions afterwards took place.

In connection with Chief Myer's appearance it was learned the district attorney's office had accumulated important data relative to local conditions in the score of cities where structures were blown up in the past five years. County Prosecutor Frank P. Baker, also was before the grand jury. He was summoned because of his work of prosecutor in Indianapolis. Baker earlier in the day had been fined fifty dollars for contempt because he interrupted a murder trial in the County Court by dragging in a detective who was working on the dynamite investigation, and whom Baker said was 'shadowing' him.

Seven days' work by the Federal Grand Jury has developed that the evidence is more voluminous and the number of witnesses to be called from distant cities is greater than was anticipated. The investigation temporarily will stop to-day, when the jurors will adjourn until Jan. 3. It will then require a month to complete the inquiry.

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—With some witnesses who had not even been asked to testify being excused, and others being examined only briefly, and with those who had been considered the most important left to the last to give testimony, the Federal Grand Jury investigation of a national dynamite conspiracy proceeded here yesterday.

Among those who were excused were Mrs. Anton Johannsen, wife of a San Francisco labor leader, who has not been asked to testify himself. A witness who was expected to give valuable information was O. A. Ellis, of San Francisco. Ellis formerly was a building contractor here, having employed non-union labor.

The forenoon session was devoted to an investigation of the Salt Lake and of the alleged dynamiting conspiracy. Alfred Goodrich, fifteen years old, from Salt Lake City, was the first witness called. He was followed by his mother, Mrs. J. E. Munsey, wife of an officer of the Salt Lake Union of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers. Later Munsey himself was called. Prior to the confession of the McNamara brothers Mrs. Munsey is said to have made a statement that J. J. McNamara had been in Salt Lake City.

Before the witnesses were called a mysterious box, received by the federal authorities from Salt Lake about ten days ago, was taken into the jury room.

E. A. Clancey, the San Francisco labor leader, who answered a subpoena to appear before the Federal Grand Jury investigating the alleged nation-wide dynamite conspiracy, said yesterday he had been told the jury would not call him until he was ready to talk first with the government prosecutor.

Apparently Clancey respected this suggestion, for he left the Federal building immediately after. His statement, however, caused many conjectures as to what he meant.

J. E. Munsey, an official of the Salt Lake City Iron Workers' Union, appeared before the jury but did not complete his testimony. Another witness was W. E. Beckner, assistant agent of the American Express Company, who took books into the grand jury room. It was supposed his testimony related to shipments of explosives concealed under false descriptions in bills of lading.

LOANED TO HEBREWS.

During November the Hebrew Free Loan Association loaned $1,845 in the following amounts:—3 at $100, 1 at $75, 18 at $50, 2 at $40, 2 at $35, 13 at $25, 1 at $20, 5 at $15.

Repayments on loans during the same time amounted to $557.50. At the monthly meeting of the association, which was held yesterday, it was decided to keep the office open on Tuesday and Saturday evenings, and that two directors instead of one should be present each evening to assist the president, Mr. L. Fineberg.

FOR CHRISTMAS — The Brodeur Co. — **USEFUL GIFTS**

SELECT

A Useful gift is the best to offer, the most practical to receive.

For your Christmas dinner see that your China is not cracked or chipped.

Fancy China, Fancy Dishes, Fancy Cut Flower Vases for your Xmas flowers. Articles from **75c to $5.00.**

Fern Dish, Iridescent or Cut Glass, with a fern, from **$1.00 to $9.00** complete.

Five O'clock tea and chocolate Sets with 6 cups, in decorated China, from **$2.00 to $12.00 per set.**

Vases in iridescent glass, cut glass, China and Faience, from **50c to $7.50 each.**

Marbles from model studios, made from Castellina Italian marble, from **$12.50** and upwards.

Bronzes, reproductions from great artists' works, all sizes, **$1.00 a piece and upwards.**

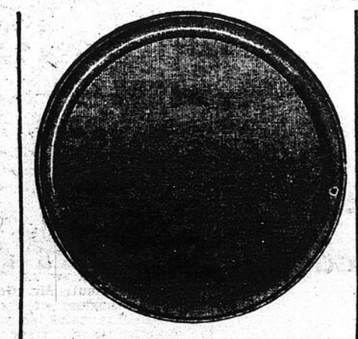
Ivory Finish, Gilt Bohemian Faience groups, very artistic, from **$5.00 to $25.00** a piece.

Jardinieres, all colors, sizes and models, from **15c to $10.00.**

Footed Jardinieres, very special decorations, from **$4.00 to $15.00.**

Railing Plates, new Holland scenery, large variety in rich brown and red designs, useful or decorative, from **50c to $3.00.**

Cut Glass Bowls, Vases, Oilers, Decanters, etc., from **$1.00 to $10.00.**



AS BRIGHT AS SILVER.

Solid Nickel Trays, made one piece, last forever, 8 inch, **80c.**; 10 inch, **$1.00**; 12 inch, **$1.50**; 14 inch, **$2.25**; 16 inch, **$3.00.** Also the ordinary quality of Nickel Trays.

NOTICE.

Our three Retail Stores as follows

327 St Lawrence Bld.
533 St Catherine East
1827 St Catherine East

will be opened every evening until 10 o'clock during the holidays.

Wholesale Store.

86 ST. PETER STREET.

Our Great line of Dinner Sets is not to be compared with anything in this city; more assortment, better composition and good quality guaranteed. Sets from **$4.75 to $100.00.**

All these sets are for 12 persons or more.

Our Toilet Sets are in colors to match decoration of rooms. Sets of 10 pieces for **$1.95 and upwards.**

Glassware in suites for dinner parties and private banquets, plain or cut, or etched. Always open stock patterns from **$10.00 and upwards.**

We are in a position to take orders for special engraved services with monograms or special pattern for import in English or Baccarat glass.

Cutlery—Our line of cutlery is a staple line, not made up in fancy boxes, but of good quality without the fancy prices. We sell a line of white handled knives, table or dessert sizes, for **$2.50** a dozen, English make. Spoons and forks in qualities varying in Tea Spoons from **75c to $4.25 a doz.**

Our Fancy Lamps, suspended or table lamps. Sold complete or in any part. A full stock.



ELECTRIC BREAD TOASTER

These Toasters make the most tempting, appetizing, toothsome toast that can be imagined—in fact, you cannot imagine the quality of the toast until you have eaten the crispy, golden brown slices made with one—and it does it so quick, too.

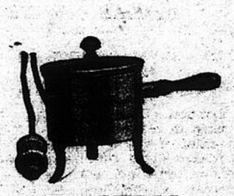
Prices, $4.50 to $8.00.



ELECTRIC WARMING PAD

It takes the place of the ordinary, cumbersome hot water bottle. It has all of the advantages and many besides, and none of the disadvantages. A snap of the switch will obtain the same results as are accomplished by running to and fro heating water and getting a hot water bottle ready.

Price, $7.50.



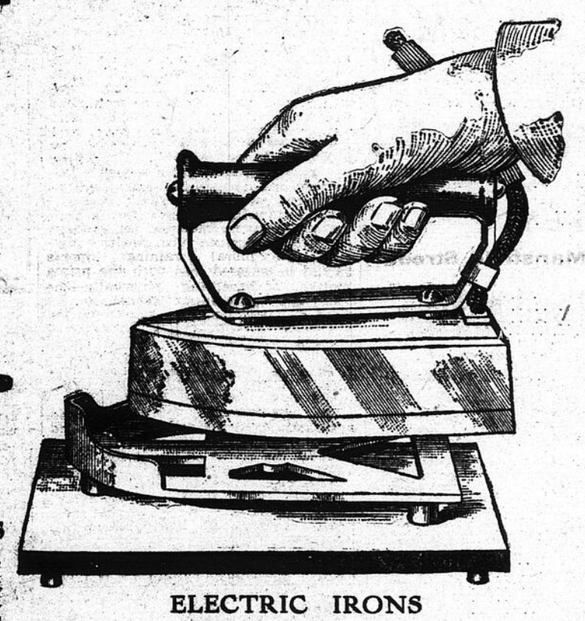
ELECTRIC WATER CUPS

These dainty Water Cups will quickly heat small quantities of water or liquids of any kind. They will boil water for tea or for shaving purposes—preparing the baby's food, boiling eggs or preparing breakfast food.

Prices, $5.50 and $6.50.

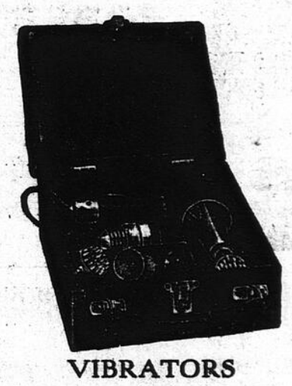
There's Not a Gift Suggestion Here That a Woman Wouldn't Appreciate

—and appreciate to the fullest extent, too, because the very nature of the gift is so significant. All the appliances shown herewith are labor-savers, and enable women to do a lot of pleasent things which are too much trouble to do without them. Anything which even so much as tends to reduce the energy of household work—which makes it easier, more convenient, and shortens the time of doing it, rouses woman's interest at once and if she sees that her interest is yours in this respect she is deeply grateful to you. There's really no gift you can give which will be so significant of this interest as one of these electrical appliances.



ELECTRIC IRONS

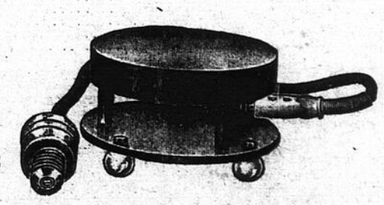
Here is the iron that has turned ironing day from a day of drudgery to a day of comparative pleasure—so much handier, cleaner, dandier than the old-time way—no fires to build—wood to carry—coal to shovel—or ashes—no gas—weary tramp from stove to ironing board changing irons. Simply attach your iron to the light socket and begin ironing. A pleasure to demonstrate it.



VIBRATORS

The Electric Vibrator has a wide field of usefulness as a preservative of health, muscular strength, contour, hair and complexion. By its use, vibratory treatment may be applied by one's self or any other member of the family.

Price, $18.00.



ELECTRIC DISC HEATERS

These small Heaters are very useful, convenient and economical for heating or cooking anything that can be contained in a flat-bottomed utensil placed upon the heater. They can be used for cooking breakfast food, warming baby's milk, frying eggs or chops, heating water for shaving, tea-making, etc.

Prices, $5.50 and $6.50.

These appliances are all displayed in our Uptown Store windows. Don't be content with seeing them. Come into the store and have them demonstrated.

The Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co.

Showrooms: Power Bldg., Craig Street.

Uptown Store: 358 St. Catherine Street West.

If You're a Woman

Don't make a mistake, come to TOOKE'S. You can't possibly go wrong in choosing a man's Gift from our carefully selected stock of

Silk Neckwear, Silk Mufflers, Silk Braces, Silk Socks, Gloves, lined and unlined; Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Dressing Gowns, Bath Gowns, Smoking Jackets, Sweaters, Pyjamas, Underwear, Shirts, Collars, etc.

The name TOOKE on a Gift adds emphasis to the fact that you bought the present at the best place of its kind in town.

R. J. TOOKE, Limited

ST. JAMES and ST. CATHERINE STS.

SHOPS FOR CALGARY.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 22.—The Dominion Bridge Company at a meeting of its directors, announced that they will build shops in this city, work to begin this spring, and the factory to empl y about 500 hands to begin with. Eighty acres of land have been secured by the company for this site, and it is expected the plans will be a duplicate of the Dominion Bridge Company's plant in Winnipeg.

VALUABLE CARGO SAVED.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 22.—All the specie and bullion comprised in the cargo of the Peninsular and Oriental steamer 'Delhi,' which was wrecked off Cape Spartel last week when the Princess Royal, the Duke of Fife and their daughters were rescued with difficultq, were landed yesterday by means of the rocket apparatus. The troops which were sent to guard the ship while the bullion and specie were still on board have been withdrawn.

Christmas Cheer in Abundance

We never before had such a large stock of Staple and Fancy Goods to offer about Xmas time as we have this season, and we don't remember ever seeing the people buying them up in such large quantities.

The best seems none too good for the people of Montreal these days, and they all appear to be able and willing to pay for them, too.

FRASER, VIGER & CO., Limited.

More Xmas Plum Puddings

The demand for our very delicious Plum Puddings is growing every year. Very few people nowadays bother making them at home, and no wonder, as we can supply them with an article just as good, saving them all the trouble, and, besides, at a less cost than home made.

Here are our prices:—

Xmas Plum Puddings

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S ENGLISH PLUM PUDDINGS.		
1-lb. Tins	Price	.40 tin
2-lb. Tins	Price	.75 tin
3-lb. Tins	Price	$1.00 tin
4-lb. Tins	Price	1.25 tin
TEYSSONNEAU'S FRENCH PLUM PUDDINGS.		
Individual Tins	Price	.30 tin
1-lb. Tins	Price	.60 tin
2-lb. Tins	Price	$1.00 tin
5-lb. Tins	Price	1.90 tin
GORDON & DILWORTH'S AMERICAN PLUM PUDDINGS.		
1-lb. Tins	Price	.40 tin
2-lb. Tins	Price	.75 tin
3-lb. Tins	Price	$1.00 tin
4-lb. Tins	Price	1.25 tin
FRANCO-AMERICAN PLUM PUDDINGS.		
Individual Tins	Price	.15 tin
1-lb. Tins	Price	.40 tin
2-lb. Tins	Price	.75 tin
3-lb. Tins	Price	$1.00 tin
WEBB'S CANADIAN MADE PLUM PUDDINGS.		
2-lb. Linen Bags	Price	.60 each
3-lb. Linen Bags	Price	.90 each
5-lb. Linen Bags	Price	$1.50 each

Plum Pudding Sauces

We handle all the different kinds of Plum Pudding Sauces at the following prices:—

Franco-American Clear Sauce, Small Bottles	.20 each
Franco-American Clear Sauce, Medium Bottles	.30 each
Richardson & Robbin's Plum Pudding Sauce, No. 1 tins	.30 tin
Richardson & Robbin's Plum Pudding Sauce, No. 2 Tins	.55 tin
Gordon & Dilworth's Plum Pudding Sauce, ½-pint Botts	.50 bott.
Gordon & Dilworth's Plum Pudding Sauce, Pint Botts	.90 bott.

Ready-Made Mince Meat

English and American

Crosse & Blackwell's Mince Meat	1-lb. Jars	.35 jar
Crosse & Blackwell's Mince Meat	3-lb. Jars	$1.00 jar
Oneida Community Mince Meat	Quart Jars	.75 jar
Oneida Community Mince Meat	½-gall. Jars	$1.25 jar
Gordon & Dilworth's Mince Meat	Quart Jars	1.00 jar

Extra Fancy French Crystallized and Glace Fruits

Crystallized Cherries in Large Boxes	75c per lb.
Crystallized Cherries in 1-lb. Boxes	75c per box
Crystallized Assorted Fruits in Large Boxes	75c per lb.
Crystallized Assorted Fruits in 1-lb. Boxes	75c per box
Crystallized Assorted Fruits in ½-lb. Boxes	40c per box
Glace Assorted Fruits in Large Boxes	75c per lb.
Glace Assorted Fruits in 1-lb. Boxes	75c per box
Glace Assorted Fruits in ½-lb. Boxes	40c per box
Glace Cherries in 1-lb. Boxes	75c per box
Glace Cherries in Large Boxes	75c per lb.
Glace Angelica in Large Boxes	75c per lb.
Glace Red Pineapple Rings in Large Boxes	75c per lb.
Glace Yellow Pineapple Rings in Large Boxes	75c per lb.
Glace Apricots in Large Boxes	$1.00 per lb.
Also:—	
Glace Pineapple Squares, 1-lb. Tins	75c per tin
Crystallized Ginger Squares in 1-lb. Tins	75c per tin

Fresh Nuts in the Shell

FOR XMAS TRADE.

Including:—	
Soft Shell Almonds	.20 lb.
Fancy Walnuts	.25 lb.
Sicily Filberts	.20 lb.
Spanish Chestnuts	.20 lb.
Polished Pecans	.25 lb.
Washed Brazil Nuts	.25 lb.
Roasted Peanuts	.20 lb.
ALSO:—	
Fresh Shelled Walnuts	.50 lb.
Fresh Shelled Jordan Almonds	.90 lb.
Fresh Shelled Valencia Almonds	.60 lb.
Fresh Shelled Bitter Almonds	.60 lb.
Fresh Shelled Pecan Nuts	.90 lb.
Fresh Shelled Pistachio Nuts	$1.50 lb.

1911 Crop Extra Fancy Malaga Table Raisins

Our special importation of Fancy Table Raisins for our Christmas Trade this year is the very choicest we have ever handled yet, and we feel confident they will meet with the approval of everyone, both as to quality and price.

Don't forget to include some of them when ordering your Xmas Supplies.

Here are the prices:—

5 Crown Fancy Table Raisins	1-lb. Boxes	.30	box
8 Crown Fancy Table Raisins	1-lb. Boxes	.45	box
5 Crown Fancy Table Raisins	Quarter Boxes	$1.75	box
8 Crown Fancy Table Raisins	Quarter Boxes	2.75	box
4 Crown Fancy Table Raisins	Layers 5½ lbs	1.25	layer
7 Crown Fancy Table Raisins	Layers 5½ lbs	1.75	layer
4 Crown Fancy Table Raisins	Boxes 22 lbs. each	4.25	box
7 Crown Fancy Table Raisins	Boxes 22 lbs. each	6.50	box

FRASER, VIGER & CO., Limited

ITALIAN WAREHOUSE, FRASER-NORDHEIMER BUILDING,
Established 1858. 211 St. James Street,
And BRANCH: — 235 & 237 Laurier Avenue West.

ONTARIO'S HEALTH.

Government Endeavoring to Improve System of Inspection.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Before the new Legislature meets next month, the Ontario Government will, it is understood, give serious attention to the problem of improving the system of health inspection in the province. The comparative uselessness of boards of health in hundreds of small municipalities with their local health officers meagerly paid and devoting but a portion of their time to public duties, has caused much dissatisfaction, and while no reform has yet been planned, the matter is being considered.

A number of solutions of the problem have been suggested, but the one most in favor provides for the division of the province into perhaps seven or more departments, each in charge of an experienced physician. This plan would do away with the necessity of local boards of health throughout Ontario, except perhaps in the cities where large problems might arise. The seven district medical health officers would receive salaries large enough to insure qualified men, who would, of course, devote their whole time to the work of safeguarding public health, not only by keeping watch of infectious diseases, which is often the limit of local health officers, but by studying and reading with sanitary conditions, the water supply and similar important matters. Instead of being appointed by local authorities, they would act as appointees of the government, and the cost of the new arrangement would be borne by the municipalities.

The recent outbreak of typhoid fever in the town of Sarnia is an evidence of the need of a change in the system. Typhoid made its appearance there, and as a result of a disposition on the part of the health authorities to keep the matter as quiet as possible there were nearly fourscore of cases under attention before the danger of the town became generally known. Then came the hurried despatch of Dr. Bell, provincial health inspector, and the call upon Toronto for an engineer to instal a chloride water system.

Urgent as is the need for reform the proposal to do away with local health officers and boards is not likely to escape some opposition. There are about eight hundred boards of health in Ontario, and as many local officers. Most of the boards are allowed a small sum for each day they are in session, but as board meetings are held only once or twice a year—and in some places not that often—the pecuniary advantage amounts to little.

DR. DUBEAU TO RUN.

Dr. Dubeau received a petition signed by seven hundred electors at a meeting in the school hall, Demontigny street, last night, asking him to stand for alderman in Lafontaine ward. Dr. Dubeau defeated Ald. Lavallee at the last municipal election, was unseated on a technicality, and lost out to Ald. Lavallee in a by-election. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Dubeau, who consented to run, and by G. A. Marson, J. A. Guerin, H. Julien, and A. Kelly. J. P. Coulter was chairman. Ald. Lavallee, who represents this ward in the City Council, is a candidate for mayor.

TORONTO WATER SENSATION.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Captain Midford, who was commissioned by the Board of Control to inspect the intake pipe for Toronto's water supply, has reported the result of his diving, and it has caused somewhat of a sensation. He finds:

That the intake is nothing but a 'mud hole'—as witnesses said before Judge Winchester—and needs extension.

That the bents, or timber frames on which it is supported, are out of plumb and twisting the pipe out of place.

That the interlocking steel sheet piling, which should form one uniform and continuous wall for the protection of the pipe, is irregular and already marked by 'scouring' action.

That the city's water supply is menaced by a repetition of the disastrous conditions of last winter.

The Board of Control were somewhat staggered by the report, as some of them have been treating Midford's diving exploits as a joke.

HAWAIIAN SUGAR CROP.

New York, Dec 21.—The Hawaiian Islands for crop year ending Oct. 1, 1911, produced 566,821 tons of sugar, 31,665 tons more than the previous highest crop of 1909. In 1901 the islands yielded 360,000 tons. In 1905 the yield was 462,000 tons, compared with 535,000 tons in 1909, 517,000 tons in 1910. Fifty-four sugar companies operate in the insular group, of which 26 are on the island of Hawaii.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF JOURNALISM

The Relations Existing To-day Between the Editor and His Readers.

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CHAPTER XXIII.

'Big business' is a complex web, binding this near insurance corporation to that bank. Since the metropolitan newspaper, also is a large commercial venture, involving millions in capital, hundreds of thousands in annual profit or loss, it follows the rule. Its capital is a thread in the same fabric. If the visible owner bought it full-fledged, he made the purchase with money acquired or inherited from big business. He serves on boards of directors with railroad presidents and trust company managers. His fortune, outside of the newspaper investment, may lie in interests connected with the public service corporations which serve his city. If, on the other hand, he be a self-made publisher, if he came up from the reporter's beat, the editorial chair, or the business office, he has been obliged to borrow money somewhere along the upward march; and he knows that he may have to borrow again. His loan office is a bank, master-thread in 'big business.' As wealth accumulates, he makes outside investments. So he comes to sit at the same directors' table with those powers which are the perplexity of American finance and politics.

More pertinently: he sits often at the same dinner table. The financial brake on free journalism is twisted and intertwisted with the social brake; scarcely can we consider them apart. As polite society goes in this democracy, money is the sine qua non; except in the more conservative Southern cities one can scarcely succeed without it. And that very publisher who battered up from the ranks is just as amenable to social influence as he who entered journalism with ten million dollars—often more so, for this parvenu is a social struggler. In journalism, as in Washington statecraft, many a man unpurchasable with money has sold his birthright for an invitation.

THE MEETING POINT.

For if you have a few millions of newly-made dollars, a million in a newspaper, the rest in railroads, public service corporations, and local industries; if you have climbed into the approved clubs, brought out your daughter under patronage of the local Chesterfield; if you take your week-end ease at the country club—then, unless you have an uncommon character, you are not, you can not be, a free journalist. You must protect your 'crowd,' see that your business associate of to-day, your host of to-morrow, be not attacked in pocket or pride. Else he may refuse you this or that loan, else he may cut you at his club. More, his wife may strike the name of yours from her visiting list. Further, you are an exceptional human being if you keep long your uncloaded vision. You tend toward the views of your crowd. Your managing editor respects all your corporation affiliations, your social connections—and behold, imperceptibly yours has become a fettered newspaper.

I asked an able editor-in-chief how his 'boss' had managed to hold the newspaper to its function of public service. Fort though that boss is a very wealthy man, he practises free journalism.

'Well,' said the editor, 'he keeps his outside funds in Government bonds and railroad stocks. The Government doesn't put the screws on bondholders; and when it comes to railroad news or editorial, he leaves it absolutely to the staff—we've definite orders never to talk railroad with him.'

I asked almost the same question of a Western publisher. He began as a penniless reporter; he has succeeded through entering cities where the light of the press was screened, and illuminating the ugly places. He is rich now, and powerful.

'I begin in my own home,' he said. 'My wife, thank heavens, has no social ambitions!'

The home line drawn by Henry Watterson binds me also; it prevents me from citing large, obvious examples of the social influence, since wives and daughters enter into the account. I may speak, however, in general terms. The editors of one American newspaper receive from the publisher, upon taking their positions, 'List A' and 'List B.' 'List A' is long; it includes all who have assisted the owner and publisher in his social struggle. The people on that list are to be treated kindly, mentioned pleasantly. In the absence of the owner, any and all news must be suppressed at their demand. It is different with 'List B,' which is shorter. These people have offended the boss.' Their names must not be mentioned at all unless they do something disgraceful. Then—as the editors express it—'Soak 'em.' And List A and List B, formulated or unformulated, written or unwritten, rest in the bottom drawer of many and many an editorial desk, symbol of an exploited profession.

One instance of social influence is fair for publication, because it does not involve 'the women folks.' That J. Pierpont Morgan had some hand in the New York 'Sun' during the Roosevelt corporation war, the world believes. With the clever, adroit bitterness which is the dross in its inheritance from Dana, the 'Sun' ridiculed, flouted, hammered Roosevelt so excessively as to defeat its own purpose. The opposition charged that Morgan owned 'Sun' stock, or had lent to the late William M. Laffan, its publisher, the money by which he bought his controlling interest.

To the best of my belief, this is not true. Here again to the best of my belief are the facts about Laffan's control:

When Charles Anderson Dana died, he left his stock mainly to his son Paul. The compositors of the 'Sun' struck over a matter of monotype machines versis hand labor. This fight extended to a great general boycott of 'Sun' advertising by labor unions. Sick of this interminable brawl, Paul Dana decided to sell. Laffan, then the business manager, secured an option; but he had not the ready money to complete the purchase. At the last moment, a financier, hardly more than an acquaintance, advanced the loan. This backer was not J. Pierpont Morgan, nor yet one of his close associates.

But Mr. Laffan and Mr. Morgan were friends. Each was a collector; in certain lines, such as porcelain, these two were the supreme court of taste in America. Laffan in his smaller way, and Morgan in his larger, bought from the same agents, interchanged specimens, visited back and forth between their collections. Doubtless, Laffan's outside investments were in the Morgan interests. So he became one of the 'Morgan crowd'—its journalistic member. And so, when Roosevelt hit at the foundation of the Morgan power, Laffan saw only as his crowd saw; here was a madman, a demagogue, an offender against social order. Nothing else—except Laffan's own fighting nature—is necessary to explain the 'Sun's' attack of rabies concerning Roosevelt.

This social influence affects not only the heads of our newspapers but also the rank and file. If for a paragraph I leave the publisher to discuss the reporter, the digression is only to illustrate how snobbery and desire for social esteem may influence all journalists, great and small. The social lobby at Washington is a great theme unwritten. More by society than by money do the powers influence our legislation in this period of the Republic. The Representative from Oshkosh enters Washington burning for glory. In his first session he acquires an appetite for distinction in the capital; he looks no longer so much for the esteem of his home folks as for that of Washington. He is an atom among four hundred Representatives. The process of advancement through the mere business of legislation is slow; unless he be a very genius of personality and ability, he can scarcely show above the crowd in his first term, nor yet in his second. There is, however, another ladder—society. By his dinner cards, and his invitations is he known to his fellows. And the dispensers of valued cards and invitations represent 'big business' — 'our kind of people.' To those who favor them 'our kind of people' are warm; to the others, cold.

Now, reporting goes largely by acquaintance; and valuable acquaintance in Washington involves surrender to the Washington point of view. The most useful correspondent is he who has the best news sources. Such a man must respect 'our kind of people' and the Washington idea, even though he tell only half truths. So Washington correspondence, viewed in bulk, tends always toward the side of the powerful. Says an Insurgent Representative: 'I've seen a correspondent sail into Washington shooting guns to port and starboard and turning all his searchlights on the shame of the Solons. I've seen him six months later eating out of every official hand between the White House and the Capitol.' Hearst himself could never keep his Washington correspondents militant. The Washington reporter surrenders to the very influence which may be binding his employer at home.

The financial drag on newspapers is fair game for illustrative example. Here, the law of libel hampers me, as it hampers the free contemporaries of certain slavish newspapers. It is not enough to tell the truth; one must be able to prove it. That one newspaper exists to fight the battles of a railroad; that a second stopped attacking a great and corrupt corporation at the price of a loan from a bank; that a third fell into the same silence concerning the same corporation because its publisher made a profitable investment in the corporation's lands; that a fourth keeps hands off the local political gang because it borrows from the trust company which finances the public service corporation which uses the gang—all these things I know with the private certainty which is just short of public proof. The names and cities are in my mind as I write.

But the process comes now and then to the surface—sometimes years after the fact. We know now, as we suspected then, that Senator Clark secretly owned a string of newspapers, and that Marcus Daly subsidized another string, during the copper feud in Montana. The world has long believed that James J. Hill exerted an undue influence over certain newspapers of the Northwest. We know now that the Great Northern Railroad owns $170,000 worth of bonds in that excellent newspaper, the Seattle 'Post Intelligencer.'

An interesting illustration of the way of a bank with a newspaper came out of Omaha in 1892. That is a long time ago; moreover, the controlling influence sought not to affect policies, but to suppress an important piece of news. Still further, the publisher thus gagged has been an exemplar of militant journalism and honest politics; this example shows only how one must sometimes jettison cargo to save the ship. But the story is worth telling for its own sake.

On one side of the street was Edward Rosewaters established evening 'Bee, a newspaper not disposed to do anything to hurt any one who had a great deal of money; on the other, Gilbert M. Hitchcock's lively but struggling morning and evening 'World-Herald.' One spring morning a country correspondent telegraphed that ex-Judge Joseph Clarkson had been drowned in Honey Creek Lake. Scarcely any sudden death would have made more sensation in Omaha. Every one knew him, and most liked him. He was a figure.

The 'World-Herald' sent out all its available forces to Honey Creek Lake. They found half the lawyers in Omaha wadling across its shallow bottom. The case seemed perfectly plain. Clarkson had gone alone to the lake, fishing. At nightfall he told the lodge-keeper that he wanted a swim. He launched a boat and rowed away. He did not return, and next morning the keeper found the boat, empty except for Clarkson's clothes, at the mouth of a far creek. But persistent dredging failed to discover the body. A fact which, as the event proved, had nothing to do with the case, stirred up suspicion in the 'World-Herald' office. Clarkson had $25,000 insurance. The 'World-Herald' mentioned this fact, and Clarkson's partners protested at the insinuation. The managing editor let his intuition play on the case; and he assigned E. A. Grimm and Thomas Hunt, reporters, to confirm his suspicions.

Tommy Hunt, now a Chicago newspaper man, then a cub reporter just promoted from office boy, walked on to the first clue. On the bank by the abandoned boat he saw the tracks of a brand-new shoe. Inch by inch he went over the ground. The tracks led straight away from the boat. In the bushes he found some bits of cloth. They were tags such as makers sew into ready-made clothes—and new. He interviewed the keeper again. Yes, Clarkson had brought a bundle to the lake. In fact, it 'seemed like' he had taken it with him in the boat. Ready-made clothing tags bear the chest, waist, and leg measure. Hunt noted these figures on the tags, compared them with the measurements of Clarkson's abandoned clothes. They corresponded.

The series will be continued to-morrow.

MEXICAN TROUBLE.

Monterey, Mex., Dec. 22.—Army scouts appear to have lost the trail of Gen. Reyes and his little staff. In the last 24 hours no definite reports regarding his whereabouts have been received in army headquarters. It is conceded he must yet be in the neighborhood of the western Tamaulipas state line, but the exact location is now only guessed at by officers commanding detachments detailed on the chase. Losing the track has caused no uneasiness among army officers, who profess they would not be surprised should Reyes voluntarily surrender, realizing his efforts to incite a general rebellion have failed. Five hundred troops are now riding the plains and hills seeking to pick up the trail.

STORM IN FRANCE.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Eastern districts of France have been swept by a violent tempest of rain and wind. Much damage to property has been caused. Many telegraph poles and trees in the forests have been uprooted, while a score of fishing [illegible] have been cast ashore along the coast and a number of fishermen drowned.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR STAFF.

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