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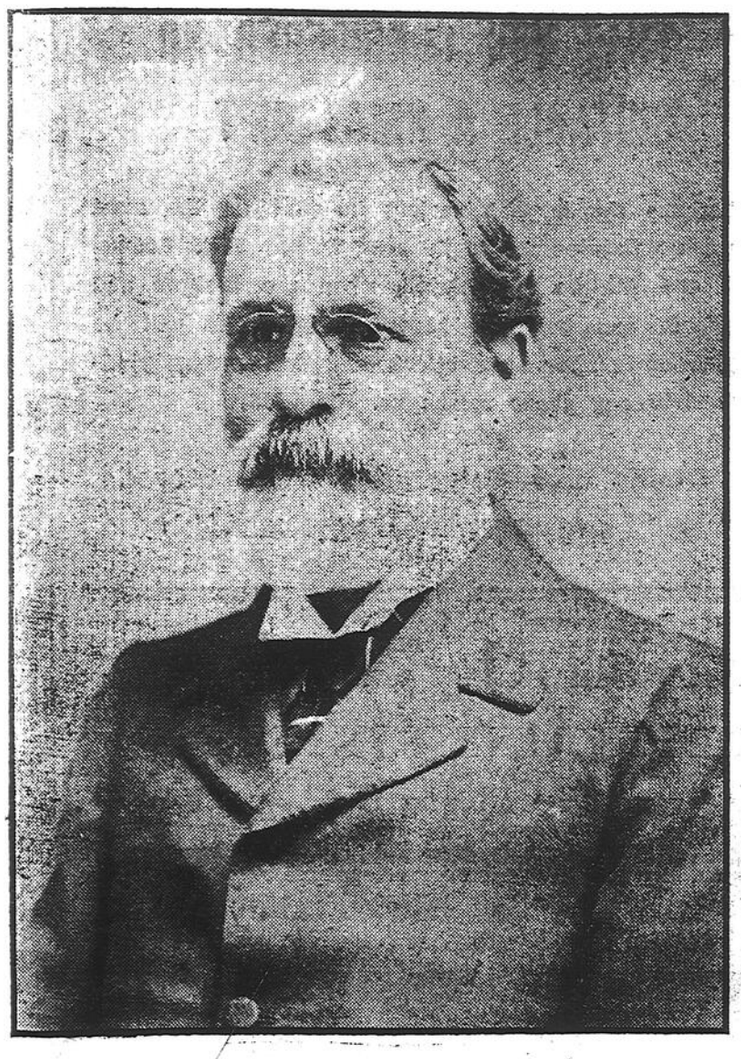
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John Dougall & Sons.

Dear Sirs,—Allow me to add my congratulations to the many that have been offered you in connection with the approach of the sixtieth year of the publication of your paper. I have read the "Witness" for many years with pleasure and profit, by no means always assenting to its views, but with unvarying confidence and respect for the integrity, ability and public spirit which have inspired and characterized them. I particularly appreciate the excellent tone which the "Witness" has displayed in the discussion of public questions, and in the choice of items of news. Its strict avoidance of anything like sensational journalism, and the high level of respectability at which it is always kept, are worthy of great praise.

With the best wishes for the continued usefulness and success of your paper,

I am yours truly,
F. L. BEIQUE.

FISHERY TROUBLES

AMERICAN OWNERS OF FISHING VESSELS COMPLAIN AGAINST NEWFOUNDLAND OFFICIALS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The State Department has received some bitter complaints from American owners of fishing vessels against the Newfoundland officials for interfering with what they regard as their treaty rights to fish within Newfoundland territorial waters. Only a few days since an American fishing smack was seized at a Newfoundland port because, several months ago, she had, it was alleged, shipped some Newfoundlanders from the Bay of Islanders. The American ship owners felt that this was an infraction of their rights to ply their vocation in those waters as guaranteed by treaty. The State Department has been exchanging notes on this subject with the British Government. The department has not been able to take direct issue with the Newfoundlanders in respect to their rights to make it a punishable offence to ship Newfoundlanders within their own waters. It is not quite clear, however, whether, while admitting the right of the Newfoundland authorities to punish their own people who ship on an American vessel in violation of local laws, it is prepared to concede the amenability to Newfoundland laws of American skippers who ship such men.

Boston, Dec. 20.—The Newfoundland fishing troubles which have been brought to the attention of the Washington authorities apparently are a revival of differences between Canadian and American interests which occurred at the beginning of the herring fishing season two months ago. At that time reports were received at Gloucester and Boston that the Newfoundland Government was threatening to curtail privileges which Americans had enjoyed, and the matter was made the subject of a conference between the State Department and Senator Lodge and Congressman Gardner of Massachusetts. After a time assurances were officially received that all the treaty rights of Americans fishing in Canadian waters would be observed, and it was understood that this settled the controversy.

THE SHANGHAI TROUBLE

DEADLOCK ARISING OUT OF THE MIXED COURT DISPUTE CONTINUES.

(See Also Page 10.)

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—All is quiet in town to-day. Business has been resumed by the volunteers and sailors landed by the warships in port remain on duty as a precaution against a renewal of the rioting. The United States gunboat 'Villalobos' has arrived to reinforce the 'Baltimore' and the British Cruiser 'Andromeda' is expected to reinforce the 'Diadem.' The deadlock growing out of the mixed court dispute continues. The Taotai adheres to his demand for the dismissal of the British assessor and police inspectors, while the British consul refuses to yield. The foreign residents here support the consul's attitude.

BELGIUM AND TURKEY

THE FORMER DEMANDS THAT JORIS BE GIVEN UP TO CONSULAR AUTHORITIES FOR TRIAL.

Constantinople, Dec. 20.—The Belgian legation has demanded that Edward Joris be handed to the Belgian consular authorities for trial in accordance with the treaty of 1838. The Porte objects to this, and trouble is anticipated. Joris is a Belgian subject who, with three others, is charged with participation in the attempt to assassinate the Sultan last July, and who were sentenced to death on Dec. 18 by a native court.

RUSSIAN SITUATION.

Strike at Moscow Proclaimed To-day—Street Railway Traffic Entirely Suspended.

OUTBREAK OF TARTARS AND ARMENIANS IN THE CAUCASUS PRODUCES A REIGN OF TERROR—MUTINIES AT SEBASTOPOL AND KHARKOFF.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—On account of some confusion the general strike was proclaimed at Moscow to-day at noon instead of to-morrow, and was inaugurated there with the complete suspension of the street railway service.

The government enters on the new struggle greatly crippled. The situation in the Baltic provinces is growing steadily worse and in the Caucasus the renewal of the outbreak of the Tartars and Armenians has produced another reign of terror. The inhabitants of Tiflis and other cities are begging the authorities to furnish them with arms for the purpose of organizing a militia for self-protection. At Sebastopol new mutinies have occurred and sixteen hundred soldiers have been disarmed and are under guard. The troops at Kharkoff have revolted and the inhabitants are still administering the city.

The weather has become very cold. Deep snow covers the country as far south as Kieff and it is believed that a few days' hunger and starvation will easily drive the people to desperation and provoke uprisings and attacks on strikers and perhaps general pillage.

ARREST OF UNION LEADER.

Alexandrov, Russian Poland, Dec. 20.—A message received here from Warsaw to-day says that the president of the Warsaw Railway Union has been arrested and that the union consequently has decided to order the employees of the Vistula railways to begin a strike on Friday.

ANTI-JEWISH OUTBREAK.

Advices from Bielostok, Russian Poland, says that the recruits there are planning an anti-Jewish outbreak.

TAMMANY AND MR. DORAN

Organization Arrays its Followers Against His Candidature

MR. DORAN, UNDISMAYED, PREPARES FOR THE FRAY.

Mr. Doran was asked this morning whther he had heard of his having been heralded by a morning paper as 'a marked man,' as the result of a meeting of the local Tammany organization at which his interview, published in the 'Witness,' was read.

'Yes,' he replied, 'and I may say that I am not a little amused at the article. It is very formidable, with the repeated use of the word "whereas."

'As to the resolution at the end, I do not see that it will convince the public of the benevolent intentions of the gentlemen at the head of the Benevolent and Protective Society. I am certain that neither trades nor labor organizations, nor political clubs will be swayed by it.

'Seriously speaking, it is well for the public to know if the new organization is, or is not, a "Tammany."

'There is one thing certain, that if I have the honor to be elected mayor of this great city I will give particular attention to that part of the duties of the office which requires that the incumbent shall see to the enforcement of civic by-laws. I do not expect to be a "Jerome," but I shall certainly propose that in the reorganization of the law department provision be made for a prosecuting attorney, to conduct such cases as may be required to be undertaken by various city officials.'

TAMMANY TACTICS.

The resolution referred to, with its terror-inspiring preamble, is as follows:—

'Whereas Mr. Doran, in reply to a question whether he feared the introduction of Tammany methods in Montreal, as adopted by the Benevolent and Protective Society of Montreal.

'Whereas he replied: "I do not think that anything may be apprehended from the association recently launched with a flourish of trumpets. The claws of the tiger are more insidious."

'Whereas we find his remarks entirely uncalled for and misleading, and consider a candidate drawing such hasty conclusions of a society such as ours, and of whose by-laws he knows nothing, as unfit to occupy the mayor's chair of such a cosmopolitan city as this with the degree of dignity the office deserves;

'Whereas the position now filled by Mr. Doran on the Montreal Harbor Commissioners' board has more than once been the subject of general and unfavorable criticism by the press of Montreal;

'Resolved, that our secretary be instructed to immediately notify all trades and labor organizations, political and social clubs, and all other members of our society to use every legitimate effort in their power to defeat Mr. Doran at the polls.'

RAILWAY ARBITRATION.

THE INTERCOLONIAL ALLEGES BREACHES OF AGREEMENT ON PART OF GRAND TRUNK.

At the Court House yesterday, arbitration proceedings were resumed between the Grand Trunk and the Intercolonial railways over rates and exchange of traffic, the special commission sitting being composed of Judge Killam, chairman of the Railway Commission; Judge Davidson, of the Superior Court, Montreal, and Mr. Shepley, barrister, of Toronto.

Mr. J. W. Cook, representing the government railway, said that according to the through rates established on Feb. 1, 1898, a division was to be made on a basis of mileage, but the Grand Trunk had refused to divide on such a basis, causing heavy loss to the Intercolonial Railway. It was also claimed that this agreement applied to any subsequent extension of the Grand Trunk system, yet the Grand Trunk had refused to follow the mileage basis in regard to the Canada Atlantic lines, which it had taken over.

It was stated that the loss to the government by reason of the Grand Trunk's action had been $4.20 on every car of freight shipped from Chatham, Ont., to Halifax, and $10.08 on every car shipped from Chatham to St. John, N.B.

Further evidence was to the effect that the Grand Trunk had discriminated against the Intercolonial by refusing to allot cars for export shipments to St. John and Halifax, and also by refusing to issue through bills of lading. This, it was claimed, was a breach of the agreement existing between the two railways. Several examples of diversions of traffic by the Grand Trunk were cited, it being stated that the latter company, instead of delivering freight to the government road at Montreal, had carried the same to Levis and Lennoxville. The Grand Trunk claimed this was due to mistakes on the part of agents.

The hearing was adjourned till this morning.

CITY BY-LAW UPHELD

EXCLUSION OF DEALERS FROM BONSECOURS MARKET CONFIRMED.

The Court of Review has rendered judgment unanimously confirming the decision of the Superior Court in the case of Geoffrion et al vs. the City of Montreal. This was a petition to annul by-law No. 302, and especially section 5la thereof, adopted in June, 1902, by which the City Council delegated to the Market Committee the right to reserve certain places for traders in all the markets except Bonsecours, which was reserved for farmers and gardners.

In rendering judgment the first court held that the object of the by-law was to protect the public from buying from dealers when they thought they were purchasing from bona fide farmers. The measures enacted were intra vires of the City Council, but the latter had no right to delegate its powers to the Market Committee. That part of the by-law was therefore declared null and void. The power to exclude traders from Bonsecours market, however, was maintained.

The Court of Review came to the same conclusion.

JEWS IN POLAND

NATIONALISTS DECIDE THAT THEY MUST GIVE UP YIDDISH AND LEARN POLISH LANGUAGE.

Warsaw, Dec. 20.—The Polish Nationalists have come to the decision that the Jews in Poland must be transformed into Poles, and the Nationalists therefore have issued a proclamation calling on all Israelites to discontinue speaking Yiddish and to learn the Polis hlanguage.

Cossacks surrounded the offices of the Socialist organ 'Kujer Codzienny' at midnight, arrested the editorial staff and sealed up the offices.

VOLCANIC ERUPTION

IMMENSE FLOW OF LAVA FROM CRATER OF MATATUTU, IN SAMOA.

Honolulu, Dec. 20.—The steamer 'Ventura' arrived from Australia yesterday. She brought a report that the eruption of Mount Matatutu, on the island of Savaii, in the Samoan group, has increased to such force that the mountain has been piled up 3,000 feet. The lava has covered 30 square miles, and a stream of lava 12 miles wide is flowing into the ocean. The lava is being thrown 200 feet high. The natives have deserted the region.

GEN. SAUSSIER DEAD.

Paris, Dec. 20.—General Felix Gustave Saussier, formerly commander-in-chief of the French army, died to-day.

MASSACRE OF MUSSULMANS

MOHAMMEDANS BEING HUNTED BY ARMENIANS IN TIFLIS LIKE DEER.

Constantinople, Dec. 20.—The massacre of Mussulmans by Armenians was still in progress at Tiflis and throughout Caucasia, on Dec. 18, according to a despatch from Tiflis on that date. The Mohammedans were being hunted down like deer, no distinction being made between Persians, Tartarys or Ottomans. About two thousand Mussulman families of Tiflis had sought refuge in neighboring villages. The Cossacks and other troops continued to plunder the houses of Mussulmans at Batoum.

UNITED STATES HOGS

AN ORDER-IN-COUNCIL PASSED FORBIDDING THEIR IMPORTATION INTO CANADA IN BOND.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—An order-in-council has been passed prohibiting the importation of live hogs from the United States in bond. This step has been taken upon the advice of the Minister of Agriculture, who does not relish the idea of this country being flooded with hog cholera after the very large sum of money that has been expended in getting rid of this disease in western Ontario. It is contended that hog cholera is rampant in the United States, so that the action the government is taking is a necessity in the interests alike of the farmers and the packers of this country. Mr. Fisher is determined, moreover, that nothing shall be done to ruin the reputation that Canadian bacon has attained in the Old Country. To have United States soft bacon sold in England as Canadian could not, he contends, but have this effect.

It is admitted that the home supply of bacon hogs is slim. Still, the packers can get the animals, it is held, if they will pay the price, and the farmers can then be encouraged to raise more.

TEMPERANCE AT THE POINT

A FEDERATION FORMED FOR AGGRESSIVE WORK.

At a largely attended meeting of representatives from the various Christian Endeavor societies, the White Ribbon Army, the W. C. T. U., the Royal Templars and the Independent Order of Good Templars, of Point St. Charles, held in Centenary Church parlors, last evening, it was agreed to form a combined body to be called the Point St. Charles Temperance Federation, to organize and carry on aggressive temperance work in the 'Point.' A plan of campaign was decided upon, including a pledge-signing campaign, organizing opposition to new licenses and securing convictions for breaches of the law, electoral work to secure temperance candidates for the City Council, and the holding of mass meetings from time to time. The first of these meetings will take place in Centenary Methodist Church, on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1906, for which prominent speakers have been secured.

It was also agreed to heartily endorse the splendid temperance campaign being carried on by the Roman Catholic brethren in the 'Point,' and congratulatory references were made by various speakers to the earnest efforts of the Roman Catholic clergy in this direction.

Mr. Munro, the temperance convener of the Local C. E. Union, was present and gave an encouraging address, explaining how the work was being carried on in the various districts of the city. The meeting was enthusiastic and hopeful and gave every indication of a sweeping revival in temperance work in the 'Point.'

BU HAMARA AGAIN

PRETENDER TO THE MOROCCAN THRONE ON THE WAR PATH.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The Tangier correspondent of the 'Echo de Paris' says that the pretender to the Moorish throne, Bu Hamara, is preparing to attack the Sultan's troops with a numerous army near the Algerian frontier.

SNOW OR RAIN

Up! while we are gazing, in swifter haste
Stream down the snows, till the air is white.
As myriads by myriads madly chased,
They fling themselves from their shadowy height;
The fair, frail creatures of middle sky.
What speed they make, with their grave so nigh:
Flake after flake
To lie in the dark and silent lake.
—William Cullen Bryant.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 20, 11 a.m.—The following are the maximum and minimum temperatures:—Victoria, 46, 38; Calgary, 28, 20; Edmonton, 20, 18; Qu'Appelle, 24, 14; Winnipeg, 20, 2 below; Port Arthur, 28, 22; Parry Sound, 34, 26; Toronto, 38, 34; Ottawa, 20, 16; Montreal, 24, 14; Quebec, 18, 14; St. John, 36, 26; Halifax, 36, 26.

Fair and a little milder to-day. Thursday, strong easterly winds with snow or rain.

A disturbance is now moving towards the great lakes from the South-West States. The weather continues moderately cold in Quebec and Manitoba, elsewhere it is mild.

1628 Notre Dame street, Montreal Dec. 20, 1905.—Readings by Hearn & Harrison's Standard barometer at noon Yesterday, 30.10; 11 a.m. to-day, 30.32.

Temperature.	Max.	Min
To-day	32	15
Yesterday	20	13

NEWS IN BRIEF

A terrific volcanic eruption is reported from the Samoan gooup. Mount Matatutu, on the Island of Savaii, has been piled up 3,000 feet higher, thirty square miles of country has been covered by lava, and a stream of lava twelve miles wide is flowing into the sea.

The deadlock at Shanghai growing out of the mixed court dispute continues. The Taotai insists upon the dismissal of the British assessor and police inspectors, and the British consul refuses to yield. The foreign residents support the consul.

Trouble is expected over the trial of Edward Joris, the Belgian charged with an attempt to murder the Sultan in July last. The Belgian legation has demanded that he be handed over to the Belgian authorities for trial, and the Sultan refuses.

Bu Hamara, the pretender to the throne of Morocco, is again on the war path.

A call was issued in St. Petersburg last night for a general political strike to begin throughout all Russia today noon. The leaders have declared their ability to stop every railway in Russia.

The massacres at Tiflis and throughout Caucasia continue. The Mussulmans, whether Persians, Tartars or Ottomans, are being hunted like deer.

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General Saussier, formerly commander-in-chief of the French army, died to-day.

Mr. George Herring, a former member of the London Stock Exchange, has donated £100,000 towards the Salvation Army movement for establishing peasant proprietors on the soil of England.

Mr. Herbert Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking in London last night, said the Liberals in the next Parliament would be as opposed to Home Rule as he was himself, and that in the campaign the main issue would be free trade against protection.

Dr. William Osler, of chloroform fame, is out in a new book in which he declares that deathbed visions are 'plain nonsense.'

A serious fire broke out in the workhouse on Blackwell's Island, New York harbor, early this morning and the men convicts did heroic work in rescuing the women from the burning cells.

The ferry house of the Delaware, Lackawana and Western Railway, at New York, was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss will reach $650,000.

One person was killed and forty injured last night, in a collision on the New York Elevated Railway in Harlem, and one engineer is held for manslaughter.

Mr. Anthony Blume, a mining prospector of Boston, reports a remarkably rich find of ore on his claim at Manitou in the Rainy River district, and declares this district to contain the richest gold deposits in the world.

The C. P. R. has now 110,000 acres of irrigated land east of Calgary ready for the market.

A plan is on foot in Three Rivers to erect a new hospital at an estimated cost of $200,000.

For fear of hog cholera, which is said to be now rampant in the United States, an order-in-council has been passed forbidding the importation into Canada of live hogs in bond.

The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of this city is planning to celebrate next February, the two hundredth anniversary of the building of the Chateau de Ramezay.

The National Drug and Chemical Company have decided to build in Montreal a new factory for the exclusive manufacture of chemicals, the company to be capitalized at $6,000,000.

The Minister of Militia announced last night at the banquet given in his honor by the Reform Club of Montreal, that the government has offered to send trained men to high schools and colleges of the country to teach every student how to shoot.

The executive of the New Montreal Tammany has ordered its minions to oppose Mr. Doran in his candidature for the mayoralty.

The sixth year or graduating class of Mount Royal School has sent sixty dollars to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society for the benefit of the sailors' homes maintained by the society. In return the class will receive a 'Nelson memorial' shield made of brass taken from the 'Victory' and mounted on oak.

Professor Bemis, of Cleveland, Ohio, in his expert report read at the City Council yesterday afternoon, reported that gas could be manufactured in this city and sold at a reasonable profit for 87 cents per thousand cubic feet. If separate prices are to be charged, he suggests 90 cents for lighting and 80 cents for fuel gas. Citizens of Montreal are now paying $1.20 and $1.00.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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

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

BIRTHS.

RUTHERFORD — At Hawkesbury, Ont., on Nov. 20, 1905, to Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Rutherford, a son.

MARRIED.

JAMIESON — RONALD — On Dec. 16, 1905, at 419 Metcalfe avenue, Westmount, by the Rev. Mr. Bushell, Katie Louise, only daughter of James R. Ronald, to William Jamieson, C.E., only son of the late William Jamieson, of Prince's Park, Liverpool, G.B.

DIED.

CLEGHORN.— In this city on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1905, Henry Cleghorn, aged 74 years.

Funeral on Friday, Dec. 22, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 76 St. Matthew street, to St. James the Apostle Church, thence to Mount Royal Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers.

CASSIDY — At Pointe aux Trembles, on Dec. 19, 1905, Adelaide McWhinnie, widow of the late Irwin Cassidy, aged 56 years and 11 months.

Funeral from her late residence, Pointe aux Trembles, at 1.30 p.m., on Friday, the 22nd inst., to Mount Royal Cemetery.

ALLAN — Passed peacefully away, at the residence of Mrs. Reel, 771 Lansdowne avenue, Toronto, Mrs. H. M. Allan, the last surviving daughter of the late Geo. Kidd, of 'Greenmount,' Keady, Armagh, Ireland, in her 94th year.

ANNIS.—In Brantford, Ont., on Dec. 15, 1905, Maude May, beloved wife of M. B. Annis, druggist, aged 33 years.

BRANDEL — At Weston, Ont., on Dec. 18, 1905, Esther Tapp, beloved wife of Chas. Brandel, aged 51 years.

COTTON.—At the Montreal General Hospital, on Dec. 19, 1905, of pneumonia, Helen Mabel, aged 8 years, youngest daughter of Dr. W. S. Cotton, of Cowansville.

FINCH-NOYES.—At Hamilton, Ont., on Dec. 17, 1905, Anna Elizabeth, wife of Edward Finch-Noyes.

HAZLETT.—In Kingston, Ont., on Dec. 17, 1905, J. W. Hazlett, B.A., B.Sc., son of John Hazlett, manager of Lake Ontario Navigation Company, aged twenty-six years and nine months.

MATTHEWS.—At 88 Nelson street, Ottawa, on Dec. 17, 1905, Emma Schlemann, aged 22 years, wife of Mr. Arthur Matthews.

McBAIN.—At Valcartier Village, P.Q., on Nov. 17, 1905, after a lingering illness, Curtis McBain, aged 53 years.

Quebec and Winnipeg papers please copy.

MILLAR.—On Dec. 17, 1905, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Charles Burton Gamble, Toronto, James Wadsworth Millar aged 84 years and 8 months.

SOMERVILLE.—In Kingston, Ont., on Dec. 18, 1905, Annie M., relict of the late Francis Somerville, aged seventy-six years.

WEIR.—At Peterborough, Ont., on Dec. 17, 1905, ex-Alderman Robert Weir, P.G.M. of B.A., R. B. K. of I.

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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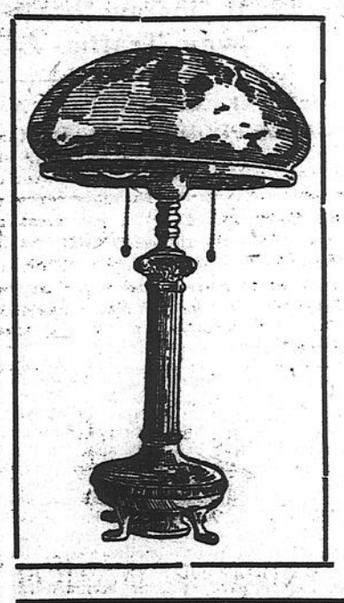
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HELP FOR UNFORTUNATE.

(To the Editor of the 'Witness.')

Sir,—About this time last year I made an appeal on behalf of a man of my church who was dangerously ill at the hospital, and whose wife and three little children were helpless. I asked $25 to pay an insurance policy then due. After spending three months in the hospital, the sick husband returned to his home somewhat improved, but with shattered health and scarcely able to do anything. His wife has opened a little store, and eks out a scanty living, but cannot possibly pay the insurance policy of her husband. This insurance is the only thing he can hope to leave her. It is possible some friends of the deserving sick and helpless may be able to assist me again in this matter.

CALVIN E. AMARON,
Pastor St. John's Church.
31 Milton street.

DR. DOWIE IN BOSTON.

Boston, Dec. 20.— John Alexander Dowie, who has just abdicated his position as the head of Zion City, Ill., arrived here on a private car attached to a train on the Boston & Maine Railway, last night. He was accompanied by his son, Dr. Gladstone Dowie, a trained nurse and two healers from Zion City. The party remained on the car overnight and to-day will go on board the steamer 'Admiral Dewey,' of the United Fruit Company's line, bound for Jamaica. Later Dowie will take an extended cruise in the Caribbean Sea, in the hope of recovering his shattered health.

BRASS WORKERS ORGANIZE.

The brass workers of Montreal have organized as Local No. 320, with international affiliations. The unanimous decision to do this was arrived at in a crowded mass meeting held in their rooms on St. James street, when Mr. M. Foran was elected president and Mr J. Kenny secretary. The charter has been secured and another meeting of the new union will be held on Friday evening.



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The only authorized collector for the Diet Dispensary is MRS. ROSS WEATHERMAN, who carries a book signed to attest its genuineness.

Appeal on Behalf of ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

In issuing this appeal to the Scotchmen of Montreal, the Charitable Committee is constrained to do so in view of the pressing need for more funds, if the Society is to carry on its work this season with any degree of efficiency.

The record of the Society during the 70 years of its existence is a noble one; the relief of the distressed, the helping of the widows and orphans, and extending a hand of welcome and assistance to the newly arrived immigrant, has been the aim and work of the Society through all these years, and carried on with care and economy, and a due regard to the claims presented.

Shall we then, upon whom the burden of the work has now fallen, shirk from the responsibility, and turn away from the urgent appeals of our less fortunate countrymen, who, from whatever cause it may be, require our sympathy and aid.

During the past season the Committee each week extended relief to an average of 60 families, representing 200 individuals; besides sheltering and caring for 559 persons in the Home, who otherwise would have been left destitute.

SCOTCHMEN: rally round the old Society. We have often been accused of clannishness: SHOW IT NOW by coming to her help just as the season's work has commenced, thus strengthening her hand in view of the increasing demands that are being made day by day.

Donations of clothing will be sent for if notice is given to the Home, 403 Aqueduct street, and subscriptions will be received by Mr. William Seath, Treasurer, 1817 Notre Dame street, or any member of the Charitable Committee.

J. M. CAMPBELL,

Chairman, Charitable Committee, Room 228, Temple Building. Telephone Main 2178.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Sam Bosworth is home for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Marjorie Wallace is home from school in Toronto, for the holidays.

Mr. Elwood Hosmer has arrived home from the Pacific coast.

Miss Higginbotham (Guelph) is in the city, the guest of Miss Cairine Mackay.

Miss Eileen Smith has returned from a visit to her aunt, Miss Laura Smith, in Ottawa.

Miss Covernton has returned from a visit to Toronto. Mr. C. J. Covernton has left for Calgary.

Mrs. Fiske has gone to Toronto to spend Christmas with her brother, Mr. George Beardmore, at Chudleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Drinkwater will spend the Christmas holidays in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Timmerman and their little son will spend Christmas in the city with Mrs. Timmerman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Drinkwater.

Mr. and Miss Montgomerie, of St. Johns, who have returned from Detroit, will reside at 39 Chomedy street for the winter.

The Earl of Rosslyn, Mr. Grenfell and his wife, Lady Victoria Grenfell, eldest daughter of Lord and Lady Grey, and Lady Alix Beauclerk, youngest daughter of the tenth Duke of St. Albans, are expected, an Ottawa paper says, at the end of the week, and will spend Christmas with their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess Grey, at Government House. The Hon. Angus McDonnell, second son of the Earl of Antrim, will also be of the Rideau Hall party.

The marriage of Miss Katie Ronald, daughter of Mr. J. R. Ronald, of Westmount, to Mr. William Jamieson, only son of the late Mr. William Jamieson, of Liverpool, took place very quietly at the home of the bride's parents, on Saturday evening, Dec. 16, the Rev. Mr. Bushell officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white satin and lace. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson left for the east, where they will spend some time before returning to England.

Mrs. E. N. Bender gave a very successful and enjoyable 'at-home' yesterday afternoon, for her daughter, Miss Lillian Bender, who has made her debut this season. The tea table was particularly pretty with red roses, white hyacinths, and maiden-hair fern, while sprays and garlands of holly about the rooms gave a Christmas touch. Mrs. J. R. Wilson and Mrs. R. D. McGibbon poured tea and coffee, and assisting in serving refreshments were Miss Constance Meagher, Miss Minnie Wilson, Miss Dorothy Shepherd, Miss Mary Tooke, Miss Day, Miss Helen Bernard, Miss Eileen Smith, and Miss Leah Brodie.

At the residence of the bride's parents, 88 Park avenue, St. Henri, the marriage of Mr. Robert W. Percy, assistant secretary of the Canada Engraving and Lithographing Co., Ltd., to Miss Georgina Fish, second daughter of Mr. James Fish, was solemnized at 2.30 yesterday afternoon. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. Stewart Oxley, B.A. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of cream crepe de Chine, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Maud Fish, who wore pale blue crepe de Chine. Mr. David Thomson acted as groomsman. The many presents received included a handsome gift from the Canada Engraving and Lithographing Company. After the reception the bride and groom left for western points.

GOOD WILL TREE.

The Good Will Club this year intends giving a Christmas tree for the little ones in connection with Welcome Hall, St. Antoine street. Old friends of the work, and any one desiring to contribute are asked to send their contributions, not later than Dec. 28, to Miss Howard, 23 Tupper street.

A CHRISTMAS MEETING.

The Christmas gathering of the Woman's Art Association at the studio yesterday afternoon was one of the most delightful meetings the association has held. Although every one is much occupied with her own affairs every day this week, the studio was quite filled with members and their friends.

Mrs. J. R. Hutchins gave readings from Dickens's 'Christmas Carol,' and the old story, which to lovers of Dickens renews its youth every Christmas, gained fresh interest by the sympathetic rendering of the reader, who, entering fully into the spirit of the author, brought out in relief the humor and pathos, the strong human interest, of the story. The famous dinner at Bob Cratchit's was made especially real to the audience. The readings were alternated with Christmas carols by a quartette of ladies, Mrs. G. S. Cantlie, Mrs. Wallace, and the Misses Symonds. The carols, which included 'The first Noel,' 'In Excelsis Gloria,' and others, were much enjoyed.

Miss Phillips, the president, in a little speech that voiced the general feeling, said that while the Woman's Art Association is not a charitable organization, its members would like at this season to do something towards helping the work for the crippled children, the 'Tiny Tims' in the Memorial Hospital. Toys and Christmas gifts would be sent, no doubt, from other sources, but the association's gift might help to supply some of the every-day needs for the comfort of the little ones. One firm, having heard of the intended collection, had sent an order for a ton of coal; other donations had also been received. A collection was then taken up, and a nice little sum gathered.

The tea table was in charge of Mrs. Alex. Woods and Mrs. C. Franklin Hibbert, and was arranged very attractively with large bows of red satin ribbon, lights shaded in red, and a Christmas tree alight with wax tapers.

MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

(To the Editor of the 'Witness.')

Sir,—I notice a communication in your issue of Dec. 18, from 'Annual Subscribe,' referirng to a leading editorial which appeared in the 'Witness' of Nov. 24 last, and on behalf of the committee of management of the Montreal General Hospital, I beg to state that in December, 1900, they called a special meeting of the governors of the hospital, and informed them of the necessity of increased financial support on the part of the public. At that meeting, the committee received undertakings for an annual increase of revenue amounting to $3,000 for three years, and at the same meeting the committee of management proposed the creation of a Citizens' Endowment Fund, intimating that if one hundred citizens would come forward and contribute $5,000 each to this fund, the hospital would, in their opinion, be in a position to meet the annual deficiencies. At the present time this fund has only reached $85,000, which has been specially set aside in a separate account in the Bank of Montreal, and is so shown in the annual statements issued by the hospital, which give not only the names of every donor, but also a list of the securities comprising the fund. Previous to this time, there had been no separate endowment fund kept by the hospital, and all contributions made without conditions were held as available for the maintenance of the institution. From the above, it will be seen that the committee of management have fully recognized the necessity for the protection of the trust funds.

Referring to the last paragraph in 'Annual Subscriber's' letter, I sincerely hope that a crisis in the affairs of the hospital is not required to convince the governors and the citizens of Montreal of their obligations to an institution which has been in existence for over eighty years.

In connection with the growth of the city during the past ten years, 26,951 patients were provided for in the wards of the hospital, and received the best medical care and attention, and during the same period, 354,620 men, women and children received advice and treatment in the outdoor department, necessitating the doubling of the staff of out-patient surgeons, and out-patient physicians, and also an increase in the nursing and apothecary staffs.

The present pressing need is an additional fire-proof wing to the hospital, to provide increased and better accommodation for the outdoor department.

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—TO THE—
Business Men of Montreal

We, the undersigned, request your attendance at a public meeting to be held in the Reading Room of the Board of Trade on THURSDAY, 21st December, 1905, at three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of taking steps for the selection of suitable men to represent the business interests of this city in the Municipal Council.

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29	9.30 a.m.	" New York, American.
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RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS

PEOPLE WITH STRANGE IDEAS SETTLING IN THIS COUNTRY.

Numbers of Russian immigrants continue to arrive in Montreal almost daily. They come from all parts of Russia, and are mostly political refugees and reservists.. Whenever the word 'Cossack' is mentioned they give vent to language that shows their intense dislike and fear of these soldiers of the Czar. These late arrivals, clothed in the costume of their country, and wearing top boots that reach above their knees, can be seen every evening in the side streets running off St. Lawrence street. They eagerly scan the newspapers printed in Yiddish and Russian for the latest reports of the doings in the country they have left. They appear to be utterly indifferent as to what is going on around them, and seem to take the privileges they enjoy here as a matter of course. Many of them are bitter opponents of the capitalistic system. Their discontent is not economic alone, but political, social and industrial. They are under the impression, created by the terrible conditions existing in their native land, that a properly constituted society has no need for statesmen, rulers and capitalists, but should be solely composed of men who toil and are politically and socially equal. They overflow with the Jean Jacques Rousseau spirit and philosophy that was common to the masses and leaders of France at the time of the French revolution.

SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

REPORT SHOWS BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL MONTH.

The past month has been a decidedly busy one for the management of the Samaritan Hospital. At the last monthly meeting the report of Dr. Lapthorn Smith showed that every bed in the public and semi-public wards had been constantly occupied, while the private rooms were seldom vacant.

Mrs. Payne, the honorary treasurer, was able to present a most encouraging financial statement. The receipts so far exceeded expenditures, that after the payment of all debts, a comfortable balance remained in the treasury.

A discussion arose as to what steps should be taken in order to secure another building, as the one at present occupied by the hospital is to be torn down on May 1. It was pointed out that no funds were on hand for the purchase of a site, and, even if the site were obtained free, there was by no means sufficient money available to erect a suitable building. Several ladies expressed the hope that some kind benefactors would donate a sum of money sufficient to ensure the continuance of the work. Several desirable locations are under consideration. In the event of no permanent quarters being secured, it is probable that a large residence, which could be adapted to the needs of the institution will be secured before the period of occupation of the present quarters expires.

LUMBER PILE COLLAPSED

ONE MAN KILLED AND OTHERS INJURED AT ST. JOHN, N.B.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 20.—At Hampton village, yesterday afternoon, a pile of edging and other refuse lumber collapsed, burying four men. Eli Yeomans, aged sixty-four, was killed; W. Myles, an Englishman, aged 33, suffered injuries that will probably prove fatal, and William Reid and George Baster were seriousuy, but it is believed not fatally injured.

FIRE RECORD

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 19.—Half of the best business block in Rosthern, Sask., was destroyed at midnight by fire, when Lowen & Rempel's stock in the McIntyre building, McEwen's salesroom, and the Weib Bowling Alley were wiped out by the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss will reach thirty thousand dollars, while the owners are insured for thirteen thousand dollars. Wright's jewellery store building was also destroyed and is a total loss.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 19.—The warehouse of the Port Huron Thresher Company here was burned this afternoon, entailing a loss of forty thousand dollars. Insured for thirty-one thousand dollars.

A NARROW ESCAPE

MAN ASLEEP IN SLEIGH—HORSE WANDERED—TWENTY-SIX BELOW ZERO.

Richford, Vt., Dec. 19.—A man from Montgomery narrowly escaped death by freezing a few nights ago. He had taken an opiate while getting some dental work done, and later took some stimulant. On his way home he took the wrong road. The horse travelled on until he came to the end of a farmers' wood road, and after turning about the man let the horse go as he pleased. About three o'clock in the morning the animal stopped before a farm house, and the nearly frozen man succeeded in arousing the occupants. He remained there until morning, and started for home a wiser man. The mercury registered 26 degrees below zero.

WRESTLING

Frank Gotch, the lightning wrestler, is to arrive in Montreal to-morrow for his meeting with McLeod on Friday. Gotch has been doing tall things at Buffalo lately and looks as good as he can be. McLeod has put in lots of practice and has shown all his renowned cleverness during his matches at Sohmer Park.

SKATING

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Mr. J. A. Quinn, who is managing the little flyer, Fred Robson, has issued a challenge to Morris Wood, the American champion, to race a series, consisting of 220 yards, half mile and mile, either in Toronto, Montreal or New York. Wood was easily better than Robson last year, though the latter thinks he has improved and will be able to put up a better argument.

WOOD'S REPLY.

New York, Dec. 19.—Morris Wood is not averse to meeting Robson, but, he points out, there is no immediate hurry. A contest would be possible at Saranac Lake in January when the American championships were to be run off.

CURLING

The game for the Coronation cup on Jan. 10 will this year prove to be most exciting. This year's winner will keep the trophy, as it goes to the first club to win it three times, and Montreal and Quebec are both running level with two wins each.

The ladies' bonspiel takes place on Feb. 6-9. Attempts will be made to play for the new Caledonia Club's trophy a week before or a week afterwards, so as to make one trip for the visitors.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

HOCKEY.—The Ottawa trip.—Wanderers are to play in Toronto.—The Intercollegiate tournament at Pittsburg is off.—Portage Lake won from Calumet.—'Bun' Clarke has returned to Toronto.—Stuart may be reinstated and play with Pittsburg.—The Eastern Townships League schedule is published.—The young ladies at Richmond have formed a hockey club.—The E.C.A.H.A. meet to-day.

BASKETBALL.—The Y. M. C. A. season opens to-night.—A game will be played at the M.A.A.A. to-night.

SKATING.—Robson has challenged Wood.

WRESTLING.—Gotch will arrive to-morrow.

RUGBY.—The New Zealanders have refused B.C.'s challenge.

CURLING—Arrangements for competition are being made.

HOCKEY GOSSIP

Ottawa, as usual, treated the Western people to their usual highhanded bluff throughout the transactions which followed on their contract to play in Winnipeg and Kenora.

In all their communications the Ottawa executive very carefully abstained from stating definitely that three of the Stanley cup defenders of last season had steadily refused to accompany the remnant of the team on their tour.

Si Griffis, of Kenora, however, got wise to the little games and wired Pulford for a statement of condition of the Ottawa team, making it clearly understood that it was undesirable that any but the full aggregation, or at least five of the champions, be brought. Mr. Pulford replied evasively that there was no truth in the disruption rumors and announced that Finnie, Moore, Westwick, Smith, Shore, himself, and probably another of last year's team would be played. The word 'probably' was only dust flung into the Thistles' eyes, and it was quite evident to Eastern authorities, who knew of McGee and Gilmour's deliberate refusal to join the club again, that no representative team would be sent.

Kenora were partially satisfied, resting on the saving clause. Now it is seen that Ottawa is sending nothing but a scratch seven. Winnipeg is understood to be dissatisfied. They stipulated for a full Stanley cup team, with McGee and Gilmour, and on that understanding were drawn into making a handsome guarantee to Ottawa.

There may be trouble when the champions get West, and if the Septette sent out now, with still further change in it, do not put up the sort of game the Stanley cup holders are notorious for, some inglorious squabbling may ensue if the gates are affected by it.

As far as the Ottawas' prospects are concerned, they are none too bright. It is true that A. Smith, H. Smith and Pulford have been in trim all the summer by the different sports they have figured in, but the same cannot be said of Westwick, O'Connor, and Shore. These men will have to get in some fine practice work to pull up with the local sevens who have had nearly a month of desultory skating already and will have had three weeks' team work behind them when they face Ottawa.

Winnipeg has a husky crowd to carry their colors, and men who have not been rushed together. They will have first picking at Ottawa, and the champions will be fairly well carved up. This is on the 26th On the 28th will come the Greek and Greek fight. There will be the real test of the men who are trading on Ottawa's reputation. The Thistles will put on in Winnipeg: Tom Phillips, Hooper, Griffis, Giroux, Bellefeuille.

This is almost the same crowd as gave Ottawa such a game last year, though the champions are minus the services of the two men who turned the beam in their team's favor—McGee and Gilmour. On paper the Thistles hold the winning card, and the visitors will want large portions of their proverbial luck to pull out in front. On the 30th Ottawa will play in Kenora.

The Wanderers are billed to leave Montreal on Christmas night for a game with the Toronto Morlboros. This will give the hockey public an opportunity of getting a line on the brand of goods they intend to deal in this season.

The Intercollegiate hockey tournament between Yale, Harvard, Princeton, McGill, Queen's and Toronto, which was to have been played next week, has been called off, as arrangements at Pittsburg could not be completed.

The Victorias were out last night and the most representative number of players out yet donned the uniform. Blair Russell, who has not been feeling quite himself, was out for his first practice and put in an hour's solid work. Waugh was between the posts. The two Howards and Bellingham were in the game.

It was rumored around town that the first game in the Federal League, which was down for Dec. 27, was to be postponed. This proves to be erroneous. The season will open at the Stadium with a match between the Montagnards and Smith's Falls, as originally billed.

Montreal put a live Cosmopolitan team on the ice last night. There was Grimth, who played good hockey with the Montagnards last season; Callaghan, who comes from around Belleville; Bray, who played in New York last winter; Mason, from the Point, and such well-known local men as Smaill, Gale, Chipchase, Sargent, Cameron and Coulson. Sargent is slated for the captaincy of the winged wheel team this year and his selection will be a most popular one. Billy Meldrum wants to get out of the game, and has expressed himself to that effect to the club, but if the team really want him he will turn out for them.

REPLY TO B.C. CHALLENGE.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 20.—Mr. Dixon, the manager of the New Zealand team, has wired the British Columbia football authorities thanking them for their invitation. The telegram states that the team is returning home by boat all the way.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS SCHEDULE.

Richmond, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the Eastern Townships Amateur Hockey Club which was held in Sherbrooke, the following schedule was drawn up to be played on the ice of the first named team in each case:—

Jan. 3—Richmond vs. Windsor Mills.
Jan. 6—National vs. Waterville.
Jan. 9—Windsor Mills vs. National.
Jan. 10—Sherbrooke vs. Richmond.
Jan. 17—Richmond vs. Waterville.
Jan. 20—Sherbrooke vs. Windsor Mills.
Jan. 24—Sherbrooke vs. Waterville.
Jan. 26—National vs. Richmond.
Jan. 30—Waterville vs. Sherbrooke.
Feb. 2—Windsor Mills vs. Waterville.
Feb. 7—Sherbrooke vs. National.
Feb. 7—Waterville vs. Windsor Mills.
Feb. 10—National vs. Windsor Mills.
Feb. 17—National vs. Sherbrooke.
Feb. 21—Richmond vs. Sherbrooke.
Feb. 24—Waterville vs. Windsor Mills.
Feb. 28—Richmond vs. National.
Feb. 28—Windsor Mills vs. Sherbrooke.

YOUNG LADIES' CLUB.

Richmond, Dec. 19.—The young ladies of Richmond have organized a hockey club. The following officers were elected:—Miss Bella Harkour, president; Miss L. Rattray, vice-president; and Miss Minnie Finn, sec.-treasurer.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 19.—Calumet went under to Portage Lake at the Hippodrome to-night by 4 to 0 in the International hockey series. Outside of the rough tactics of the winners the game was fast and exciting. The Portages were fortunate in getting two goals which their opponents scored for them by accident. J. Mallen was severely injured in the second half and was forced to retire. Holden scored the third goal on a long lift, and Lake the last one on a pretty shot. The line-up:

Portage Lake.	Position.	Calumet.
Hern	Goal	Nicholson
Forrest	Point	Shields
Holden	Cover	Bellefeuille
Hall	Rover	K. Mallen
Stuart (capt.)	Centre	J. Mallen
Forrester	Right	Scott
Lake	Left	Gardner (capt.)

Referee—Elliott.
Attendance, 4,000.

CLARKE TURNED DOWN.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—'Bun' Clarke, the Tecumseh Lacrosse Club goalkeeper, who went down to Pittsburg a couple of weeks ago to play in front of the nets for the International League team there, returned to Toronto yesterday. He claims to have been harshly treated by Manager McSwiggan. When he accepted the offer made to him by Trainer Chris. Clune on behalf of the Pittsburg Club, Clarke thought that, despite the fact that he had not had much experience on the ice, that he would be given a chance to show what he could do. But the reverse was the case. He practiced with the team until the night before the first game, when Winchester, who had been holding out for an increase in salary, 'backed up' and accepted a contract calling for less money. Captain Sixsmith was anxious to play Clarke, but Manager McSwiggan, who, according to 'Bun,' is a 'cheap skate,' said 'no,' and Clarke was let out. 'They play fast, rough hockey,' said Clarke, last night, 'and the referees certainly have a hard time of it. The Pittsburg rink is a dandy, and the games are well patronized. The best people in the city turn out, not only for skating, but for the matches. The players earn quite a lot of money on the side as instructors.'

MAY REINSTATE STUART.

Pittsburg, Dec. 19.—'Hod' Stuart, the deposed hockey manager, may be reinstated soon into good standing in the International League, and there is a probability of his playing in the Pittsburg seven.

President Ferguson, of the International League, tacitly agreed to help Stuart to be reinstated, and he has the support of A. S. McSwiggan, president of the local team. The manager of the Houghton Club is the only person in the West who is likely to hold out against Stuart, but the votes of the other managers will suffice to bring about the reinstatement. All the clubs in the West want Stuart, but it is thought a compromise will be effected by his coming to Pittsburg.

In the game played here on Saturday between the American 'Soo' team and Pittsburg, the spectators manifested their disapproval of the rough play by continued hissing. Lorne Campbell was injured during the second half, when he was jabbed by a stick in the hands of Howell. Campbell fell to the ice, the blood streaming from an ugly gash below his right eye. He left the game, and the 'Soos' dropped cover-point, Hamilton.

E.C.A.H.A. EXECUTIVE MEETS.

A meeting of the Eastern Canada Amateur Hockey Association is to take place to-day at the Windsor. The principal business will be to straighten out the hitch that has arisen over the schedule. Certain clubs think that they could have had better dates, and an effort will be made to suit all parties. The drafting of a set of by-laws will be considered.

NEW YORK DEFEATS YALE.

New York, Dec. 20.—A game that was marked by fast, although somewhat rough play, the hockey club of New York defeated Yale last night by a score of 4 to 1.

BASKETBALL

The basketball season of the Young Men's Christian Association will open to-night with an intermediate and senior game. The Association has five teams registered in the senior league this season—Business Men, Maples, Britts, Tigers, and Stars. In the intermediate league are the Thistles, Beavers, Maples and Stars.

The opening game will begin at 8.15 p.m. sharp, and will be played between the Beavers and Maples of the intermediate league. The senior league game will be played between the Business Men's team and the Tigers.

The schedule for the year is as follows:—

Dec. 20—Beavers vs. Maples, intermediate; Tigers vs. Business Men, senior.
Dec. 27—Stars vs. Thistles, int.; Maples vs. Stars, sen.
Jan. 1—Business Men. vs. Brits, sen.; Maples vs. Tigers, sen.
Jan. 3—Maples vs. Stars, int.; Thistles vs. Beavers, int.
Jan. 10—Stars vs. Business Men, sen.; Brits vs. Tigers, sen.
Jan. 17—Beavers vs. Stars, int.; Maples vs. Brits, sen.
Jan. 24—Maples vs. Thistles, int.; Tigers vs. Stars, sen.
Jan. 31—Brits vs. Stars, sen.; Business Men vs. Maples, sen.
Feb. 7—Beavers vs. Maples, int.; Maples vs. Stars, sen.
Feb. 14—Stars vs. Thistles, int.; Business Men vs. Tigers, sen.
Feb. 21—Brits vs. Business Men, sen.; Tigers vs. Maples, sen.
Feb. 28—Maples vs. Stars, int.; Tigers vs. Brits, sen.
Mar. 7—Beavers vs. Thistles, int.; Business Men vs. Stars, sen.
Mar. 14—Stars vs. Tigers, sen.; Brits vs. Maples, sen.
Mar. 21—Maples vs. Business Men, sen.; Stars vs. Brits, sen.
Mar. 28—Beavers vs. Stars, int.; Maples vs. Thistles, int.

M.A.A.A. GAME.

The first of the basketball games at the M.A.A.A. will take place to-night, when team two will meet team four. On Saturday night the M.A.A.A. will play McGill.

CITY COUNCIL

PURCHASE OF ST. HELEN'S ISLAND.

The conditions on which the Federal Government has consented to sell St. Helen's Island to the city of Montreal are detailed in a letter from the Department of Militia and Defence, read at yesterday's meeting of the City Council, as follows:—

'I have the honor to inform you that by an Order-in-Council the property known as St. Helen's Island has been transferred to the Department of the Interior for the purpose of being sold to the city of Montreal for the sum of $200,000, under the following conditions:

'That the property shall be used exclusively for park purposes; that a small area at the summit, to be designated by the master-general of ordnance, shall not be built on in the event of possible future military requirements; that the Department of Militia and Defence be allowed to use the present store buildings and site thereof, enclosed within the present force, free of charge until store buildings have been erected elsewhere, with a right of way threto.'

The negotiations will be formally completed within the next few days, and the city will then enter into possession of the island.

MR. BOYD DECLINES.

Among the letters read was one from Mr. Leslie H. Boyd, stating that in consequence of the action of the Finance Committee in reducing the salary for the second assistant city attorney from $2,400 to $1,800, he was unable to accept the position.

Ald. Ames, referring to this, said:—'I must express my regret at the resolution of the Finance Committee, by which they saw fit to reduce the salary voted for the position which it was expected would be filled by an English lawyer. If the salary had remained at $2,400 it was understood that it would have been possible to obtain the services of a lawyer of standing, experience and ability, but with the salary reduced to $1,800 I can assure the council that no lawyer of standing or experience will apply. I sincerely hope that if, or when the council shall have an opportunity of taking this matter up again they will refuse to accept this recommendation of the Finance Committee. Mr. Boyd in this case would have been a distinct acquisition to the Law Department of the city, but Mr. Boyd is worth more than $1,800, and he cannot be got for that small sum.'

The question was deferred until the next meeting of the council, as was also the consideration of the report of the special commission to examine into and report upon the city's water supply.

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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal. } In the Superior Court No. 1144

Dame Corinne Bourget, of the City and District of Montreal, widow of the late Nazaire Noël, in his lifetime of the same place, laborer, the said Dame Corinne Bourget, herein acting as well personally as in her quality of Tutrix, duly appointed to Emerenc, Joseph and Estelle Noël, minor children, issue of her marriage with the said Nazaire Noël, Plaintiff,

vs

Archibald Falconer Donaldson, Norman McLeod, Charles Donaldson, William Betts Donaldson, William Cattanach Donaldson, Norman Patrick Donaldson, all of the City of Glasgow, in Scotland; Alexander McBride, of Shiskine Arran, in the County of Bute, in Scotland, aforesaid; James Gardner, of Partick, in the County of Lanark, in Scotland, aforesaid; Thomas Muir Nairn, of the Town of Westmount, in the District of Montreal; Robert Reford, Andrew Drummond Reford, Robert Wilson Reford, and William Inkerman Gear, all of the City of Montreal, Defendants.

The Defendants, Archibald Falconer Donaldson, Norman McLeod, Charles Donaldson, William Betts Donaldson, William Cattanach Donaldson, Norman Patrick Donaldson, Alexander McBride, and James Gardner, aforesaid, are ordered to appear within one month.

Montreal, December 19th, 1905.

J. M. LAMOTHE, D.P.S.C.

PATTERSON & BROWN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

FRUIT GROWERS MEET

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND ASSOCIATION.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Dec. 20.—The tenth annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Fruit Growers' Association opened yesterday morning. Fruit inspectors reported much damage done orchards last year by heavy falls snow. The crop was below that of year in quantity, but equal in quality. A new feature of the association year was the discussion of subjects the programme of the National Council of Canada to be held in Ottawa next November, such as the statistics, fruit crop reports, packages, fruit markets, etc. The Island association was the first to ask the government for this council. The fruit in competition is judged by Prof. Macoun, horticulturist Ottawa experimental farm, and Prof. Sears horticulturist, Truro Agricultural College both of whom delivered addresses.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that under The Companies' Act, 1902, letters patent have been issued under the Seal of the Secretary of State of Canada, bearing date the 12th day of December, 1905, incorporating James Hutchison, stock broker; Charles James Fleet, advocate; W. Graham Brown, bank manager, all of the City and District of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec; George M. Webster, merchant, and Henry Holgate, consulting engineer, all of the Town of Westmount, for the following purposes, viz.:—To subscribe for, take, or in any way acquire the stock, shares, bonds, debentures, or other obligations or securities of any Company having objects altogether or in part similar to those in any or all of the following paragraphs specified; to sell or otherwise dispose thereof, to guarantee any bonds, debentures, obligations or securities so sold or disposed of, or of any Company having such objects, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this Company; To carry on the business of an Electric Light Company in all its branches, and in particular to construct, lay down, establish, fix and carr yout all necessary cables, wires, lines, accumulators, lamps and works, and to generate, accumulate, distribute and supply electricity, and to light cities, towns, streets, docks, markets, lighthouses, approaches to harbors, theatres, estates, pens, churches, buildings, and places, both public and private; To carry on the business of electricians, mechanical engineers, suppliers of electricity for the purposes of light, heat, motive power or otherwise, and manufacturers and dealers in all apparatus and things required for or capable of being used in connection with the generation, distribution, supply accumulation and employment of electricity; To carry on the business of an electric light, heat and power supply company, and in particular to establish, work, manage, control and regulate, works for the supply of electric light, heat and motive power, and to undertake the lighting of towns, streets, and buildings, and other places, and the supply of electric light, heat and motive power, for public and private purposes; To acquire and take over as a going concern the undertaking and all or any of the assets and liabilities of the Jamaica Electric Light and Power Company, Limited, incorporated in Jamaica in 1889; To purchase or otherwise acquire any patents, brevets d'invention, licenses, concessions, and the like, conferring an exclusive or non-exclusive or limited right to use any invention which may seem to the Company capable of being used for any of the purposes of the Company, or the acquisition of which may seem calculated, directly or indirectly, to benefit the Company; and to use, exercise, develop and grant licenses in respect of, or otherwise turn to account, the property and rights so acquired; To carry on any business which may seem to the Company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above, or calculated, directly or indirectly, to enhance the value of the Company's property or rights; To acquire and undertake the whole or any part of the business property and liabilities of any person, company or corporation, or of any government or authority, supreme, local or municipal, or otherwise carrying on any business which this Company is authorized to carry on or possessed of property suitable for the purposes of this company; To enter into partnership, or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, co-operation, joint adventure, reciprocal concession, or otherwise, with any person, company or corporation, or of any government or authority supreme, local or municipal, or otherwise 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 in any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as to directly benefit this Company. And to advance money, and to guarantee the contracts, or otherwise assist any such person, company, corporation, government, or authority; To sell or dispose of the undertaking of the company, or any part thereof for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this Company; Generally to purchase, take on lease, or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any real and personal property, and any rights or privileges which the Company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business; To remunerate any person or company, for services, place or guaranteeing the placing of any of the shares on the Company's capital, or any debentures or other securities of the Company, or in or about the formation or promotion of the Company, or the conduct of its business; To sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage, dispose of, turn to account, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property and rights of the Company; To do all or any of the above things in Canada or Jamaica, West Indies, as principals, agents, contractors, trustees, or otherwise, and by or through trustees, agents or otherwise, and either alone or in conjunction with others, by the name of "The Jamaica Light and Power Company" (Limited), with a total capital stock of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, divided into two thousand five hundred shares of one hundred dollars, and the chief place of business of the said Company to be at the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec.

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THE WATT TRIAL

THE ACCUSED DENIES EVIDENCE OF THE PROSECUTION.

London, Dec. 19.—Hugh Watt, the financier, and former member of parliament, who is on trial for hiring men to murder his former wife, testified in his own defence to-day. He totally denied the evidence placed by the prosecution. He detailed his connection with Detective Marshall, whom he said he employed first to negotiate with his divorced wife to prevent her from annoying his second wife (Lady Violet Beauchamp). His evidence went to show that she refused Marshall's demands for sums like two hundred and fifty pounds, giving him ten pounds instead, and eventually dismissed him.

GOVERNOR LAFOLLETTE RESIGNS.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 19.—Governor Lafollette to-day sent to the Legislature his resignation as governor, to take effect on the first Monday in January. He resigns to accept the United States senatorship.

BOMB THROWN IN NEW YORK.

Premises of the Allied Iron Association Wrecked.

OUTRAGE AROSE OUT OF STRIKE OF STRUCTURAL IRON WORKERS.

New York, Dec. 19.—A bomb was hurled to-night through one of the front windows of the Allied Iron Association, at 7 East 14th street. It landed in a room used for telephone purposes and exploded, wrecking the place. Several employees in an adjoining room were only stunned by the explosion. Fourteenth street was crowded and for a time a panic was threatened.

Only fragments of the missile were picked up in the wrecked room, and no one could be found who saw the person who had thrown it.

The Allied Iron Association was formed recently, when the structural iron workers declared a strike against the contracting firm of Post & McCord. Its offices have been used as a bureau for the employment of non-union men to take the places of the strikers.

About ten days ago notice was served on union structural iron workers that on and after that date no iron workers would be employed by contractors except through the association agency. Post & McCord are the contractors for the Altman building, where a premature explosion of dynamite early to-day killed three men and injured many others.

MR. ASQUITH SPEAKS

HE SAYS THE MAIN ISSUE OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE FREE TRADE VS. PROTECTION.

London, Dec. 19.—Mr. Herbert Henry Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking here to-night, said that the main issue of the campaign would be free trade against protection.

With regard to Home Rule for Ireland, Mr. Asquith said the Liberals in the next parliament would be as opposed as he was himself to advancing along any path leading to separation, and would resolutely maintain the paramount authority of the Imperial Parliament. He believed the government would improve and liberalize the administration of Ireland, but in doing so no one could accuse its members of being enemies of the unity of the nation.

PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYED

MR. GEORGE HERRING DONATES $500,000 TO SALVATION ARMY SCHEME.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 19.—Some concern being aroused through the fear of draining the best blood of the country through emigration, the Salvation Army has started a fund for dealing with the unemployed by establishing peasant proprietors on the soil of England. Mr. George Herring, a former member of the Stock Exchange, has donated £100,000 for the purpose of starting the movement.

General Booth, the commander of the Army, has written to the King explaining the scheme. He will select about 300 deserving urban poor, and will establish each of them in a cottage, with five acres of land, farming implements, etc. All the money advanced in this way will be repaid in instalments spread over forty years, after which the land will be conveyed to the holders. The scheme will thus be self-supporting. It will be controlled by the Salvation Army, which undertakes to hand over the original capital to the Hospital Fund in annual instalments of £4,000. Any profits will be applied to extending the scheme.

MR. GOUIN WELCOMED

THE PROVINCIAL PREMIER GIVEN A HEARTY RECEPTION IN QUEBEC.

Quebec, Dec. 19.—On the occasion of the Hon. Mr. Gouin taking up his residence in Quebec the Liberals here tendered him a demonstration this evening. At eight o'clock the Premier, accompanied by his colleagues in the Provincial Government, and a number of senators, members of the federal and provincial parliaments, and a large number of Liberals of this district, was driven through the principal streets of the city to the Jacques Cartier Hall, the processionists arriving there about nine o'clock. All along the route there was a display of fireworks and the hall was crowded to the doors. The meeting lasted until near midnight and speeches were delivered by Dr. Jobin, M.P.P., of Quebec East, who introduced Mr. Gouin, the latter speaking for about an hour, practically in the same strain as he did in Montreal last week. The other speakers were the Hon. Messrs. Turgeon, McCorkill, A. Tessier, Prevost, Roy and Letellier, and Senator Choquette and Dr. Coté, the newly-elected M.P.P. for St. Sauveur. The principal theme of discussion among the speakers was public instruction.

CAPTAIN CARNEY INJURED.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 19.—Captain Jas. Carney, master of the Canadian Pacific Railway car ferry 'Ontario,' fell into the hold of the steamer last night, and is not expected to recover from his injuries. Dr. James Samson's examination disclosed four broken ribs and internal injuries, and the physician is not hopeful of the outcome. Captain Carney is about fifty years of age and was master of the 'Ontario' on her maiden trip, about eighteen years ago. He was an ex-alderman of Windsor and a prominent Mason.

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SILVER MEDAL CONTEST.

Fairmount W. C. T. U. held a successful silver medal contest on Friday evening in Fairmount Avenue Methodist Church, the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Brown, acting as chairman. The following young ladies took part in the contest: The Misses Nina Weir, Milly Hassberger, Maysie Barber, Pearl Alexander, Lorenda Lewthwaite, Mamie Dance, Helen Cross and Alicia Lane. Considerable elocutionary ability was displayed by all the contestants, but after due consideration, the judges awarded the medal to Miss Pearl Alexander, who recited 'The Martyred Mother' in excellent style. Others taking part in the programme were the Misses Lapointe and Mrs. Wevill. The judges were the Rev. Melvin Taylor, the Rev. J. R. Dobson and the Rev. M.

WINTER EXCURSIONS.

Arrangements have been made whereby residents of New England States and the city of New York will have an opportunity of visiting Montreal and Quebec during the holiday season. The rates will be in effect from stations on the Boston & Maine, Central Vermont and New York, New Haven & Hartford railways, operating in conjunction with the Grand Trunk Railway system. Tickets will be on sale from Dec. 20 to Jan. 2, inclusive, valid to return on or before Jan. 31. Stop-over privileges will be allowed on all tickets at any intermediate stations in Canada. This excursion will give citizens of the districts included a grand opportunity to visit their Canadian friends at very much reduced rates.

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MGR. BERNARD'S CONSECRATION.

Mgr. Bernard, bishop-elect of St. Hyacinthe, paid a visit to Archbishop Bruchesi yesterday. It is expected that the consecration of this new bishop will take place on Feb. 24. The archbishop of Montreal will be the consecrating bishop.

READABLE PARAGRAPHS

NEW PUNCTUATION METHOD.

In his 'Records and Reminiscences,' Sir Francis Burnand, editor of London 'Punch,' tells a story concerning his grandmother. She was a native of Switzerland, speaking French and German fluently and English indifferently. In writing to her married daughters, says Sir Francis (and he remembers to have heard of her as an excellent, though somewhat puzzling correspondent) as she never could punctuate correctly. One of her daughters remonstrated with her, and her mother promised to make amends. 'I will not forget dese stops. You shall see,' she said.

And she did not. The very next letter that her eldest daughter received from her only differed from the previous ones inasmuch as it was written without punctuation at all.

'Oh!' exclaimed Sir Frank's aunt, impatiently, 'it is worse than ever.' And she was about to put down the missive unread when some curious hieroglyphics on a loose sheet accompanying the letter attracted her attention. 'What on earth is this!' she exclaimed. There were row after row of commas, colons, semicolons, notes of admiration, notes of interrogation, etc., a mixed lot of about 100 or so all told, followed by this explanation:

'My dear, you complain yourself that I put not some . . . . . stops to the words that I write in my letter to you . . . . . I send to you . . . . points and all that which is of the best and you will be able to place them just where you please.'

Teacher—'Why, George, John tells me you knocked him down. Did you?' George (happily remembering one of his lessons)—'No, miss; it was the force of gravitation that made him fall. I only pushed him.'

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AN EXPERT.

'Where is the nearest barber shop?' asked the hardware drummer.

'Ain't no barber in this town,' replied the landlord of the village inn, 'but if you want a hair cut I reckon the editor of the 'Weekly Clipper' can accommodate you.'

'Get out!' exclaimed the h. d. 'What does an editor know about hair clutting?'

'That's all right,' rejoined hte landlord. 'That fellow's the handiest chap for miles around with shears.'—Chicago 'Daily 'News.'

FRIENDS NOW.

Mrs. Biggun: 'I notice that you have at last got acquainted with your next-door neighbor, who has lived alongside of you for the past ten years.'

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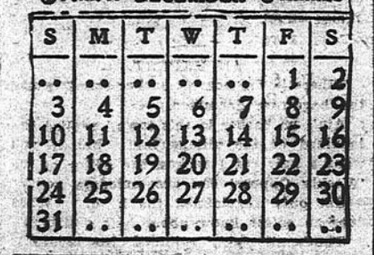
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1905.

The public reading of Mr. Doran out of the good graces of Tammany is a feather in the cap of that proposed candidate for civic honors which any public man might envy. In the public mind Tammany or anti-Tammany is the form in which the struggle for civic purity and liberty is beginning to express itself. For any candidate to be even suspected of having the support of that movement will be fatal to him with all good men. And where there is a choice, the man who has Tammany genuinely against him will for the most part have good men's votes. There never was a more open effort to make a political machine of the liquor interest for mutual advantage.

A coal combine exists in Canada, according to Dr. McLennan, Liberal M.P. for Inverness, Nova Scotia. The 'coal nabobs,' as he describes them in a speech to his constituents, have, he says, the Dominion Government in their power. They met in Halifax and awarded supply contracts to each colliery, which the government had to accept and abide by, or they would strike and not supply a pound of coal, and the government would have to import coal for the Intercolonial Railway from the United States. Another surprising statement made by Dr. McLennan was that the Dominion Coal Company secured a contract with the Intercolonial by dumping carloads of coal at the doors of railway officials in Moncton. The meaning of this seems to be that the coal combine not only defied the government, but bribed government railway officials. In any case such accusations are of a character that demands their ventilation in parliament and Dr. McLennan will be expected to make good his charges in his place in the House of Commons. It is, perhaps, only natural that the Nova Scotia mine owners should adopt the methods and follow the policy of the coal barons of Pennsylvania. Combination is the order of the day, but a government hold-up such as described by Dr. McLennan is an unusually barefaced challenge to government regulation.

The Hungarian Parliament has brought in the universal male suffrage measure promised the people by the King-Emperor. They have made it as moderate as it could be, to go by the name of universal suffrage at all. The suffrage can only be exercised by men over twenty-four. As Hungarians, of all races, mature as fast as Anglo-Saxons do, this is a means of cutting off a large number of capable voters. Further, no one is to be allowed to vote who has not been a Hungarian subject for ten years. This cuts off all the Emperor's Austrian subjects who reside in Hungary or who shall remove to Hungary. Further still, no one shall be allowed to vote who cannot read and write. How this last condition is to be determined we do not know, but it can easily be arranged so as to be managed in a partisan way—to be very loosely applied to Magyars and very stringently to Slavs, Germans and others. We know of no divine charter by which every male has a right to vote, competent or not. There is, therefore, no inherent wrong in making limitations. This particular educational limitation is in the line of the highest right, and a far more reasonable one than any that has ever been applied in Anglo-Saxondom. It has been successfully in operation, we believe, in Italy since that kingdom came into being, and would, if honestly carried out, be a sane and wholesome restriction everywhere. Nor would it involve any hardship so long as the opportunity of education is within the reach of all. It is, however, not the universal suffrage the King desired for his Hungarian subjects, and the effort of the parliament to curtail the measure will make the King more popular with the non-Magyar majority in Hungary, and Hungarian home rule, which has so far meant the ascendancy of the Magyar minority, less so.

Arminius Vambery, the renowned Asiatic traveller and Oriental scholar, in a published letter, rejoices at the downfall of Russian power. He recalls the fact that many years ago he pointed out in his writings the mistake British statesmen made in treating Russia as though she were really as powerful as her government pretended. He knew the Giant was rotten at the core, and never doubted the possibility of destroying the hollow fabric called the 'Russian Empire, with one well-applied 'kick.' Speaking from personal knowledge, as one who has observed the effects of the working out of the opposing principles for which Great Britain and Russia stood in Asia, M. Vambery is sure that a real understanding of the state of things in Russia would have spared many millions of money and given more peace and leisure to unfold the British flag in the interests of humanity, liberty and civilization in the East. In his opinion, chance has now favored the destinies of Great Britain to an extent never dreamed of, and certainly beyond the merits of the policy pursued during the second half of the nineteenth century. Russia has reached the limits of her expansion, and her government will have all it can do to regulate internal affairs for many years to come. Should the revolution result in the establishment of a liberal, self-governing Russian nation, it will not be inclined to enter into adventures like the invasion of Manchuria. As one who has worked for nearly half a century in defence of British influence in Asia, an influence which he found best fitted and most salutary for the promotion of freedom and enlightenment on that continent, M. Vambery rejoices that his declining years are cheered by the knowledge that the cause of British civilization in Asia will now advance without fear of the black shadow of Russian aggressive opposition.

A PUBLIC PROSECUTOR.

According to Mr. Curry, Crown attorney, the Toronto plumbers are not the only combinesters who have laid themselves open to prosecution. He says it will take about nine months to dispose of all the cases he has in hand. These include almost every branch of mechanical manufactures. All honest men will hail these prosecutions, which are far less likely to prove effective through any punishments administered than through the exposures that must be made before these are reached. Exposures tend to sharpen the public conscience, while punishment for a tolerated offence often unfortunately tends to blunt it by evoking sympathy for the evildoer. Yet punishment is in our system the necessary goal of any effort toward exposure. If a newspaper attempts to expose anything, it must be prepared with a foreknowledge of all the necessary evidence. The prosecutor can make as many indictments as he chooses and substantiate which of them he can, while if the newspaper exceeds by a hairsbreadth what it can prove to be fact and a matter with which the public has to do, it will get a lawyer's letter threatening its very life at the hands of offended prosperity. It has then to satisfy both offended prosperity and legal cupidity by taking back everything or be mulcted in damages or found guilty of a crime. It is therefore with peculiar satisfaction that the press will see that at length the law has found a way of acting on its own initiative and the public prosecutor will have its warmest approbation. Is it not time that we had a public prosecutor in Montreal?

Prosecution under existing regulations is only a step in the fight. Its effect in other countries has only been to develop new forms of combination which called for new regulation, each step creating, on the one hand, a more compact monopoly than ever, and, on the other, forcing the public to assert a still more intimate control over such business affairs as have tended to monopoly. In some way, those who form combinations do not think of themselves as doing wrong. They are only acting in harmony with their environment. Those who deal with the consumers, having to submit to combines of manufacturers, naturally combine in turn. The burden laid on at the top by law has to be transmitted step by step to the all-suffering public. It is only carrying what we fondly call protection down to those who are its helpless victims. It is simply applying to their own business the doctrine that it is right to tax the public in order to make their enterprises pay dividends. Protection is the mother of combination. The one follows the other in natural sequence. Laws against combines in restraint of trade in a country where protection is the established policy, though just, are anomalous; their justice makes the anomaly all the more apparent.

THE LETTS.

The region described in the despatches as the Baltic provinces of Russia, where the revolutionists are said to have formed a provisional republic, are part of the ancient Grand Duchy of Lithuania, which at the time of the partition of Poland was partitioned between Russia and Prussia, the latter obtaining what is now denominated the government of Gumbinnen, in East Prussia. The Russian provinces of Livonia and Courland are inhabited by the Letts and their kindred people, the Cours. Whatever their race origin, they are very distinct from the Russians, Poles and other Slavic peoples by whom they are surrounded, their language being entirely different, though of primitive Aryan origin. The Lithuanians rose in rebellion against Russia towards the end of the twelfth century, and became an independent power. Their rulers bore the title of Grand Duke, conquered the neighboring provinces of Russia and even carried their ravages as far as the gates of Moscow. The Grand Duke Jagellon was in 1386 elected king of Poland, resulting in the union under him of Lithuania with that kingdom, but the two were not declared one country till the year 1569. The Lithuanians are a brave, independent, industrious race who have never forgotten their ancient glories. Their hereditary hatred of Russia has been made implacable by laws enacted for the suppression of their language. To teach or even possess a volume of Lithuanian history, to sing national songs, or have a copy of the Bible in the prohibited language, was a criminal offence, punishable by fine and imprisonment. But, all the more, like the Poles they cherished their national tongue in secret, speaking it among themselves and singing its patriotic songs and ballads, in which they took great pride, and with these legacies to their children, teaching them to look forward to the time when they would cast off the hateful Russian yoke. The Baltic provinces are mostly flat and open country, about one-fourth of which is covered by forests. The soil is of moderate fertility, nevertheless agriculture and cattle and sheep-breeding have been brought to a high degree of perfection. Within recent years manufacturing on a large scale has been introduced. Here also are situated the largest government distilleries. While the country is occupied by Lithuanians, the towns are largely inhabited by Russians, Germans, Poles and Jews, who carry on an extensive trade with foreign countries, these provinces being the most flourishing and prosperous in all Russia. The burning, ravaging and devastating of estates are outbreaks of native resentment and revenge against the nobles and landlords among whom the Russian Government divided the land previously owned by the cultivators, reducing these free farmers to a condition of servitude. Most of the Russian court favorites thus made landlords preferred to rent their estates to Germans, who had no sympathy with the people except to make all they could out of them. Hence the fury that has devastated Livonia, and the demand of the revolutionists for the cancellation of all arrears of rent and taxes. It will take a large army and long military occupation to reduce these provinces to subjection.

GARRISON'S BLUENOSE MOTHER.

(Toronto 'Mail and Empire.')

In the commemoration of William Lloyd Garrison's great work Canadians can share with particular interest, for the abolitionist's mother was a New Brunswick girl, and to her he owed as much as man ever owed his mother. She it was who instilled in him the high and noble aims that were to find their expression in the liberation of the slaves. She toiled and denied herself so that her children might some day raise themselves above their surroundings, just as she conquered the sordid circumstances that threatened to make her a mere household drudge. From his father, a reckless, devil-may-care seaman, William Lloyd Garrison inherited little but a name and a physical courage common enough. From the beautiful Fannie Maria Lloyd he inherited the heart to feel, the brain to plan, and the will to endure—qualities that made him one of the great men in the age of great men.

LONDON LETTER.

(Correspondence of the 'Witness.')

London, Dec. 8.

As usual when history is making, the public has no real knowledge of what is going on or of the motives of the chief actors. All we know at the present moment is that Mr. Balfour is out of office and Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman is in his place. As to the precise reason why Mr. Balfour resigned at this curious time, and as to the reasons that led the Liberal leader to be willing at this juncture to assume the responsibility of government, we are alike ignorant, and may remain so until parliament assembles. As regards Mr. Balfour's action, Unionist opinion is divided between considering it a good tactical move and the reverse, and as regards Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, some Liberals think he should have refused office until a new parliament had assembled. The immediate result on the Tory party would appear to be to consolidate a large following for Mr. Balfour. It is significant that the Scotch Conservatives have unanimously passed a resolution asserting that he is the only possible leader of the party.

By far the most significant fact that has emerged hitherto as a result of the Liberal leader's assumption of office is that every day there was a sharp rise of a point in the price of Consols, and this rise has continued for the two following days—each succeeding day seeing the price about a quarter higher—and the whole flock of investments is following the leading stock.

The significance of this cannot be mistaken and can hardly be exaggerated. The Stock Exchange is an impartial critic of politicians and their policies. The fall of a ministry should, by time-honored custom, cause a tremor in the mind of the investor and a fall in securities; the mere fact of a change is supposed to be disquieting, and without any particular reason disquietude is commonly felt and continues till a new ministry is almost formed, and confidence is felt that it will not repudiate the national debt or otherwise disastrously reverse the policy of its predecessors. The notable fact in the present case is that the fall of Mr. Balfour's ministry scarcely affected securities at all—Consols fell perhaps half a point—and the bare fact that the Liberal leader was about to form a government sufficed to send Consols up twice as much as they had fallen.

The natural result of the late conduct of affairs has been to damage British financial credit to an extent which beforehand would have been thought impossible, and the prospect of a sounder and more economical régime is itself enough to put heart into the Stock Exchange, as seen above. In 1895, when the Conservatives, under Lord Salisbury, took office, Consols stood at 106½; before Mr. Balfour resigned they had sunk below 89. In 1895 the national debt was £659,000,000; it is now raised to more than £798,000,000. It has not been so high as it now is since the later sixties; indeed, it has been increased by the Salisbury-Balfour administration by nearly three times as much as it was reduced between Waterloo and the Crimean war. The late administration has just about undone the whole financial labors of the quarter of a century before it took office; that is, it has cancelled almost the whole of the savings effected by the financial genius of Gladstone and the able financiers who held office under him. The price of Consols is the expression of these facts in the language of the money market. The fall in Consols of seventeen points under the late government is merely the record of the impression that government made on the financial world. We were financially a greater power by at least ten percent in 1895 than we are in 1905. The world of finance talks in figures and in figures it has promptly remarked that England is better off now than she was last week.

Had the heavy expenditure of late years led to corresponding increase in the country's armaments and defences, the satisfaction at the government's fall would have been less marked, but everyone, from Lord Roberts down, agrees that the army is no more efficient than it was; and nearly everyone agrees that, after enormous expenditure, the industrial and political condition of South Africa is disappointing. Hence, a new ministry is welcomed by the financial world because it is hoped, not only that we shall spend less on arms and more on industry, but that we shall actually get better arms for less money.

CRAWFORD GUILTY

FORMER UNITED STATES POST-OFFICE OFFICIAL WAS CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The jury in the case of William G. Crawford, the former deputy auditor of the United States Post-office Department, who was indicted on a charge of conspiracy with August W. Cachen, and George E. Lorenz, to defraud the United States in connection with a contract for supplying the Post-office Department with letter carriers' satchels and straps, to-night returned a verdict of guilty.

Notice immediately was given by defendant's counsel that application would be made for a new trial, pending which Crawford was released on $10,000 bail.

ST. MARY'S ANNIVERSARY.

The united celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of the dedication of St. Mary's Church and the twelfth anniversary of the ministry of the rector, the Rev. Mr. Jekill, as incumbent, took place last evening. Bishop Carmichael was the preacher, and there were also present the Rev. Messrs. Charters, Pratt, and Baldwin. The bishop and other visitors congratulated the rector and officials of the church on the attractive appearance of the church, which was recently renovated and decorated, and on the prosperous condition of the church's affairs.

THE DRUG MERGER

Will Probably Result in Establishment of Another Industry in Montreal

POLICY OF COMPANY IS TO LOWER PRICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

The organization of the executive of the new National Drug and Chemical Company was completed at a meeting of the company in the Windsor Hotel yesterday, the officers elected being as follows:—

President—Mr. D. W. Bole, M.P., Winnipeg.

First vice-president—Mr. J. W. Knox, Montreal.

Second vice-president — Mr. A. B. Evans, Montreal.

Treasurer—Mr. C. W. Tinling, Hamilton.

Secretary—Mr. Charles Lyman, Montreal.

General sales manager—Mr. W. S. Kerry, Montreal.

General purchasing agent—Mr. T. B. Wadleworth, Montreal.

Inspector—Mr. James Mattinson, London.

Speaking after the meeting regarding the policy of the company, Mr. Bole said there was no ground for the supposition that prices would be increased. The fact was, prices would be lowered just as soon as the company was in a position to do so. The company would manufacture chemicals on a large scale, and to carry out this intention a factory would shortly be erected exclusively for this purpose. At the present time ninety percent of the chemicals used in Canada were manufactured in foreign countries. It was estimated that 50 percent of the total requirements could be manufactured in Canada, and a cash fund of $250,000 had been opened for this purpose. He could not say just now where the factory would be situated, but it would probably be in Montreal, for the headquarters of the company were here.'

BIG IRRIGATION SCHEME

SUCCESS ATTENDING THE C. P. R.'S GREAT WORK EAST OF CALGARY.

The C. P. R.'s irrigation scheme on a large tract east of Calgary is meeting with great success, according to Mr. J. S. Dennis, assistant to the second vice-president of the company, who is superintending the enterprise. Mr. Dennis was in the city yesterday discussing with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy the plans for next year's operations. He said the land selected by the company for irrigation purposes embraced 3,000,000 acres, of which 1,500,000 could be irrigated. A main canal extending eastward from Calgary about twenty miles had been constructed, and there were three secondary canals, making altogether 117 miles of canals, and irrigating no less than 110,000 acres. This land would now be put on market, and as irrigable land is generally divided into comparatively small holdings, it is calculated that a farm will comprise about eighty acres.

The water utilized in this vast irrigation scheme is taken from the Bow river. During the past year some 1,500 men, 450 teams, four steam shovels and six trains have been employed on the work. It is estimated that the full completion of the western section will have taken three years, and that five more years will be necessary to finish the two other sections.

Following the conference between the president of the company and Mr. Dennis, it was announced that work on the canalization of the remaining portions of the western section would be vigorously carried on next season.

TO BE AN EDITOR.

Mr. Rudolph Bach, of this city, has accepted the position of chief editor of 'Der Norwesten,' in Winnipeg, the largest German newspaper in Canada. For more than twelve years Mr. Bach has been the Canadian correspondent for a number of German and German-American newspapers and periodicals. He is well acquainted with the North-West and British Columbia down to the coast, having made several lengthy trips through the west. He will retain his connection with the German Press. Mr. Bach will leave for Winnipeg early in January.

'DEATHBED' VISIONS

DR. WILLIAM OSLER DECLARES THEY ARE 'PLAIN NONSENSE.'

New York, Dec. 20.—A Baltimore despatch to the 'American' says: Dr. William Osler, now of England, in his latest book, says that 'death bed' visions, believed in by thousands, and of which there are scores of supposed authentic records, is plain nonsense. Moreover, he supports his declaration by five hundred death bed observations of his own, which he thinks prove absolutely that such reported visions are untrue.

'In all these cases there was suffering, fear and other emotion, but no thought of the future. His observation is a startling contribution to a subject which has always keenly interested scientists, clergymen and physicians, and it is certain to provoke general discussion.

Dr. Osler says:—

'As a rule, man dies as he has lived, uninfluenced practically by the thought of a future life. I have careful records of about five hundred death beds, studied particularly with reference to the modes of death and the sensations of the dying. Ninety suffered bodily pain and distress of some sort or another; eleven showed mental apprehension; two positive terror; one expressed spiritual exaltation; one bitter remorse. The great majority gave no sign one way or the other; like their birth, their death was a sleep and a forgetting. The preacher was right in this matter, man hath no pre-eminence over the beast—"as one dieth, so dieth the other."'

QUEBEC SOUTHERN RAILWAY

GRAND TRUNK RENEWS ITS EFFORTS TO BLOCK SALE TO DELAWARE & HUDSON.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—In the Exchequer Court yesterday the Grand Trunk Railway renewed its efforts to block the sale of the Quebec Southern, South Shore and East Richelieu Valley Railway to Senator Beique, on behalf of the Delaware & Hudson Railway Company. A motion was presented on behalf of the Grand Trunk Railway, asking Senator Beique to show cause why the sale of the roads should not be stayed pending the appeal of the subject to the Supreme Court. An imposing array of counsel appeared in the case, a reference to which fact drew from the court the remark that 'it's always the most desperate cases that brings the largest array of counsel.' The interests represented were as follows:—Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., on behalf of Senator Beique; F. H. Chrysler, K.C., and J. G. Foster, for the Grand Trunk; E. L. Morgan, as a bidder; the Hon. N. A. Belcourt, for the Hon. R. Prefontaine one of the creditors; Skinner and Ordelette, for Hanson Brothers, creditors; Chobelette, for the Hochelaga Bank, creditors; Beullac, for Hodge and White, creditors, and Cusson, for the Minister of Justice.

Wallace Nesbitt contended that under the act of parliament of 1905 providing for the sale of these roads, no appeal lies from the Exchequer Court. The statute distinctly provided that the roads were to be sold by the Exchequer Court, and evidently intended that Mr. Justice Burbidge's order should be final. Mr. Beique upheld the same point, and maintained that the Grand Trunk has no status in the case.

The afternoon sitting of the court was taken up with the hearing of various counsel, who represented those supporting the proposition that the court should not proceed to carry out its judgment by giving a deed to Senator Beique, and thereby as they contended render useless the appeals which have been taken by the various creditors to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Justice Burbidge announced that he would not deliver a title for the properties to the Hon. Mr. Beique until the Supreme Court has given its decision on the appeal case. The Grand Trunk's motion had called on Mr. Beique to show cause why the proceedings for the sale of the roads to him and by him to the Delaware and Hudson Railway, should not be stayed until the Supreme Court has said whether Mr. Beique is to have them at all. What Mr. Hays's company was anxious to prevent was Mr. Beique carrying out his intention of selling the Quebec Southern and South Shore to the Delaware and Hudson. Had the latter paid its money to Mr. Beique and obtained a title to their purchase, it was contended that the Supreme Court, whatever its view as to the wisdom of Judge Burbidge's course in accepting Mr. Beique's tender, would not care to reopen the whole case when innocent third parties had been induced to invest their money in the enterprises.

SENATOR BEIQUE'S POSITION.

As the outcome of the stand taken by Mr. Justice Burbidge yesterday, Mr. Beique is free to go ahead and pay the balance of the purchase price of the roads. The formal title, however, will not be given to him in any case, until the appeal case has been heard and decided by the Supreme Court. In conversation with the 'Witness' correspondent the Senator declared that he firmly intends completing the purchase of the system and is confident that the Supreme Court cannot be induced to alter Mr. Justice Burbidge's order. The Grand Trunk, on the other hand, insists that the judge was bound to get as much as he could for the properties, and that if he had followed the right course he would have taken the bid offered on behalf of the G. T. R. for the South Shore in conjunction with the offer of the Bank of St. Hyacinthe for the Quebec Southern. The first point that will no doubt be threshed out when the subject comes before the Supreme Court in February is to determine whether any appeal lies from Judge Burbidge's action in the case. Mr. Beique holds that under the special act of parliament of last session providing for the sale of these lines, the matter was left absolutely in the hands of the Exchequer Court judge. The G. T. R., on the contrary, argues that the commission was not to Judge Burbidge in his personal capacity, but to the court that he represents, and that under the terms of the general Railway Act any of the parties interested are entitled to appeal from the Exchequer Court's disposal of the case.

Mr. Beique, on behalf of the Bank of St. Hyacinthe, the largest creditor in the South Shore, advised a settlement of the action taken by Madame Patenaude's claim against the road for the loss of her son's life. The Superior Court had given a judgment for $3,094, and the Bank of St. Hyacinthe thought it better to accept a settlement which had been offered at $1,600 rather than to appeal the case to a higher court. The motion was opposed by counsel for several creditors. Judge Burbidge remarked that his personal wish would have been to accept Mr. Beique's motion, as the Bank of St. Hyacinthe was very much the largest creditor. However, in deference to the creditors protest he would refer the question to the Hon. T. Chase Casgrain to ascertain whether the payment of this claim at $1,600 was in the creditors' interest.

VANCOUVER SUNDAY LAWS.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE HOLD THAT THEY ARE INTRA VIRES.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 19.—The executive of the Lord's Day Alliance to-night adopted the view of Mrs. David Grant that the Sunday laws of the city are intra vires as opposed to the views of Mr. Joseph Martin, K.C. It also passed a resolution urging the signing of a petition requesting the Federal Parliament to legislate on the whole question.

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WESTMOUNT WATER

The Question was Well Discussed Last Night by the Town Council.

MATTER FINALLY REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

A special meeting of the Westmount Town Council was held under the presidency of Mayor Duclos last evening to consider the question of the town's water supply. After discussion, the offer of the Montreal Water and Power Company, and the introduction of any by-law that it might be deemed advisable to bring forward was referred to a committee of the whole council.

The Mayor at the outset said he had convened that meeting in consequence of having received last Saturday, in common, he supposed, with the other ratepayers, a communication from the Montreal Water and Power Company making an offer in connection with the vexed water question. He considered it his duty to submit this to the council at the earliest opportunity in order that some preliminary action might be taken.

Councillor Lee said he was not hostile to the company's proposal, and he was prepared to give it fair consideration. In his opinion it was the most reasonable offer that had come before the council during the four years he had been a member of it. The ratepayers had taken an interest in the question in the past; they were still doing so, and he was satisfied they could give the company's communication the consideration it called for. He would have liked the offer to have referred to such matters as the establishment of a water service for fire protection purposes and for municipal services, but he believed a proper consideration for the water question on the part of the council and the company would in the near future lead to a harmonious and satisfactory understanding.

Councillor Cross said to some extent the company had addressed itself to the ratepayers. There had been repeated manifestations on the part of the ratepayers at public meetings showing that whatever course the council might decide upon ought to be submitted to the public for their final approval. The company proposed filtration. On Dec. 31, 1902, the council decided for filtration, though he himself did not believe in the necessity of filtration, and if the town was proposing to establish filtration plant he had no hesitation in saying that he would vote against it. But when the company came along and suggested it, there was a different aspect placed upon the question, and he had no objection to make to the proposal. In view of the resolution of the council on Dec. 31, 1902, declaring it was expedient to filter the water supplied to the town, he moved that the secretary-treasurer be instructed to prepare a by-law for submission to the next meeting of the council to amend by-law 8 of the town of Cote St. Antoine, whereby the Montreal Water and Power Company would supply the town with filtered water, the system having an efficiency of at least 98 percent, and the water rate be increased by an addition equal to 25 percent.

Councillor Rodgers said he thought this matter had been sprung upon them rather suddenly. He suggested that it be deferred for the incoming council to handle and take the responsibility.

Councillor Cross said his idea in proposing a submisison of a by-law to the next meeting of the present council was to give opportunity to the ratepayers, when voting for councillors in January, of voting upon the water question at the same time.

Councillor Trenholme seconded Councillor Cross's motion, remarking that, although the company's offer was not all that could be wished, it was the only one worth consideration that had been before the council.

Councillor Rodgers was opposed to the water supply coming from the present intake. He said it was the water of a sewer, barn-yards, a dye-house, and other places, and it could not be satisfactorily filtered.

Councillor Galbraith said the company's offer was 'a list of glittering generalities.' The only specific assurance was that there could be an increase of 25 percent in the water rate. While not objecting to the present council considering the matter, he preferred that the final decision should be left to the new council. There was a decided opinion at Monday night's meeting in the Victoria Hall that the matter should be left over to the incoming council. It had dragged along now for three or four years, and could wait another month.

Councillor Knox asked if it would be possible to secure an expression of opinion from the ratepayers before the introduction of the by-law.

Mayor Duclos—I do not see how this can be done, as there are no means for submitting a question of this kind to the ratepayers.

Finally, the whole question, as stated above, was referred to a committee of the whole council.

THE CANADIAN ALMANAC.

The issue of the Canadian Almanac for 1906, being the fifty-ninth of the series, is unusually valuable, the publication showing continued progress and improvement from year to year. It is, in fact, an indispensable work of reference for every office and library in the Dominion, and, considering the vast amount of reliable information which it gives, it is surprising that it can be published for such a small sum as forty cents. It contains, among other things: Astronomical calculations; eclipses, star tables, latitude tables; tide tables—Halifax, Quebec, St. John; census returns; historical landmarks in Canadian history; complete customs tariff; weights and measures and exchange tables; banks, with branches and names of managers; forms of government of all countries; the British army and navy; full Canadian militia list; postal information; complete list of post-offices, with railway on which located, or nearest railway station; list of newspapers published in Canada, with their circulation and politics; titled Canadians; Dominion and Provincial governments, and names of officials, with their salaries; foreign consuls in Canada; complete clergy list of all denominations; legal and judicial information; county and township officers; barristers and solicitors; educational institutions; miscellaneous societies; life assurance, with rates of various companies; bank and other stocks, showing dividend and highest and lowest prices at which sold; historical diary for 1904-5. The almanac is published by the Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto.

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ORDINATION SERVICE

TEN CANDIDATES WILL PRESENT THEMSELVES AT CATHEDRAL TO-MORROW.

At a special ordination service in Christ Church Cathedral, at ten to-morrow morning, seven deacons will be raised to the priesthood, and three candidates for holy orders will be admitted to the diaconate. It is hoped that Archbishop Bond will be able to perform the act of consecration, but if he is not sufficiently recovered from his illness the service will be conducted by Bishop Carmichael, who will assist in any event. The sermon will be preached by Archdeacon Norton.

Among the candidates for the priesthood are the Rev. James E. Fee, M.A., incumbent at St. Hyacinthe, and the Rev. Gordon Ascah, B.A., rector of Valleyfield. Both are graduates of McGill in the class of arts, 1903. The Rev. Mr. Ascah is also a graduate of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, while the Rev. Mr. Fee is in his final year in the same institution.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

LESSONS AT CHRISTMAS SERVICE TO BE READ BY DR. BARCLAY.

On the invitation of the Rev. Dr. Symonds, the Rev. Dr. Barclay, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, has consented to take part in the special service at Christ Church Cathedral on Christmas morning, by reading the lessons. The object is to promote the feeling of friendliness between the churches of the various denominations on the occasion of the great festival of the Christian Church. While it is unusual that a minister of another denomination should take part in the service of a Church of England church, it is by no means unprecedented. Some may remember that in 1904, on the occasion of the centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Rev. Dr. Shaw, principal of the Wesleyan Theological College, read the lesson at the anniversary service in Christ Church Cathedral, when Archbishop Bond preached. If sufficiently recovered in health, Archbishop Bond will be present also at this service.

FATAL CHICAGO FIRE

ONE FIREMAN AND SEVERAL FACTORY EMPLOYEES LOSE THEIR LIVES.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—One fireman was killed and several employees have lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the enamel sign factory of the Charles W. Schonk Company, 7 to 15 Park street, tonight. Until the ruins have been searched it will not be known positively whether any of the employees were killed either in the explosion which started the fire or by the falling of the walls and floors, which followed soon after. When the fire was at its eight one of the walls suddenly collapsed and several firemen were caught in the debris. With the exception of Lieut. Henry Bassett, of truck company No. 174, who was crushed to death, all escaped with a severe shaking up. Many employees were injured in the panic soon after the fire broke out. Forty girls and 130 men and boys were employed in the factory, and, according to the officials of the company, all but two persons have been accounted for. The police and firemen, however, declare that several of the employees were unable to make their escape, and were in the building at the time the floors and walls collapsed. The employees who are said to be missing by the officials of the company are Margaret Becket and Henry Saute. The loss on the building is about $250,000.

MAYOR OF BRANDON.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 19.—Mayor Fleming was re-elected to-day by a majority of 638 over Dr. McDiarmid, the Citizens' League candidate.

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MYSTIC LODGE, A.O.U.W.

At the last meeting of Mystic Lodge, No. 8, Ancient Order of United Workmen, several members of sister lodges were present, including P. G. M. Thomas Ligget and P. M. W. Thompson, of Longueuil Lodge. First, business was attended to with satisfactory results, after which an adjournment was made and games and refreshments were indulged in. The election of officers for 1906 took place, and the following brethren are those on whom the management of the lodge devolves: P. M. W., Bro. G. R. W. Notman; M. W., Bro. N. Swan; Foreman, Bro. J. M. Campbell; Overseer, Bro. R. Wilson; Recorder, Bro. A. Woods; Financier, Bro. Jos. Armstrong; Receiver, Bro. W. M. Campbell; Guide, Bro. L. O. Lebeau, and Bro. R. W. Oliver, trustee for three years.

GIFT TO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

The treasurer, Mr. S. H. Ewing, has much pleasure in acknowledging with many thanks the receipt from Mr. and Mrs. William Smith of the sum of two thousand dollars as a donation to the endowment fund, in appreciation of the good work the institution is doing.

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EXTRAORDINARY CASE

Woman has Her Husband Arrested on Charge of Attempted Murder

SAYS SHE FOUND HER BEDROOM FULL OF GAS TWICE LAST NIGHT.

Mr. Walter Sully, of Hutchison street, was arrested this morning by Mr. St. Mars, Deputy High Constable, on a warrant sworn out by his wife, charging him with having attempted to murder her. Mrs. Sully declared that during the night she woke up and found the bedroom full of gas. Her husband was in the room, and she believed he was attempting to commit suicide. She got the room clear of gas and went to bed again. Later she awoke and found the gas jet had again been turned on full. Her husband had left the room and had closed the door behind him. On these allegations the charge of attempted murder has been preferred against Mr. Sully, who will be arraigned this afternoon.

CHURCH UNION

COMMITTEE OF METHODISTS, PRESBYTERIANS AND CONGREGATIONALISTS MEET IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 20.—The Church Union Committee of Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, was in session this morning at the Metropolitan Church parlors. The Rev. Dr. Carman presided and the Rev. Dr. Sutherland acted as secretary. After the devotional exercises the newspaper representatives were excluded and a resolution of condolence with the family of the Rev. Dr. Warden was adopted. It is understood that sub-committees will meet this afternoon.

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THE GAS REPORT

Mr. Bemis's Figures and Estimates Have Made an Impression on Aldermen

SOME ARE SURPRISED, AND OTHERS SAY 'I TOLD YOU SO.'

The report on the question of the cost of establishing a municipal gas plant and the cost price of gas supplied to the citizens of Montreal, submitted by Mr. Bemis, and read at the meeting of the City Council held yesterday, has created no small impression upon the minds of those aldermen who have taken a special interest in the gas question. Some of them are inclined to think that Mr. Bemis has set too high a figure upon the production cost, while others hold that his figures go to support their arguments in the City Council in favor of coming to terms with the Gas Company rather than involve the city in the heavy expenditure that the establishment of a municipal gas plant would entail. Following are some of the views expressed by aldermen seen this morning on the subject:—

'I have always thought,' said Ald. L. A. Lapointe, 'that if the city could make a reasonable bargain with the Gas Company as to the price of gas it would be better than our establishing a municipal gas plant, and thus entering into competition with the company, particularly in view of their very frank and open declaration as to the attitude they would adopt in that case. They say they would undercut the city in price, and we must not forget that the city could carry such competition no further than the actual cost of production, whereas the company could go further than that if they were determined to do so.

'There is another thing to be taken into consideration, namely, the extra cost to citizens of making all the necessary alterations and additions that might be needed in the fittings inside the houses, for although the city could do everything outside it could not go into houses and carry out the necessary work there. Then there is the fact that Mr. Bemis, in his report, has estimated for the full ten-hours-a-day work of the employees in a municipal plant. But I am free to admit that in municipal institutions of that kind there is always a discount to be allowed on such an estimate.

'Taking into consideration the fact that the estimate given by Mr. Bemis is so near that which I have always thought would be a reasonable figure—between 90 cents and $1 a thousand feet—and bearing in mind the many other issues, and the possibilities that may develop with regard to electric light, I think the best thing the city can do is to make the best bargain possible with the company, instead of establishing a municipal gas plant, even if they have to pay a little more than Mr. Bemis estimates, for that would be better than being compelled, by competition, as the company declare they would compel the city, to charge a little more to the citizens for their gas than the company would charge them. The risk of failure in this particular case is too great, and we had better accept the best offer we can get rather than take that risk, with the chance of having to go back to the company later on.'

Mr. Parent, superintendent of lighting, also stated that he preferred to make a careful study of the report before criticising it in detail. 'I am, however,' he said, 'a little surprised at the figure for the cost of gas quoted by Mr. Bemis. I thought that gas could be made in Montreal for less than eighty-seven cents, taking into consideration the prices charged in other cities, and the cost of coal there and here. For instance, take the following figures, which I obtained from various cities last year:—

Philadelphia.—Price of coal, $3.89; cost of gas, delivered, net, 70 cents.
Richmond, Va.—Price of coal, $3.35; cost of gas, delivered, net, 76 6-10 cents.
Alexandria, Va.—Price of coal, $3.79; cost of gas, delivered, net, 94 7 1-0 cents.
Anderson, Ky.—Price of coal, $2.38; cost of gas, delivered, net, 74 6-10 cents.
Wheeling, Va.—Price of coal, $1.58; cost of gas, delivered, net, 34 3-10 cents.
Belfont, Ohio.—Price of coal, $3.36; cost of gas, delivered, net, 44 1-2 cents.
Denville.—Price of coal, $5.01; cost of gas, delivered, net, 98 cents.
Charlesville.—Price of coal, $3.75; cost of gas, delivered, net, 87 8-10 cents.
Hamilton, Ohio.—Price of coal, $2.78; cost of gas, delivered, net, 48 4-10 cents.

'This list will show you that local conditions play a very important part in the estimate of the cost of gas supplied to the public.

'I signed the report of the civic officials in which the price of gas was estimated at twenty-six cents under reserve on that very point. When we were asked by the council to make a report we wrote and stated that though we could make plans and give a probable estimate of the cost of establishing a municipal gas plant, we could not give an estimate of the cost price of gas without having expert evidence. The council told us to go on with our work and report upon such matters as we were competent to deal with. I was in favor of twenty-six cents as the cost price of gas in the holders, but not as the net cost price of gas delivered.

'You will notice that Mr. Bemis has estimated for the establishment of a gas plant at practically the same figure as we did in our report. He says $4,171,000; in our report we estimated the cost at $4,155,000.'

Ald. Ekers stated that Mr. Bemis's figures only verified his own attitude on the question, as enunciated in his motion that the City Council stipulate for a contract price of eighty-five cents after May 1, 1910. He was still of the opinion that that figure was a fair and reasonable one to charge. Ald. Ekers further expressed himself as in favor of only one meter being used, as the rents for two meters, no matter what quantity of gas was used, amounted to a very stiff figure, especially to the poorer people.

Ald. Lariviere remarked that if Mr. Bemis's report was correct the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company would have to do something, and said he was in favor of forcing the company to give gas at a better price. He refused to discuss the question of an extension of the contract, but observed that if the company refused to supply gas at a reasonable figure, say, ninety cents, he was in favor of the city expropriating the plant at the expiration of the contract and sub-letting it to another company.

Ald. Robertson, chairman of the Light Committee, stated that he had not yet had time to make a detailed study of the report. 'As for the price estimated by Mr. Bemis,' he proceeded, 'it is a little higher than I expected, but I do not think it is out of the way. I think it would be fair to the company and fair to the citizens if such a price were charged. Beyond that I am not prepared to go without first having carefully studied all the details of the report.'

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MAYORALTY CAMPAIGN

MR. DORAN COURTS OPPOSITION FROM TAMMANY.

The public meeting which has been called by members of the Board of Trade for to-morrow afternoon to discuss the selection of candidates for aldermen, especially within the business districts, was freely discussed on 'Change this morning.

The opinion was expressed on the floor that the time has come when the merchants and business men of this city must take up the question of municipal politics. It is agreed that Montreal is on the threshold of a critical period in its general development, and that, if the best results in the city's progress is to be obtained, the best and most reliable men must be sent to the City Council.

The interest being taken in the coming civic elections is unprecedented in so far as members of the Board of Trade are concerned, and while the executive, including the council, are not officially concerned in the meeting to-morrow afternoon, nevertheless each member is working in harmony with the movement to improve the personnel of the City Council.

The candidature of Mr. W. E. Doran is gaining in popularity daily, and the opinion was freely expressed on 'Change to-day that he will make a worthy and representative candidate for the office of mayor, especially as he is receiving the united support of the Irish citizens. The determination of Mr. Doran to take hold of the 'Tammany' movement, and deal with this organization as he is doing, is widely commended and this act alone is bringing to the support of Mr. Doran a large number of leading citizens who were at first disposed to stay out of the contest, further than to exercise their franchise.

Requisition papers were circulated on 'Change this morning favorable to Mr. Doran and these were liberally signed as a protest, it is said, against the attempt of 'Tammany' to enter into the Montreal civic campaign.

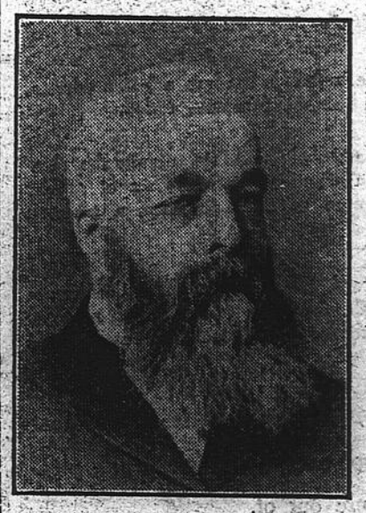
Mr. Doran will speak at the Board of Trade meeting to-morrow afternoon and will place before the members the platform on which he will contest the election.

DEATH OF MR. H. CLEGHORN

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING.

Mr. Henry Cleghorn, one of Montreal's most respected citizens, passed away this morning at his residence, 76 St. Matthew street, at the age of seventy-four years.

Mr. Cleghorn, who was a native of Wick, Caithness-shire, Scotland, was a



THE LATE MR. H. CLEGHORN.

son of the late Mr. John Cleghorn, J.P., of Wick, and grandson of the famous Rev. John Cleghorn, who was the first Congregational minister of the Wick Congregational Church.

Mr. Cleghorn, previous to coming to Canada, held rank in the British navy, and as such served on H.M.S. 'Sans Pareil,' taking part in the Crimean War and afterwards in the China war, receiving the Queen's medal with an engagement clasp, reading 'Canton, 1857.' His brother, surgeon James Cleghorn, now residing in England, for his eminent services in India was appointed honorary surgeon to the late Queen Victoria and was gazetted by her a Companion of the Star of India.

Mr. Henry Cleghorn came to Canada in 1860, and was for many years connected with the late Mr. Hugh McLennan, of the Montreal Transportation Company, and subsequently started in the grain business on his own account. For a number of years he was connected with the Beaver Line of Steamships, which ran to this port. He was a familiar figure on the floor of the Board of Trade and was highly respected for his business energy and force of character. He was a gentleman of the strictest probity, and deep sympathy is felt for the sorrowing family. He is survived by Mrs. Henry Cleghorn and Messrs. William J. Cleghorn, James Cleghorn and Harry A. Cleghorn, of Ottawa, sons, and Mrs. A. E. Mussen, daughter.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the family residence to St. James the Apostle Church and from thence to the Mount Royal Cemetery.

NEW YORK FIRE

New York, Dec. 20.—The ferry house of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway, at the foot of West 22nd street, was completely destroyed, and that of the Jersey Central badly damaged by fire at noon to-day. One shed and a section of the dock belonging to the Erie Railway were also partially burned. The loss is estimated at $850,000.

COMMERCIAL

THE WHEAT MARKET.

In response to poor cables Chicago wheat was easier and lower to-day, with trade light, pending the crop report.

Corn opened steady, but developed an easier feeling towards the close, with wheat.

Oats were weaker, and declined ¾c all round.

Winnipeg was fractionally easier at the opening, but picked up later, closed steady at 76⅜c for cash options, 75½c for Jan., and 73⅞c for May.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Messrs. J. S. Bache & Co., Bell Telephone Building, Montreal, report the closing quotation in Chicago to-day as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, Dec.	.....	84½	83⅝	84¼
May	88¼	88⅝	83¾	88⅝
Corn, Dec.	46	46¾	44½	45
May	44⅜	44½	43⅛	44⅛b
Oats, Dec.	30⅜	30¾	30⅝	30¾
May	32¼	32⅝	31⅞	32
Pork, Jan.	13.45	13.52	...	13.40b
May	13.62	13.65	13.55	13.55
Lard, Jan.	7.45	7.45	7.37	7.37
May	7.42	7.42	7.35	7.35
Ribs, Jan.	7.07	7.07	7.00	7.00
May	7.27	7.27	7.20	7.20

FINANCIAL.

PANIC ON RUSSIAN MARKET

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—2.20 p.m.—There was a very panicky feeling on the Bourse, and a great rush to sell everything. Imperials fours fell three points, closing at 76. There were rumors on the Bourse that M. Guchkoff, the Conservative leader, will succeed Count Witte as Premier.

LOCAL STOCKS.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Reported by Gordon Strathy & Co., Stock Brokers:

Street Ry.—8 at 234½, 37 at 233.
Toronto Ry. x-d.—25 at 106.
Toledo—100 at 33.
Power—125 at 89¾, 50 at 89½, 50 at 89, 25 at 89½.
Iron—300 at 26, 5 at 25¾, 100 at 26, 100 at 26¼, 15 at 26, 50 at 26¼, 300 at 26, 100 at 26 1-8, 50 at 26¼, 250 at 26 1-8.
Tex. bonds—10 at 104.
Iron pref.—10 at 74¾.
Richelieu—30 at 70.
Mackay xd—25 at 55¾, 25 at 55½, 15 at 55.
Detroit—5 at 95½, 25 at 95⅞, 125 at 95¾, 25 at 95⅞, 25 at 95¾.
Mex. Power bonds—10,000 at 85.
Duluth—50 at 19½.
Sovereign Bank—25 at 132.
Scotia—20 at 183½.
Iron bonds—1,000 at 86.
C.B.C.—5 at 169¾.
Bank of Montreal—3 at 256.
Quebec Bank—10 at 141.

MONTREAL CURB MARKET.

Report of unlisted securities by E. Mackay Edgar & Co., Stock Brokers:

Rio de Janeiro—Underwriting, 90 and 28—90 and 30 and int.; bonds, 49—48½; 5 percent bonds, 77—76¾ and int.
Elec. Dev.—5 percent bonds, 92—90; stock, 59—55.
Shawinigan—20.
City and District Bank—460.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Specially reported for the 'Witness' by C. D. Monk, Hospital street, Local Manager of J. S. Bach & Co. New York, by direct wire.

Stocks.	Opening and Closing Prices. Op'g	Clos.	Stocks.	Dec. 20 Op.	Clos.
Amal. Cop..	99⅝	99½	Miss. Pac..	102¼	102¾
Amer. Loco..	68⅝	68¾	M.S.M.....	....	....
Am. do. pref.	....	....	do. pref..	....	....
Am. Sugar..	151⅝	151½	Mat. Trac.	121	121¼
do. pref.....	....	....	N. Y. Cent.	147⅞	148¾
Am. Smelt..	163⅞	163½	N.Y. Erie..	47¼	47¾
Am. Car Fdy.	....	39¾	do. 1pra..	....	....
Anaconda...	183¾	191	do. II....	....	....
Atchison....	86⅝	87¼	Ont. & W..	51¾	51¾
do. pref..	112¼	....	North. Sec.	....	....
Balt. & Ohio.	112¼	112½	Norf. & Wes	205¾	....
Balt. & Opref.	....	....	Omaha....	....	....
Brooklyn R.T	88¼	87¾	Pac. Mail..	....	140¾
Chic. & Alton	....	....	Penn. R.R..	140	54⅛
Can. Pac....	173	173¾	Pressed St'l..	55⅝	....
Can. South..	....	70¼	do. pref..	....	99⅛
Ches. & Ohio.	54¾	54¾	P'ple's Gas..	102	....
Chic. & N.W. xd	209¾	210¾	Phila. & R'd	136⅜	137⅛
Chic., St. P..	179	180¾	do. I pref.	....	....
Col. South..	28⅛	28⅜	do. II pref.	96	96
do. I pref.	....	....	Pullman	....	....
do. II pref.	....	....	Rock Island	23¼	23¼
Con. Gas, N.Y.	180	174½	South Ry....	34¾	34½
Col. Fuel & I.	56⅞	56⅝	do. pref..	....	....
Corn Prod..	....	15	South. Pac.	65¾	65¾
do. pref....	....	....	Ten. C. & I.	142	140
Cleveland C.C	....	....	Tex Pac....	....	33⅛
Detroit U.R.	95⅛	95⅛	Twin City..	....	....
Del. L. & W.	....	....	U.S. Leather	....	....
Del. & Hud.	....	....	do. pref..	....	....
Den. Rio G.	36⅛	....	U.S. Steel	37⅝	....
do. pref.	....	....	do. pref..	104½	....
Dul. S. S. & A.	....	....	U.S. Rubber	53⅜	....
do. pref..	39¾	....	do. pref..	....	....
G. North pfd.	288¾	....	Union Pac...	149¾	....
Gen. Electric	175	....	do. pref....	....	....
Hock. Valley	....	....	Wabash	20¾	....
Jersey Cen.	....	....	do. pref..	....	40⅜
Iowa Cen.....	28	28	W. Union....	....	33½
do. pref....	....	58⅞	Wis. Cen....	....	29⅝
Kan. & Tex...	37⅝	37⅝	do. pref..	61¾	60
do. pref.....	69	70			
Lo'v. & Nas.	153	151½			
Man. Elev...	163	188			

LONDON QUOTATIONS.

London, Dec. 20, 4 p.m.—Canada for money 88 1-16; do. for account 88⅝.

Anaconda..	9⅛	Erie.....	49¾	Rea Bur. 70
Atchison...	89⅛	do. 1 pfd.	92	do. 1 pfd. 47
do. pfd....	107¼	do. 2 pf.	74¾	do. 2 pf. 49
B. & O.....	115⅛	Ill. Cent..	179	Southern. 36¼
C.P.R.....	176⅞	Lou. & N..	156	do. pfd.. 102⅝
Ches. & O..	56	Kan. & Tex	38¾	South Pac 67⅝
Chic. G. W.	21⅛	N.Y. C....	152⅜	Un. Pac.. 151⅝
Chic. M. & S. P	183½	Norf'k & W	86½	do. pfd... 100
De Beers...	1⅝	do. pfd..	85	U.S. Steel 39⅝
Denv. R.G.	37⅛	Ont. & West	53¼	do. pfd.. 107⅝
do. pfd.	92⅛	Penna.....	72⅜	Wabash.. 21
St. Paul....	....	Rand Mines	7⅝	do. pfd.. 42

Spanish Fours, 91⅝.

Bar silver steady, 30 5-16d per ounce.

Money 3 to 4 percent.

Discount rates short bills, 4 to ⅛ percent; 3 months bills, 4 to ⅛ percent.

McCUAIG BROS. LONDON CABLE.

Dec. 19.

Grand Trunk, thirds	58¼
Canadian Pacific	179
Hudson's Bay	79¼
Union Pacific	....
Uned States steel common	....
United States Steel pfd	107⅛

TORONTO STOCKS.

Morning sales:
Bank of Commerce—2 at 169.
Toronto Ry.—200 at 106, 15 at 105¾.
Imp. Bank—10 at 229.
Bank of Hamilton—10 at 215.
Toronto Elect.—25 at 156½ x-d.
Mackay Co.—100 at 55, 25 at 55¼, 10 at 55⅝, 25 at 55½, 434 at 55¾, 750 at 55⅞, 50 at 55⅝.
Mackay pfd.—25 at 73¾, 10 at 72.
Sao Paulo—50 at 139.
Duluth—10 at 95, 25 at 95½.
Mex. L. H. & P. Bonds—$16,000 at 85.
C. P. W. C.—77 at 127 x.d.
Imp. Life—1 at 70.
R. & O.—13 at 68½.

MONTREAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

Reported by J. B. Picken & Co.:

	Between Banks
New York funds	Par—1-32
Sterling, 60 days	8⅝
Sterling, demand	9 7-16—15-32
Sterling, cables	9 9-16—19-32
Paris, francs short	5.16¼—1-32

Exchange value of £1 sterling to-day is $4.86.38 to $4.86.52.

New York, Dec. 20, Noon.—Money on call firm at 8 percent; prime mercantile paper, 5½ to 6 percent; exchanges, $422,-704,679.

DIED.

BOSTWICK — At Sherbrooke, Que., on Dec. 19, 1905, John Edward, only son of Mr. A. D. Bostwick, aged 26 years.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

DETROIT JOINS THE FRAY.

On Heavy Buying the Stock Made 96 1-4 on Local Market

MACKAY ISSUES CONTINUED TO SHOW MARKED STRENGTH, WHILE IRON AND COAL WERE ALSO IN EVIDENCE.

The New York market is rather irregular to-day, and the speculative feeling somewhat mixed on account of the many influences that are arising on behalf of both sides of the market. Union Pacific was a striking feature, 15,000 shares changing hands at from 147 to 147½, with a later rise to 148 3-4. Yesterday's closing was 146½. Market sentiment continues to favor the bull side, although the utmost conservatism is the rule in most transactions recorded on the New York market this morning. There was an active session on the local market, Detroit being the favored one, and on some very heavy buying, the stock made 96½, falling towards the close to 96 1-8. The statement shows another good month, and the stock seems good buying, if only on the strength of increased earnings. The Iron issues were steady around 25 3-4 on a fair amount of business. Coal was taken up in broken lots at 80 7-8 to 81. Mackay was again active and strong, the common standing at 55 to 56. The preferred was higher at 72½. The rest of the market was quiet and uninteresting.

International Nickel declares initial dividends of 1½ percent on preferred.

MORNING EXCHANGE SALES.

C. Col. C. Bonds—$1,200 at 99.
Textile bonds—$20,000 at 96½A, $500 at 97A, $750 at 97B.
Iron pfd.—30 at 74¼.
L. of W. pfd.—40 at 112½.
Mex. Elec. Bds—$2,000 at 81⅜.
Coal—25 at 81, 25 at 80⅞, 25 at 81, 25 at 80⅞, 25 at 81.
Iron—25 at 25¾, 50 at 25½, 25 at 25, 75 at 25¼, 10 at 25½, 75 at 25¼, 125 at 25½, 100 at 25½, 335 at 25¾.
Mont. St. Ry.—200 at 224.
Power—175 at 90.
Detroit—25 at 95¼, 10 at 95 1-8, 200 at 95¼, 290 at 95⅜, 300 at 95⅞, 75 at 96½, 300 at 96½, 100 at 96, 200 at 96 1-8, 10 at 96, 250 at 96 1-8.
War Eagle—500 at 25.
Iron Bonds—$2,000 at 86.
Sovereign Bank—37 at 131½.
Toledo—100 at 33.
Switch pfd.—65 at 113.
Switch—80 at 105.
Rich. & Ont.—25 at 69¾, 13 at 69¼.
Scotia—75 at 67½, 25 at 67⅝.
Hochelaga Bank—25 at 143, 1 at 142.
Mackay pfd.—100 at 72½, 125 at 72½, 25 at 72⅝, 25 at 72¾, 25 at 73.
Mackay—150 at 55, 50 at 55½, 125 at 55⅝, 100 at 56.
Textile pfd.—22 at 103½.

MORNING CALL.

Reported by McDougall & Cowans, Stockbrokers Montreal and Quebec, at 12.30 to-day.

	Sellers	Buyers		Sellers	Buyers
C.P.R.	174½	173¼	do pfd.	80	76
Soo.....	140	138¼	Sao Paulo	140	138
M.S.R.....	236	233½	Rich & Ont.	71	69½
Tor. St.	107	106	Power	90½	89¾
Twin City	117⅛	116¾	Capital Pr.Co.	....	....
Detroit	96⅝	95⅞	do. pfd.	....	....
Halifax....	106	101	Dom. Steel..	26⅞	25½
Toledo	33	32¾	do. pfd	75¼	73¾
St. John xd	113	110	Coal com..	81	80*
Winnipeg..	200	180	Coal pfd..	119½	117¾
West India	55	46	Int'l. Coal	100	80*
Havana Elec	35	34½	" pfd	....	....

MISCELLANEOUS

Mont. Steel	110	105	Mackay pfd....	56⅛	55½
do. pfd....	116	113*	Mackay pf l...	73¼	72½
N.S. Steel..	68	67*	L. W'd's pfd xd	113*	112
do. pfd....	130	120	do. com....	94	90
			L. Paper	89	80
Mon. Tel ..	170	166	" " pfd	105	100
Bell Tel. ..	160	158	Mont. Cot.xd.	133	128
" n. st'k	....		Textile pfd..	104	103½
Ogilvie pfd xd	130	127	Can. Col. Cl.	50	45

BANKS.

Montreal	258	256	Quebec	145	140
Molsons.....	230	225	Union	144½	140
Merchants ...	163	160	Commerce....	170	169½
Royal.....	222	220	Hochelaga ..	143	140
Eastern.....	170	160	Nova Scotia.	285	275
Toronto*.....	236½	235	Ottawa.....	....	....
B. N. Am	142	140			

BONDS

Dom.I.&S...	87	86	Dom. Coal	101½	100
Mont.St.Ry..	105	103	Ogilvie.....	120	115*
N.S. Steel..	110	106	Can. Col. Co.	100	95
Bell Tel.....	110	105	Win. Elec..	111	108
Laurentide..	109....		M.L. & P.....	105	101¾
Sao Paulo...	95	94	Lake of Woods	110½	107
Havana E. Ry	95	94			

* Quotions for less than 100 shares and not under shares.

RAILWAY EARNINGS

DETROIT'S NOVEMBER STATEMENT.

Detroit United Railway Company's statement for November and eleven months compares as follows:

	1905.	1904.	1903.
Nov. gross	$415,777	$368,791	$345,100
Exp. and tax. . .	247,426	212,611	204,627
Nov. net . . .	$168,351	$156,180	$140,473
Other inc.	3,522	3,743	2,743
Total inc.	$171,873	$159,923	$143,216
Charges	93,850	90,511	84,007
Nov. surp. . .	$78,850	$69,412	$59,209
11 m. gross ...	4,685,844	4,153,946	4,033,417
Exp. and tax. .	2,798,901	2,524,402	2,386,345
11 m. net . .	$1,886,943	$1,629,544	$1,647,072
Other inc.	39,448	37,878	35,389
Total inc. . .	$1,926,391	$1,667,422	$1,682,401
Charges	1,014,597	98,167	912,890
11 m. surp. ..	$911,794	$635,255	$769,571

TOLEDO RAILWAY & LIGHT.

Toledo Railway & Light Company's November statement compares as follows:

	1905.	1904.	1903.
Nov. gross	$164,418	$146,759	$140,718
Exp. and tax. ..	86,389	77,037	75,210
Nov. net . . .	$78,029	$69,722	$65,508
Charges	42,825	41,626	40,811
Nov. surp. . .	$35,204	$28,096	$24,697
11 mos. gross .	$1,737,711	1,536,904	1,509,299
Exp. and tax. .	888,296	845,372	781,189
11 m. net . ..	$849,415	$741,532	$728,110
Charges	467,846	458,181	448,907
11 m. surp. . .	$381,569	$283,351	$279,203

ANNUAL MEETING

Bank of Hochelaga Stockholders Highly Satisfied With Year's Business

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Hochelaga was held at noon. The directors were re-elected, and at a subsequent meeting of the board Mr. F. X. St. Charles was elected president, and Mr. Robert Bickerdike, M.P., vice-president. Reports of a most satisfactory year's business were read and general satisfaction was expressed with the results that had been obtained. Mr. Bickerdike told in a few words of a trip which a party of the directors had made to the Canadian North-West, and stated that they had been much impressed by the possibilities which were opening up in that part of the country. While the Hochelaga Bank had made excellent progress, it was the opinion of the party that it was handicapped in its operations by the cramped quarters in Winnipeg which so far is the only western branch. It was recommended that the quarters be improved either by lease or purchase, and while nothing has been done so far, the matter will be taken up at an early meeting of the board. Throughout the trip, which was extended via Brandon, Edmonton and Calgary, to the coast, the same prosperous conditions were encountered. There is a good opening for the bank which according to Mr. Bickerdike 'must get into the country and the sooner this is done, the cheaper it will be accomplished.'

INCREASES CAPITAL

Standard Bank of Canada will Have Capitalization of Two Million Dollars

At a meeting of the directors of the Standard Bank of Canada held yesterday it was resolved to increase the capital of the bank from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000, and a meeting of the shareholders will be called to authorize the new issue. The directors purpose an immediate issue of $250,000 at 200, being a premium of 100 percent, reserving the right to issue the balance of the stock as they may deem advisable. The bank has an authorized capital of $2,000,000, and a reserve fund of $1,000,000. A dividend of 10 percent has been paid every year since 1901; the year previous to that 9 percent dividend and 1 percent bonus being paid. For many years before that time 8 percent was paid without a break. In October total liabilities were $14,740,371, and total assets $16,980,453. The note circulation amounted to $956,446 in that month. The stock of the Standard Bank of Canada is not listed on the Montreal market, but occasional sales are made on the Toronto exchange. A few weeks ago the directors decided to make quarterly dividend payments instead of half-yearly. The market value of the stock is around 235, and the par value of each share $50.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

The local trade in butter appears to be confined to a local business, and considerable activity in this line is reported. Dealers are asking 23½ to 23 3-4c, and in some cases 24c for wholesale lots, and small lots are being jobbed out to the retail trade at 24½c. There is no export demand to speak of on account of an easy market and slow sales in England.

Cheese is unchanged, and the tone of the market holds firm. Stocks appear to be held pretty closely, and there is no disposition on the part of those who have cheese on hand to force sales. From 12 3-4c to 13c is the asked price for westerns to-day, and Easterns, of which few are offering, are worth 12 3-8c to 12 5-8. A mail advice from Liverpool dated Dec. 11, says that there has been a good general consumptive demand at the enhanced values, and holders are very strong, stocks being light, and cables showing a further advance.

Medium grades are in small compass, and bring prices close up to choicest quality.

The egg market is steady, and a good consumptive demand is reported by dealers. The open weataher this fall has prolonged the laying season to quite an extent, and the quality of the fall eggs that are being received just now is highly satisfactory. Shippers are receiving good prices for all that they can send in, from 21½c to 25c being th ruling price. Strictly new laid are in demand at 28c to 30c, and selects are worth 24c to 25c. Sales of No. 1 candled were made at 20c, and limed at 20½c to 21c.

THE PROVISION MARKET

The market for live hogs was unchanged this morning, and the easy feeling which ruled on Monday is maintained. The offerings are well up to the requirements of the trade, and mixed lots sold at about $6.50 per hundred, weighed off cars.

There is a fair demand for both country and abattoir dressed hogs from the local retail trade, but prices will hold about steady at $8.25 to $8.75 per hundred for the former, and $9 to $9.25 for the latter.

Most of the local retailers have their poultry in stock and on display, but there is still quite a demand on jobbers and commission merchants to keep up supplies, as there is a steady trade passing each day. Prices vary largely, according to the quality of the offerings, and prices of turkeys range from 14½c to 17c, though the ruling figure to-day is 16c per lb. Owing to the high price of turkeys there has been an increased demand for geese this season, which rtail from 5c to 6c per pound cheaper, and some large consignments have been placed for the Christmas trade. Jobber sare asking from 9½c to 10½c per lb. for choice stock. Chickens are worth for good stock, from 10c to 11½c, but a lot of inferior stock has come into this market, small and 'scraggy' birds, and it has been found necessary to clear these out at reduced prices. Fowl are worth 7c to 9c, and ducks from 10c to 12c per pound.

Montreal Wholesale Prices.

FLOUR—Manitoba spring wheat patents, $4.90; strong bakers, $4.40; winter wheat patents, $4.25 to $4.50, and straight rollers, $4 to $4.25, in wood; in bags, $1.90 to $1.95.

ROLLED OATS—$2.55 per bag of 90 lbs.

PEARL HOMINY—$1.85 to $1.90 in bag of 98 lbs.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Is hereby given that "La Communaute des Soeurs de Sainte Anne" will apply to the Legislature of Quebec, at its next session, for the passing of an Act to ratify and to make valid the conventions intervened between "Les Cures de l'Oeuvre & Fabrique de la Paroisse de Sainte Genevieve, Les Commissaires d'Ecole pour la Municipalite Scolaire de Sainte Genevieve No. 1, dans le Comte de Jacques Cartier et la dite Communaute des Soeurs de Sainte Anne,' passed before Joseph Adolphe Chauret, Notary, on the fifteenth August, one thousand nine hundred and five.

J. A. CHAURET,
Attorney for Applicant.
St. Genevieve, 14th December, 1905.

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

A Dividend of Two Percent has been declared payable in Montreal, on the 15th of January, 1906, to Shareholders of Record the 30th December 1905.

CHAS. P. SCLATER,
Secretary-Treasurer.
Montreal, 15th December, 1905.

MILLFEED — Ontario bran in bulk, $15 to $15.50; shorts, in bags, $20 to $20.50; Manitoba bran, in bags, $16 to $17; shorts, $19 to $20.

HAY—No. 1, $8.50 to $9 per ton on the track; No. 2, $7.50 to $8; clover, $6 to $6.50; clover mixed, $6 to $6.50.

OATS—No. 2, 29c to 39¼c per bushel; No. 3 at 38¼c.

BEANS—Choice primes, $1.75 per bushel; hand-picked, $1.85.

PEAS—Boiling in car load lots, 98c to $1.05 per bushel.

POTATOES—New potatoes in bags of 80 lbs., 53c to 55c; in bags of 90 lbs., 60c to 70c.

HONEY—White clover in comb, 13c to 14c per pound section; extras, 7½c to 8c; buckwheat, 5½c to 6c.

PROVISIONS—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, $19 to $20; light short cut, $18 to $19; American short cut, $19; American cut clear fat back, $19 to $20; compound lard, 6½c to 7c; Canadian pure lard, 10¼c to 11c; kettle rendered, 11¼ to 12; hams, 12 to 13c, according to size; bacon, 13c to 14c; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, $9 to $9.25; alive, $6.50, mixed lots.

EGGS—Straight stock, 20c to 21c; No. 1 candled, 20c.

BUTTER — Choicest creamery, 23½c to 23¾c; undergrades, 22½c to 23c; dairy at 19c to 20c.

CHEESE — Ontario, 12¾c to 13c; Quebec, 12¾c to 12c½.

ASHES — First pots, $5.30 to $5.35; seconds at $4.70; first pearls, $7.

MARKET OPINIONS

Laidlaw & Co.:—The best opinion seems to be that stocks are a purchase only on good reactions, although there is no apprehension of any serious set-back for the immediate future.

McDougall & Cowans.—There is a possibility that gold will be shipped to Europe this week. Sterling exchange being at the point where shipments can be profitably made if Paris bankers will allow interest during transit.

Chas. Head & Co.—Sentiment is decidedly confused and there is a more general trend toward conservatism than has been apparent for some time past.

E. & C. Randolph—We look for continued irregularity and would advise against indiscriminate purchases which are now so largely due to tips and rumors.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.—Dec. 20.

About 900 head of butchers' cattle, 20 milch cows and springers, 30 calves, 100 sheep and lambs, and 300 fat hogs were offered for sale at the East End Abattoir to-day. Trade was very dull as the butchers had supplied themselves with about all the beef required on Monday. Prices were slightly lower than on Monday, but there were no extra beeves on the market, and only two head sold up to 5c per lb., while 4½c was the ruling price for prime beeves; pretty good cattle sold at 3½c to 4¼c and the common stock at 2½c to 3½c per lb. The calves were all young veals and sold at about 4c per lb. Sheep sold at about 4c and lambs at 5½c to 6c per lb. Good lots of fat hogs sold at 6½c to 6¾c per lb.

CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE

WINNIPEG INVESTMENT CONCERN ASSIGNS IN TRUST.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The Canadian Co-Operative Investment Company assigned in trust on Dec. 12 to the Northern Trust Company, and the announcement was made yesterday. Liabilities are estimated at about $160,000 and assets at $200,000. The cause of the assignment was that contract holders took advantage of withdrawal claims and the moneys received therefor were not equal to the amount necessary to meet the withdrawals. Money was borrowed from the Bank of Hamilton to the extent of $24,000 on mortgage securities, with the expectation of being able to pay it back gradually from money received from contract holders. Several new companies entered the field in the meantime and made it difficult to get new business.

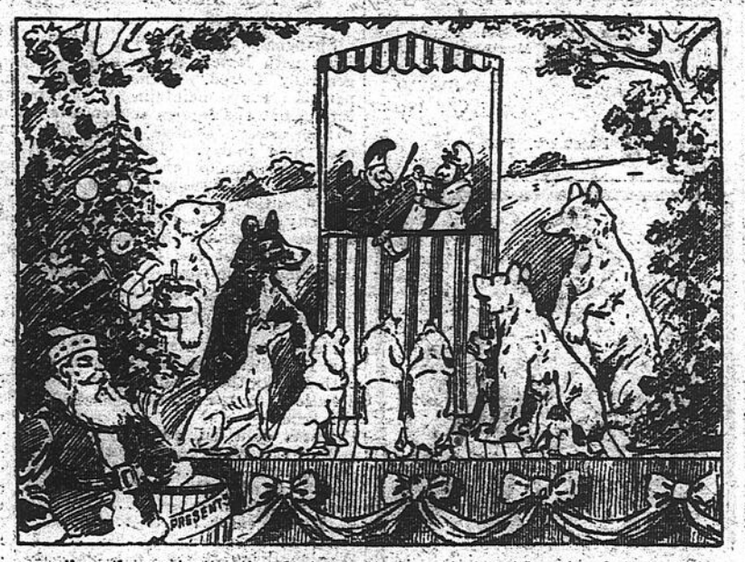
KOOTENAY IRON DEPOSITS

Vernon, B.C., Dec. 20.—Next summer will see the manufacture of steel rails added to the industries of Kootenay. A plant will be erected near Crawford Bay. St. Louis and Cleveland capitalists, headed by Mr. Horstling, of the latter city, have taken charge of extensive iron deposits near there for $75,000.

MASSEY-HARRIS STRATFORD WORKS MAY BE CLOSED.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The recent statement that the Massey-Harris Implement Works at Stratford are to be closed down and the plant removed to Toronto in order to centralize the works, was confirmed to-day, but the managers of the works declined to make public the particulars.

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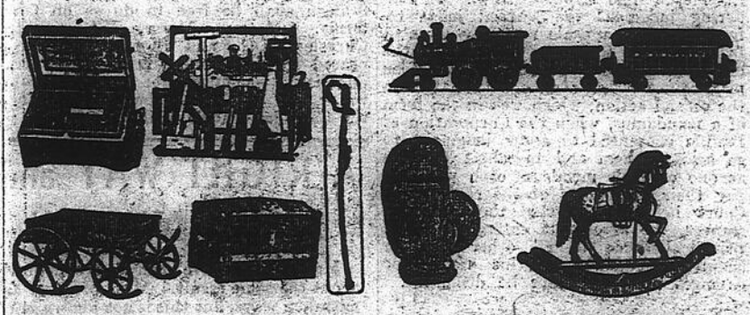
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Oats, bush.	2,578
Flour, brls.	415
Butter, pkgs	968
Cheese, boxes	4,134
Pork, brls.	80
Lard, pkgs.	805
Meats, pkgs.	280
Ham and bacon, pkgs.	73
Tallow, brls.	5
Leather, rolls	109
Raw hides	69
Dressed hogs	1,084

Public Notice

DOMINION OF CANADA,
Province of Quebec,
City of Montreal.

Whereas a by-law entitled "By-law to annex a portion of the territory of the Municipality of the Village of Rosemont to the City of Montreal," passed a second reading at a special meeting of the Council of the City of Montreal, held on Friday, the first of December, one thousand nine hundred and five (1905);

Whereas the said by-law has been regularly approved of by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the Village of Rosemont at a regular meeting of the said Council, held on the 4th day of December, one thousand nine hundred and five (1905), the whole according to law:

Whereas the said by-law must be submitted to the approval or disapproval of the municipal electors who are proprietors in the said portion of the territory of the Municipality of the Village of Rosemont;

And whereas FRIDAY, the 12th DAY OF JANUARY, 1906, has by me been fixed and set apart for the holding of the public meeting of said municipal electors of the portion of the territory of the Municipality of the Village of Rosemont in order to approve or disapprove of said by-law, I hereby and by these presents do give notice that a

PUBLIC MEETING

of the said municipal electors being proprietors, duly qualified to record their votes upon said by-law is convened to be held on

FRIDAY, 12th day of January, 1906,

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon,

in the municipal hall, and that then and there the said by-law shall be submitted to the said electors for their approval or disapproval thereof, according to law.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Montreal this 6th day of December, one thousand nine hundred and five (1905).

(Signed) H. LAPORTE,
Mayor.

(Countersigned) L. O. DAVID,
City Clerk.

By-law to annex a portion of the territory of the Municipality of the Village of Rosemont to the City of Montreal.

At a meeting of the City Council, etc.,

It was ordained and enacted as follows:—

Whereas it is in the interests of the City of Montreal to annex to its territory that portion of the territory of the Municipality of the Village of Rosemont known and designated as No. 172 and subdivisions thereof, of the official plan and book of reference of the Cote de la Visitation, to form part of St. Mary's Ward, and whereas such annexation cannot but be productive of mutual advantages for both municipalities, the Council of the said City of Montreal enacts as follows:

Section 1.—The territory hereinafter described shall form part of the St. Mary's Ward of the City of Montreal for all municipal purposes:

"The said portion of the territory of the Municipality of the Village of Rosemont, known and designated as No. 172 and subdivisions thereof, of the official plan and book of reference of the Cote de la Visitation, is situated on the north-west limits of the Hochelaga Ward of the City of Montreal, and is bounded as follows:—to the north-west by the Petite Cote road; to the north-east by No. 173 of the official plan and book of reference of the Cote de la Visitation and part of the south-west limits of the Hochelaga Ward; to the south-west by part of the north-west limits of Hochelaga Ward; to the south-west by part of the north-east limits of the Hochelaga Ward."

Section 2.—The City of Montreal shall assume a proportionate share of the now existing debt of the Municipality of the Village of Rosemont, namely, a sum of five hundred dollars ($500).

Section 3.—The City of Montreal shall pay to F. C. Laberge, Civil Engineer, the value of plans for street levels and other engineering works, as established by the Surveyor of the City of Montreal, in accordance with an agreement entered into between the said F. C. Laberge and the Municipality of the Village of Petite Cote (now Rosemont), conditionally, however, that the fees of the said F. C. Laberge shall not exceed three thousand dollars ($3,000).

Section 4.—By the adoption of this by-law, the territory annexed is and shall be incorporated into the said City of Montreal as forming part of St. Mary's Ward, and shall be subject to all the by-laws of the said City of Montreal, which do not conflict with the provisions of this by-law, and shall be subject to all the duties and obligations prescribed by the Charter of the City of Montreal and the statutes amending the same.

DOMINION OF CANADA,
Province of Quebec
City of Montreal.

The above is certified to be a true copy of the by-law which has passed a second reading at a special meeting of the Council of the City of Montreal, held on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of September, 1905, and which will be considered by the said Council and presented for a third reading after the expiration of thirty days from the date of its last publication, in conformity with Art. 10, Sect. V., of the Charter of the City of Montreal, 62 Vict., Chap. 58.

(Signed) L. O. DAVID,
City Clerk.

City Hall,
Montreal, 6th December, 1905.



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A BAILIFF'S DISPUTE.

Mr. Justice Curran rendered judgment yesterday, in the case of Lalonde vs. the Corporation of Bailiffs. By this action the plaintiff claimed $2,000 damages, alleging that, having presented himself twice for examination and admission to practice as a bailiff, he was refused each time through malice. In rendering judgment the learned judge referred to two appeals made by plaintiff to the Court from the decision of the defendant's board of examiners. The proceedings were almost terminated in the second action, which was in the form of a mandamus, when the Corporation of Bailiffs consented to allow judgment to go against them and to admit Lalonde as one of their members, each party to pay their own costs of the case. The Court held that, under those circumstances, the agreement entered into deprived Lalonde of all other recourse against defendant, and his action for damages must therefore be dismissed.

KENTUCKIANS HOME-COMING.

Acting upon a suggestion made to it by a young lady born in Kentucky, but now living in Colorado, the Louisville Commercial Club is to have a 'Home Coming' for all Kentuckians for June 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 next. Sunday, June 18, will be given over to the spirit inspired by the song, 'Till we meet again.' All the pulpits of the Louisville churches will be filled by ministers of the gospel, who were formerly Kentucky boys. The gathering promises to be of a remarkably happy kind. The census of 1900 shows that there are over six hundred thousand natives of Kentucky now living in different parts of America, and the Louisville Commercial Club will be glad to receive the names and addresses of as many as possible of these former Kentuckians for the purpose of extending invitations to them to attend the 'at home.' Address: R. C. Hughes, secretary Commercial Club, Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.A.

REVIVAL AT MALAKOFF, ONT.

(From a Correspondent.)

Malakoff, Ont., Dec. 18.—One of the greatest spiritual awakenings this place has ever known is now in progress here. Two weeks ago meetings were commenced in the Methodist Church here by the Rev. A. T. Jones, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Whiteside, pastor evangelist of the Methodist Church. From the very first night the meetings were marked by great power. The presence of the Holy Spirit was very manifest. The membership of the church became enthused with new life, and have entered heartily into the work. The result is that whole families are turning to Christ and from sin. The whole community is stirred as never before.

THE SHANGHAI RIOTS

BRITISH AND AMERICAN CRUISERS LAND FORCES.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.—The streets are filled with loafers to-day and looting is generally feared. Armed guards and patrols are maintained everywhere throughout the foreign settlements. The British cruiser 'Diadem' landed five hundred men to-day. The United States cruiser 'Baltimore' also landed a force of men. Other warships are expected. The Chinese papers say the rowdies of the city intend to take advantage of a dispute concerning the mixed court, to attack and loot the foreign settlements beginning to-morrow.

RUSSIAN RELIEF FUND.

The treasurers, Messrs. M. Workman and I. Rubenstein, beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following donations to the Russian Massacre Relief Fund:—

Proceeds of a ball given by the Montreal Waterproof Clothing Company	$ 182 00
The S. Carsley Co., Ltd.	25 00
Herbert Evans	25 00
R. R. Stevenson	20 00
Louis A. Hart	15 00
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Standard Coal Co., per F. M. Dixon	10 00
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W. Luxenberg, Pembroke, Ont.	3 00
T. P. Crowe	2 00
H. Mathieu & Co.	2 00
D. Adelman, Pembroke, Ont.	1 00
M. Adelman, Pembroke, Ont.	1 00
M. Selar, Pembroke, Ont.	1 00
Mr. Hawfman, Pembroke, Ont.	1 00
M. Herman, Chichester, Ont.	1 00
S. Barkoff, Renfrew, Ont.	1 00
Mr. Goldstein, Pembroke, Ont.	50
J. Wolf, Pembroke, Ont.	50
Previously acknowledged	$391 00
Previously acknowledged	$5,317 24
Total	$5,708 84

L. COHEN,
Hon. secretary.

C. P. R. TRACKAGE RIGHTS.

An Ottawa despatch says:—The Prime Minster, the Minister of Justice, and the Minister of Railways and Canals are this afternoon hearing an application by the Canadian Pacific Railway for the right to run two tracks of their own into and through the Central Station, Ottawa, following the east side of the Rideau canal. At present the C. P. R. has access to the Central Station over the Grand Trunk tracks, but claims that the movement of its trains has been delayed and hampered by Grand Trunk traffic, and that its interests would be better served by a separate right of way into the station independent of Mr. Hays's company. The latter contends that all the available right of way alongside the canal at this point was leased some years ago to the Canada Atlantic Railway, which has now passed into the hands of the Grand Trunk. Therefore, the government has already divested itself of the strip which the Canadian Pacific now wants to acquire. In the lease to Mr. Booth, however, it was stipulated that all companies wishing to run their trains into the Central Station shall be free to do so on fair terms. Messrs. Morse, Wainwright, Chrysler, K.C., and Biggar, K.C., appeared for the Grand Trunk, and Mr. McNicoll, vice-president; Charles Drinkwater and A. R. Creelman, K.C., for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

A RIGHT WAY and A WRONG WAY

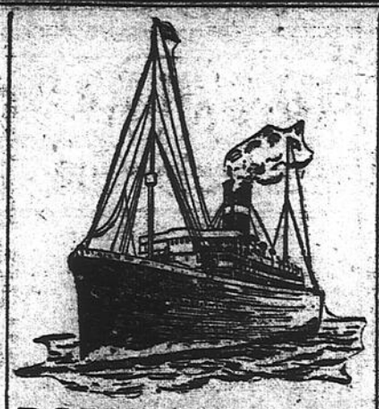
Many people have many ways to bring about the same result. Most of them are mistaken ways, but this is not known until the test of time points plainly to the error. Practically there are but two ways to accomplish anything; a right way and a wrong way. Take, for instance, a man with a bad back, there are lots of them, and of various kinds, some with stiches and twitches, others with cricks and twinges; then there's the dull, heavy continuous kind that lasts all day and doesn't sleep at night. They're all bad enough, they're all hard enough to get rid of. Some people rub the back with liniment, others cover it with plasters, either or both means often bring relief, but the pain comes back—it's the wrong way to cure the trouble.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

have a way to cure backache, a way that's all their own—the right way. They're made for the kidneys only. When the kidneys fail in their work of filtering the blood the backaches because they are situated in the small of the back; backache is the kidney's warning of trouble, and every day you let the warning go it brings you nearer to urinary disorders, Diabetes, Bright's Disease, etc.

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that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec at its next session, for an Act to ratify and confirm a deed of donation from Sir George A. Drummond to the Royal Trust Company with reference to certain property in the City of Montreal, presently occupied by the Sisters of St. Margaret, and to fully vest in the said Company, or such other persons or corporations as may be determined, all property, both real and personal, referred to in the said deed of donation.

Montreal, 12th December, 1905.

FLEET & FALCONER,
Solicitors for Petitioner.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made on the part of the Trafalgar Institute at the next Session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec for an Act to define the investments in which the funds of the said Institute may be placed, and to enlarge the scope thereof, and for other purposes.

Montreal, 29th November, 1905.

SELKIRK CROSS,
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND RAILWAY

TENDER FOR STATION.

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, Ont., and marked on the outside 'Tender for Station, Charlottetown,' will be received up to and including

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1905,

for the construction of a Stone Passenger Station and Baggage Room Building at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

The plans and specification may be seen at the office of the Superintendent, Charlottetown, P.E.I., and at the office of the Chief Engineer, Moncton, N.B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

All the conditions of the specification must be complied with

D. POTTINGER, General Manager.

Railway Office, Moncton N.B.,
23rd November, 1905.

A HANDSOME CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

One of the best Christmas numbers which we have seen so far is that of the Quebec 'Daily Telegraph,' and the publishers are to be congratulated on the enterprise and prosperity which make the production of such a handsome and interesting number possible. Bound in artistic covers, it contains 24 large pages of beautifully illustrated short stories and articles well calculated to appeal to lovers of old Quebec. The aim of the publishers—an aim in which they have succeeded well—was to produce a work which would serve the double purpose of advertising the community to the outside world and of typifying at the same time its growth and importance, as well as its remarkable advancement in all the arts and elements of future greatness. The supplement is accompanied by two colored pictures and large photos of Earl and Countess Grey.

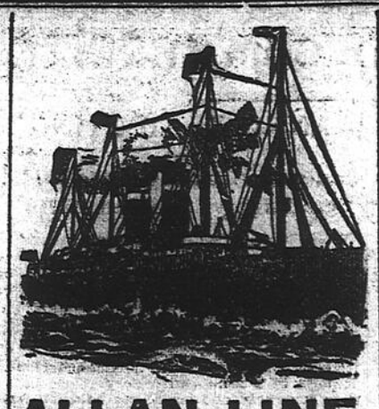
MR. JOHN McINTYRE, K.C., RETIRES.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 19.—Mr. John McIntyre, K.C., the dean of the Board of Education, has been a member of the board for fourteen years past, filling every position in the gift of the body, and now with regret by citizens and colleagues announces his retirement. He has added brilliance to educational functions in Kingston. To-night the retiring chairman, Mr. R. J. McKelvey, gives a dinner to his associates and friends.

RAILWAY PERSONALS.

Mr. Robert Kerr, of the C. P. R., and Mr. G. McL. Brown, the general passenger agent of the C. P. R. Atlantic liners, returned yesterday from their trip to Toronto and Chicago.

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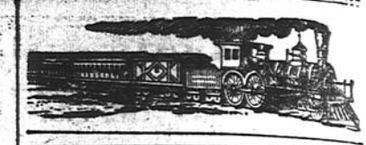
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I.—OLD MR. BRADFORD.

Dinner is over at Bank House, nd as old Mr. Bradford crosses from the dining room to the library for his coffee and after-dinner smoke a weary sigh escapes him. What a dull, wretched day it has been! Bank House stands on the lower side of the Remuera road, overlooking the harbor. What a view!—the foreground formed by the beautiful garden, where the English trees are shedding their leaves in many colors; away out across the water stretch Birkenhead, North Shore, and North Head, while farther to the right Bangitoto. This evening the last rays from the sunset touch the clouds piled along the horizon with rose, giving a strange grey contrast to the land across the water. Bank House is old-fashioned, and the library charming. In those days, when so often the personality of the owner is absolutely lost in the furnishing of a home, when people follow a craze of the moment—Tudor rose patterns and jail furniture—a room like the library at Bank House is a positive relief. The room has been used for years—in fact, since it was built—by its present occupant. Thirty years ago Mr. Bradford bought the site, and four years after built the house. It was here he brought his bride—poor Margaret Bradford, a delicate woman always. It was down this broad drive that she passed 25 years ago for the last time, when she went to her long rest in the little Tamaki churchyard. The old man—not an old man then—was broken-hearted, left wifeless and childless. As he sits to-night with his slippered feet on the library fender his thoughts wander back over the years to her, and to what might have been. How often the sensitive man is made to appear what others think him, simply because he does not trouble to disprove a false impression; or possibly he does not even know that such an impression exists. For report goes that old Mr. Bradford is a hard man and a miser—that he wouldn't spend a penny he could help. Some mothers, in fact, who live not far from him frighten their children when naughty by threatening 'Old Mr. Bradford.' And all this because an old man dreams his life away trying always to keep the past present!

This is not the face of a 'hard man' or a 'miser' that the firelight flickers over. And his careful old housekeeper—possibly it is through her careful management that he earns the name for meanness—has left his reading-lamp turned down, and in the flickering light the lines of the old face seem strangely deep. There is a sad droop to the mouth, the cheeks are high, and the eyes sunken. This is the face of a dreamer—a disappointed dreamer—who takes life patiently. Of what is he thinking? He is wishing, as, oh! he so often does, that he had had a child: a child to have given him an interest in life; a child to have played in this old house and garden, to have grown up in his charge and under his care; and then, when his call came to go and rest by Margaret, to have had an heir to the old home and his wealth. Ah, well! it was not to be. But why? Why, when so many have children—children more than they want or can support, children that many look upon only as an encumbrance, why should he never have had a son. All the tenderness that underlies that crippled nature has never had an outlet. Yes; just to think of bringing up a boy like the little curly-head next door; the little boy who only this evening had run to him at the gate, and, with bright eyes sparkling with excitement, had shown with such a proud air the gap where the first-drawn tooth had been. Some children have a way of stealing straight to the heart; and here was an old heart fairly longing for just such a little boy to steal into it.

What would he do if he had such a little boy in the house now—now, this minute? Supposing he were sleeping in a little white bed in that room opening off his own. think of how quiet he would have to be so as not to wake him. But he would have to carry the candle through to see if he were comfortable and sleeping soundly. And there would be that little curly head on the pillow, and one strong, round little arm thrown out on the quilt. Would he cover it up or not? No, he wouldn't; it might wake him, and that would never do. Ah, there, there! What an old fool it is—what an old fool!

II.—THE SUMMER HOUSE.

The morning is one of brilliant sunshine, and in the little cottage below Bank House three little boys have just had breakfast, and are standing in a row looking down on the harbor. The 'Frisco mail boat has just rounded North Head and is steaming up between North Head and North Shore, and three pairs of brown eyes are watching it with greatest interest.

'Wouldn't you like to be on her, Jack?' The second boy, the most talkative and the gayest of the three, breaks silence.

'Rather!' And as Jack turns to his brother he shows a gap in his lower row of teeth.

'Me would, too! Me would blow big whistle!' And Babs, the baby, blows out his cheeks, and in all seriousness makes the sound of a steamer's horn. His eyes suddenly catch sight of a little green moth that is wending its way in and out through the grass. 'Och!' Babs pounces, and soon the three little curly heads are together watching the antics of the moth as it crawls about on Babs's outstretched palm.

'I say, Jack, do let's go tto the summer-house again!' and Dick, the gay boy, slips his arm coaxingly round his brother's neck.

'No, we mustn't; you know dad said we weren't to.'

'Augh! do, Jack; no one'll know. We can get through the hole in the hedge and play at "deserted house" like we did last time.'

'No! If we go I know what it'll be: Babs'll want apples, and bawl if he doesn't get them; and dad says taking them that's stealing.'

'Me won't—no, me won't, Jack!' And Babs looks like all the virtues as he turns big, appealing eyes on his brother.

'Well, come on, then, Babs! Me and you'll go. Jack can stay here if he likes and hand in hand the pair start towards the back of the house and the hole in the hedge.

Jack follows them, and by the time they have scrambled throupgh, scruples are thrown to the wind. Jack, stick in hand, is Robinson Crusoe with a gun, Dick is Friday, and Babs, after much persuasion, consents to be 'the old he-goat.'

At the other end of the garden an old gentleman is enjoying the sunshine; he comes strolling down the path towards the summer-house. The chrysanthemums make a fair show and take all his attention as he approaches. Suddenly he hears voices!

At the same instant the children hear his steps, and silence reigns as he enters the summer-house. Three guilty little faces look up at him from the surrounding seat. Jack is the first to speak.

'Dad said we weren't to come, and we did.'

The old man is racking his brain for something to say to show that he is not displeased, and is quite as much taken aback as the children.

'It was wrong of you boys to come when dad said you weren't to; but I'm glad to see you.'

'You won't put us in jail, will you?' Jack's face looks very anxious. 'We haven't taken any apples this time.'

A smile lurks about the corners of the sad old mouth. 'No, Jack, and I wouldn't put you in jail for anything, and whenever you like you can take any of the apples that lie on the grass. But I don't want you to climb the trees. Now, will you promise me?'

'Yes,' a chorus from all three.

'Now, boys, what were you doing?'

Half an hour later the confidence of the children has been completely won, and Robinson Crusoe is being played in a new and wonderful manner.

(To be Continued.)

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

A CHRISTMAS DOLLAR.

(By Ida T. Thurston.)

Trudie was mending little Kiah's short trousers. There was generally a patch or a rip in those trousers for Trudie's small, tired fingers to mend, for the trousers were considerably older than four-year-old Kiah himself, having been made out of an old pair of his father's.

Father sat on the other side of the table reading. Trudie hated to interrupt him, but it must be done, so she peered around the lamp and said, softly, 'Daddy!'

Father put down his paper, and his kind face, with the little fine care-lines about the mouth, and the fast whitening hair above the forehead, smiled back into hers.

'Well, dear?' he said, inquiringly.

'Daddy, it's most Christmas, you know.' Trudie paused and looked at him anxiously.

'Why, so it is,' he answered, 'I'd forgotten all about it.' He sighed, then forced a smile to cover the sigh. 'I suppose now you want some Christmas presents; is that it?'

'Oh, no, Daddy, I don't want any,' Trudie hurriedly assured him; 'it's for the children. They're so little, you know, and I suppose they'd feel pretty bad if they didn't have anything.'

Daddy's blue eyes, so like Trudie's own, grew dim as they looked at the little thirteen-year-old house-mother.

'Poor little woman, it is hard for her,' he said to himself, and then he drew a long breath, remembering those heavy bills that he had been trying to pay off ever since Trudie's mother went to heaven, two years before. Trudie knew all about those bills, and that was why she hated so to ask her father for money. But there weer Mollie and the twins.

Father slowly pulled out his pocket-book—such a thin, shabby one it was—and took from it a dollar bill.

'I'm afraid that's all I can spare, little woman,' he said, as he handed it across the table.

'Oh, that's a plenty, Daddy dear!' she answered hastily. Father leaned over and kissed the brave, unselfish little face. 'Don't forget to buy something for yourself, child,' he told her.

She smiled up at him, but she did not promise to buy anything for herself.

'A great big girl like me,' she was thinking. 'As if I needed Christmas presents when daddy has such little money!'

There were two days before Christmas. All the next day as she went about her work Trudie was planning how to get the most out of that precious dollar. First of all, there must be a new, black tie for father. His was so shabby! Trudie had made it over, but somehow it looked made-over, and she didn't like to see him wear it Sundays. Well, a quarter would buy a new one, and then there would be seventy-five cents left for Mollie and the twins. Over and over Trudie planned what she would buy with that money. Mollie and Kiah and Bert talked of nothing but Christmas the next day. They wanted so many things! Trudie had to keep reminding them that they must not expect very much, but the little boys could not understand why Santa Claus should not bring anything and everything that they wanted; and even nine-year-old Mollie had some faith still in old Kriss Kringle.

Father was late to supper that night, and, after the lamp was lighted, Trudie set the children to cutting out pictures for their scrap-books to keep them quiet. She brought out for them the blunt scissors, a pile of old illustrated papers, and some colored concert bills that father had picked up in a store one day. The twins were delighted with the little bright colored bills. There was but one of each color, so they cut them in two and each claimed half of every one. Mollie scorned the colored bills. She wanted only the prettiest pictures from the papers.

While the children laughed and squabbled over the scrap-books, Trudie, sewing by the lamplight, was still planning about the Christmas gifts. Her little worn purse with the solitary bill, lay in her work-basket. Once she took the purse up and opened it to make sure that the precious bit of green paper was there. When she heard father's step outside she hurried to get the supper on the table, and afterwards she washed the dishes and Mollie wiped them, and Trudie took the twins up to bed. It was Bert's trousers that needed mending tonight, and she came down with them in her hand.

(To be continued.)

A CHRISTMAS VISITOR.

Papa, Archie and May went to the woods to get a Christmas tree and found just what they wanted—a little pine, bushy and straight.

'There is something I must cut off,' said Archie. He pointed to a little gray bunch on one of the twigs and pulled out his knife.

'No, no!' cried May, holding his hand. 'Let it stay. It is a poor little caterpillar's house.'

May was right. One Indian summer day a caterpillar, dressed in brown velvet, was taking a walk in the woods. At last he came to the little pine tree and thought to himself, 'What a nice place to spend the winter!'

So he made himself a little house. He made it very tight and close, of fine soft thread, and fastened up the door. He did not leave himself even a window to look out. If there had been one, how it would have surprised him to see that he was riding in a sleigh.

He would have been still more surprised if he had seen the tree standing in the parlor, covered with toys and trinkets and candles.

'It must be spring,' he thought, for it was warm in the parlor.

So he poked a hole in the wall of his house and out he came. But what do you think? He was not a caterpillar at all.

'Oh, see the lovely butterfly!' cried May.

He flew to the tip-top bough, and the children said there was nothing else on the tree so pretty as the butterfly.

'He must have come down the chimney with Santa Claus!' said May. She never guessed that he came out of the caterpillar's house.—Selected.

DAILY TEXT.

December 20.

'Take no thought how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.—Matt. x., 19.

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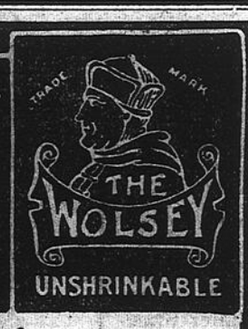
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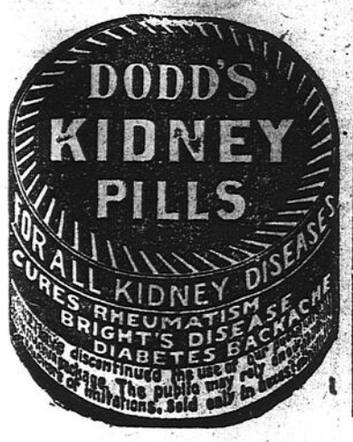
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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20.

TALKING WITH ONESELF.

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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF Montreal, Superior Court. No. 3185. Dame Alexina Forget dit Despatie, of the City and District of Montreal, wife common as to property of Israel Nantel, Wood Merchant, of the same place, duly authorized 'A ESTER EN JUSTICE,' has this day instituted an action in separation as to property against her said husband. Montreal, December 4th, 1905. CHS. BRUCHESI, Attorney for Plaintiff.

THE 'MONTEFIORE CLUB' HEREBY gives notice that it will apply to the Legislature of Quebec, at its next session, for an Act to confirm its incorporation, and to increase its powers. Montreal, December 6th, 1905. MARCUS J. HIRSCH, Hon. Secretary.

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The DOMINION PARK COMPANY will give a prize of **$100.00** in gold coin for an original, attractive and appropriate name for this beautiful Park.

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This contest will close at midnight, December 31st, 1905, and the prize will be awarded on or before January 10, 1906.

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Mark Envelope "NAME CONTEST."

THE LATE MRS. CHARLTON.

One of the noblest of Norfolk's daughters died on Dec. 18. She was a Christian woman, always taking a deep interest in Sabbath affairs, in the temperance cause, and in all branches of church work, both at her home in Lynedoch and in Ottawa. She was a loving and devoted wife, and was a great help and inspiration to her husband.

Ella Gray was born at Portage, N.Y. She came with her father, George Gray, to Charlotteville, Norfolk county, in April, 1848. She married John Charlton, at Lynedoch, Ontario, on Nov. 4, 1854. At that time her husband was a partner with her father in a store at Lynedoch. In 1859 Mr. Charlton engaged in lumbering, and Mrs. Charlton often accompanied him in his wanderings. After he became a member of parliament in 1872, Mrs. Charlton went with him to Ottawa during the sessions of parliament, and from 1876 to 1903 she only missed one session—that of 1888—when she remained at home with her mother, who was ill, and whose death took place during that session.

Mrs. Charlton upon different occasions accompanied her husband to California, British Columbia, and other points. She also went with him to Quebec and Washington in 1898, when the Joint High Commission was in session, and made many friends, especially at the latter place.

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Mrs. Charlton was always greatly interested in her husband's public career, but she seemed especially interested in his fight for better trade relations between Canada and the United States. It was often her privilege to listen to his speeches upon this subject.

Mrs. Charlton's health began to fail in the fall of 1904, and she became an invalid. Her sojourn to Clifton Springs last June was beneficial, but it soon became evident that she could not recover. Her death is mourned by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. James W. Fraser, and a large circle of relatives and friends.

STRIKE OF STOVE WORKERS ENDED.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—The twenty stove mounters employed in Burrow, Stewart & Milne's foundry, who went on strike on Monday because a non-union man was employed to work with them, will return to work to-day. The strikers had a conference with the heads of the firm yesterday afternoon, and it was agreed by them that the non-union man should be discharged.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

The quarterly meeting of the Caledonian Society was held last night, at St. Andrew's Home. In the absence of the president, Mr. William McNab, the first vice-president occupied the chair. It was decided that the annual children's social of the society shall be held in February. The date is not definitely decided upon. The 'Burns' anniversary will be held on Jan. 25. A subscription list was also opened for the St. Andrew's charitable fund, and $50 was subscribed. The fund will be devoted to the distribution of Christmas gifts among the poor to-morow.

A FAIR PRICE FOR GAS.

Professor Bemis Places it at Ninety Cents for Lighting and Eighty Cents for Cooking

MR. HOLT WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO INSPECT MONTREAL LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER'S PLANT.

Gas at 87 cents per thousand feet will yield a profit; and if separate prices are to be charged, then gas for lighting at 90 cents and gas for fuel at 80 cents, can be manufactured and sold so as to yield a reasonable profit to the manufacturer.

Such is the substance of the report by Professor Bemis, of Cleveland, Ohio, who was recently appointed by the city to make an expert report on the cost of gas manufacture i nthis city, and whose conclusions were read at the City Council meeting held yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Bemis's estimate includes cost of delivery, and he sets down the capital expenditure for the establishment of a gas plant large enough for the city's immediate requirements at $4,171,000, and one large enough to meet requirements for several years to come at $5,056,819.

In considering the following details from the report, it is instructive to bear in mind that the present price charged for gas in Montreal by the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company is $1.20 for lighting and $1 for fuel. The latest oger made by the company provided for the reduction of prices according to a sliding scale until gas for lighting was $1 and gas for fuel 90 cents. The present contract will elapse in five years' time.

In opening, Mr. Bemis lays stress upon the fact that the president of the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company had refused to allow him to inspect the Montreal gas works on the ground that the council was so unfriendly that it was useless to discuss the matter with them. Mr. Holt had, he said, told him that he placed his reliance upon the parliament at Ottawa, and had said that even if the city should issue bonds and erect an up-to-date plant, his company would and could so reduce the price as to undersell the city.

Proceeding, Mr. Bemis remarked that it was necessary to consider the cost of an up-to-date plant capable of a daily output of three million feet, or about 1,100,000,000 feet per year, so built as to be capable of much extension, and at the same time be able to meet the largest demand of the winter days, which might amount to a maximum of six million feet. A holder of four and a half million feet capacity would be desirable, although that would be considerably in advance of the capacity of the present plant.

The present gas company had approximately between 200 and 250 miles of mains, as compared with three hundred in Toronto. Toronto, although smaller than Montreal, used 25 percent more gas than Montreal. Therefore, Mr. Bemis made a report on a plant with 300 miles of mains, with figures for a 200 and 250 miles of main system also.

DISTRIBUTION SERVICE.

The cost of 300 miles of mains varying as required from three to thirty inches in diameter, laid through the varying paved and unpaved streets and the different rock and other strata to be encountered here, would be $2,065,819; for 250 miles, $1,721,516; for 200 miles, $1,377,213.

It is estimated that there are now 30,000 services with 45,000 meters. The total cost of these services would be about $544,500.

The meters at $8 apiece would cost, say, about $360,000.

Total cost of distribution service:—

Total estimated cost of new meters and services	$ 904,500
Total estimated cost meters and services and 300 miles street mains	2,970,319
Total estimated cost meters and services and 250 miles street mains	2,626,016
Total estimated cost meters and services and 200 miles street mains	2,281,713

For a population of three hundred thousand a coal gas plant of four hundred thousand feet capacity daily would suffice. But for a city of the size of Montreal, such a plant should be supplemented with a water gas plant of two million feet capacity daily, so arranged that another million feet daily of water gas could easily be added. The cost of this may be summarized as follows:—

Coal gas, capacity 4,000,000 feet daily	$ 800,000
Water gas, 2,000,000 feet capacity	200,000
Holders, 4,500,000 feet capacity	345.000
Land	200,000
Total	$1,545,000
1,000,000 daily capacity water gas plant	$ 100,000
3,000,000 feet holder	175,000
Total for 7,000,000 feet	$1,820,000

PLANT AND DISTRIBUTION.

Entire cost of manufacturing and distributing system, with 250 miles mains, $6,000,000.

The cost for the daily capacity, which would thus apparently be sufficient for Montreal, would be as follows:—

Mains	$1,721,000
Meters and services	904,500
	$2,625,500
Manufacturing plant and holders	1,545,000
Total	$4,170,500

It should be again repeated that the present plant of the Montreal Gas Company, through depreciation, etc., and also that the original plant has not sufficiently large holders, mains or services, which were, moreover, not put at the proper depth, must be now worth much less than the above amount. If worth 70 percent of that amount, it would be only to-day worth, say, $2,919,750.

AN EXTENDED PLANT.

The next table gives the estimated amount that a plant such as Montreal would soon need, if a liberal policy in reduction of price and extension of mains was followed as it inevitably would be by a large increase in consumption:—

Cost of 50,000 meters	1,161,000
Cost of 0,000 meters	1,161,0000
Total for distributing system	4,226,819
Manufacturing plant with 3,000,000 feet daily capacity and 7,500,000 feet holder	1,820,000
Total cost	$5,056,819

The report proceeds: This latter figure should cover a plant sufficient to supply Montreal and suburbs for several years, while the previous total of $4,170,500 would apparently be sufficient for its immediate needs with suburbs, while providing a good up-to-date plant.

COMPARISON WITH TORONTO.

The Toronto Gas Company distributed last year 1,374,000 feet of gas and has three hundred miles of street mains of a smaller average size than those provided for above. If, however, the above estimate were changed so as to allow for ten miles more of twenty-inch mains on unpaved streets, and ten miles less of six-inch, the total estimate of the three hundred miles would only be increased by $210,000. If the increase took the form of two miles more of twenty-inch, three miles of sixteen-inch, and five miles of ten-inch, with ten miles less of six-inch, the net increase in the above estimate of three hundred miles would only be $105,000, making a total of the entire plant of $5,152,000. The corresponding estimate for two hundred and fifty miles would be $4,260,000.

Since the sales of gas are now in the neighborhood of nine hundred million feet and would rapidly jump to a billion feet with any considerable reduction in the price of gas, the above computations mean that a new plant could be constructed for not over $4.30 a thousand feet of annual sales, and this plant could be so constructed that with the growth of business it would be increased at moderate cost, so that within five years the construction cost would not exceed four dollars per thousand feet of annual sales.

The present plant probably does not have a structural value, in view of the age and size of its mains and services, etc., of more than three dollars per thousand feet of annual sales. It will be observed that a return of six percent on an investment of $4.30 per thousand feet of annual sales would be only twenty-six cents per thousand feet. The city could probably borrow for four percent, and put the other two percent in the sinking fund. The private company could probably borrow one-half of the capital at five percent, and have seven percent profit for the other half of the capital in the form of stock.

COST OF PRODUCTION.

Owing to the refusal of the gas company to allow an inspection of their books or to give exact information on prices of coal, oil, or residuals, it is impossible to state exactly what gas is now costing the present company. It is likewise difficult to give a close estimate of the cost of operation of a modern up-to-date plant; yet it is possible to approximate this item with some degree of closeness. I have been able to obtain copies of the reports of the Montreal company to its stockholders for each of the five years ending Feb. 29, 1896, and a synopsis of the report for the next year. Unfortunately these reports did not contain the number of feet of gas made or sold; but knowing the receipts for the sale of gas and the price of gas it is possible to determine the amount of sales within five percent.

In 1892-03 the price of gas to the ordinary consumer was $1.40 for the first quarter of the year, and $1.30 the remaining three-quarters of the year, or an average of $1.32.2. The receipts for sales of gas that year were $573,014, and for street lamps $13,045, or a total of $586,059. This would imply sales of gas at $1.32.2 per thousand feet for four hundred and forty-two million feet. Some gas was probably sold to large consumers, as it is now, for a lower price; so that the statement made in a Montreal paper, Aug. 2, 1895, that the sales were 459,535,000 the year we are considering seems reasonable.

THE GAS COMPANY'S PROBABLE PROFIT.

Using these figures for a divisor, it appears that the total cost of the manufacture of gas and delivery of it to the holder, after deducting the residuals, was under forty-three cents per thousand feet of gas sold, while the entire distribution expense, including taxes and all other expenses, save return on the investment, were only 17.7 cents per thousand feet, or a total of about sixty cents. The total operating expenses in 1892-03 would be increased only four cents, even if the lowest possible allowance for gas sold that year to be taken as our divisor. The reports of the next few years speak of extensive improvements in the plant, by which it largely reduced its leakage, economized in labor, and by the use of water gas, gave a better product to the consumer.

Despite the increase in consumption, which in the face of the business depression came with the growth of the city, and the reduction in the price, the total operating expenses at the works were less in 1895-6 than in 1892-3, and the cost of distribution, including repairs to mains, meters and services, salaries, taxes insurance, cartage, printing and stationery, loss by bad debts, etc., was only one thousand dollars greater in 1895-6 than three years before. Even in 1896-7, with a sudden large jump of about ten percent in the consumption of gas, the distribution expenses seems to have increased very little.

The repairs, renewals and replacements were about eight cents per thousand feet of annual sales during these years, and are included in the above return of about sixty cents in 1892-03. It appears probable that the cost of gas has steadily declined since then, and must be now less than sixty cents, and possibly less than fifty-five cents, even in the face of the increased price for oil during the last five years.

MONTREAL AND TORONTO.

The accounts of the city of Toronto are published with more completeness than those of any other large gas company in Canada. The city owns a small portion of the stock and is represented on the board of directors by the mayor. Consequently, the returns of the city ought to throw some light on the cost of gas in Montreal.

The total cost of gas in Toronto in the year ending Oct. 1, 1905, was 60.93 cents per 1,000 feet of gas sales, but this included a renewal and repair fund of 13.58 cents, which is considered by leading authorities in the gas business a little larger than is necessary. Twelve cents is thought to be a fair amount under ordinary circumstances, while the eight cents set aside for the purpose in Montreal twelve years ago was hardly sufficient.

In Toronto it may be noticed that the cost of gas in the holder for 1,000 feet, aside from the repairs made in the year just closed, was 31.11 cents per 1,000 feet of gas made, or 35.07 cents per 1,000 feet of gas sold, after allowing for the leakage and unaccounted for gas of 8.45 percent, while the cost of distribution was 9.13 cents per 1,000 feet of gas sold, aside from repairs. Taxes were 3.15 cents, making a total of 47.35 cents. Adding the 13.58 cents for repairs and renewals, gives the total of 60.93 cents.

These distribution expenses of about nine cents aside from repairs and taxes are approximately the same as in other well managed companies of the size of the Montreal and Toronto plants.

A DETAILED ESTIMATE.

In Montreal it would be desirable to make some water gas to mix with the

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A brand new notion to the 'peop' don't balk at what they tell,
He started on a brisk crusade to warn each smiling friend
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But to his great astonishment, the folks he came across.
Were looking most amazing well and HIS seemed all the loss.
For while they sipped their morning cup, or demi-tasse at noon,
And seemed to thrive, he grew more thin and sombre. Pretty soon,
He wondered if he wasn't wrong, and he removed the ban
When Chase & Sanborn had explained what went in every can.
And as we ARE, much as we THINK, his nightmares he forgot,
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coal gas as now, and thereby increase the candle power. The present candle power is given by the government gas inspector as averaging about eighteen c. p., but the mixture provided for in the following estimate of one-third water gas and two-thirds coal gas would give a somewhat higher candle power. In view, however, of the increasing use of Welsbach burners for lighting, and of the larger relative importance for cooking and other fuel purposes, and average candle power throughout the year of 18 c. p. is recommended rather than a higher and more expensive candle power which is scarcely any better for Welsbach burners or for fuel uses. In the following estimate, however, as already stated, a candle power a little above eighteen is provided for.

The cost of gas is usually divided into the cost of production, including delivery into the holders, and the cost of distribution to the burner. Following this division the operating expenses aside, that is from profit or interest on the investment, I estimate as follows:—

Production Coal Gas.	
Coal, 2240 lbs. at $3.80 per ton.	$3.80
Less 900 lbs. coke at $3.60.. ..	1.62
Twelve imperial gallons of tar at .03..	.36
Nine imperial gallons ammoniacal liquor at .04..	.36
Totals residuals..	2.34
Net cost of coal per ton producing 9,000 feet of gas	1.46
Net cost of coal per 1,000 feet..	.16
Wages, superintendence per 1,000 feet	.10
Repairs and renewals..	.05
Purification	.03
Incidentals..	.01
Total cost in holder..	.35
Purification, water gas.	
Oil, 3.6 imp. gals. at 6½c.. ..	.23.4c
35 pounds coke in generators at $3.60 per ton..	6.3
Wages and superintendence	4
Repairs..	2
15 pounds coke under boilers at $3.60 per ton..	2.7
Water..	0.5
Purifying..	0.2
Incidentals..	1
	40.1
Less 1-3 gal. tar at .03..	1
Net cost water gas in holder ..	39.1
Net cost per 1,000 feet of mixture of 2-3 coal gas and 1-3 water gas	36.5
Cost per thousand feet after deducting twelve percent for leakage and unaccounted for gas between holder and burner..	41.25
Distribution.	
Repairs..	$ 4.00
Taxes....	3.50
Other distribution..	9.25
Total....	$16.75
Production as above..	41.25
Cost in burner without depreciation..	58.00
Depreciation or reserve for ultimate renewals that cannot be made from year to year..	3.00
Grand total operating gas in burner..	$ 61.00
Return on structural value at 6 percent..	26.00
Reasonable price..	87.00

Reasonable price if separate prices are charged for lighting and for fuel would be—

For light....	$ 90.00
For fuel....	80.00

GAS FOR FUEL PURPOSES.

The company or city can well afford to make a lower price for gas for fuel purposes than for lighting, since gas for the former purpose is chiefly used during the day time, when there is no other use for the mains, and so there is a greater room for cultivating an increased use for gas for fuel purposes by a low-priced gas than for lighting purposes.

In Massachusetts, where alone in all the United States careful record has been kept on the subject, I have found 23 cases of considerable reductions in prices of gas have been made during the last 10 years. In most of these cases the reduction was from 15 to 25 cents per thousand feet. In 15 of the 23 cases the sale of gas increased so fast with the reduction of the price that the profits were as great the year following the reduction in prices as they had been the year before the reduction. In nearly all of the other eight cases it only took one or two more years to bring this about and restore the net profits to their old amount. The fact is, that reduction in price brings increased consumption along the existing lines of mains and services, and through the existing meters without involving much increase in either capital or distribution expenses.

It is believed, therefore, that the above estimates of cost are conservative, and that a new plant, or even the existing plant, could do better than this with the economies that would come with the increased consumption following a reduction in price.

CRITICISM CHALLENGED.

The fact that Toronto, which is much smaller than Montreal, uses 200,000,000 feet more gas must be attributed in part to the fact that the price there is only 80 cents for both illuminating and fuel purposes. The difference in the character of the population would not be sufficient otherwise to explain the great difference in the consumption of gas per inhabitant. Few companies realize the enormous gains in sales, and even in profits, that accompany such a reduction in the price of gas, especially for fuel purposes, as will stimulate its extensive use in any community.

If serious criticism is made of the above estimates, I shall be pleased to comment upon them in a further communication to your honorable body.

In giving the above estimates as to the cost of a plant and its operation, little direct reference has been made to the reports already in your possession from your own city officials. It has seemed to me much better to make my report in this way. Anyone then can easily compare the two. As already remarked, however, the men making the original reports to you have been of great help to me in furnishing information, and I have every reason to believe that their reports to you were made in perfect sincerity and with all the information which they were able to gather. It will be noticed that there is not any large difference between the reports as to the cost of construction of plant. My estimates for operation are somewhat higher than theirs. Possibly they are too high. I think, if anything they should be reduced rather than increased, but at the same time it has always seemed to me wise to be conservative in such a matter, and there are difficulties on account of the climate and character of the soil in the operation of a plant in Montreal which do not confront many companies elsewhere.

The reading of the report was followed with the keenest interest, after an attempt by Ald. Lavallée to obtain a reading of the conclusions only had been vetoed by the council. It was afterwards laid on the table, and the council decided that it should be printed in the 'Official Gazette.'

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Mr. Julian J. LeBlanc, Belle Cote, N.S., writes: "I was troubled with a bad cold and severe cough, which assumed such an attitude as to keep me confined to my house. I tried several remedies advertised but they were of no avail. As a last resort I tried Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and one bottle cured me completely."

NEW SCHOOL FOR CALGARY.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 19.—The contract for a stone school to be erected in the South Ward of this city, was yesterday given to W. B. McLaughlin, of Wetaskiwin, for $60,65', subject to the citizens' approval. Architect's fees and heating are not included in the contract figures. Tenders were also opened by the school board for a four-roomed school, to be built in this city, east of the Elbow river, but as they were much higher than was expected, it was decided to change the specifications.

IN THE FIELD OF LABOR.

GARMENT WORKERS.

Mr. Samuel L. Landers, general organizer of the United Garment Workers of America, is in the city, having just arrived from Toronto, where he conducted a successful shop strike at the Lowndes Clothing Company, in which locals 202, 180, 185 and 186 of the Garment Workers were involved.

Previous to this Mr. Landers attended a meeting of the general executive board of the Garment Workers at Rochester, N.Y., at which several important matters were taken up. The referendum vote submitted to the entire membership to raise the per capita tax from twelve to fifteen cents, was defeated, the amendment to the constitution making it compulsory to have a Canadian on the general executive board was carried. The plan to amalgamate the United Garment Workers of America and the Journeymen Tailors' Union of America will likely be defeated, as the vote coming in appears to be against the scheme. The general president, Mr. T. A. Rickert, says on the subject: 'Its defeat at this time will not kill the scheme entirely; it will be submitted again and it will likely be defeated two or three times before the membership of both organizations understand the necessity of carrying it.'

In reply to a query as to the situation here in Montreal among the garment workers, Mr. Landers replied: 'I am perfectly satisfied with the outlook; sixty new members were taken in at a recent mass meeting, and at each regular meeting members are coming in under the banner of the U. G. W. of A. Many who held aloof while the union was purely a national one are affiliating since the new local, No. 134, is affiliated with an international organization, which in turn is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, with a membership of three million men and women in the United States and Canada. This, of course, includes Porto Rico, Hawaii and Newfoundland, although the membership in these places is not very large.

Mr. Landers has arranged for Mr. B. Schweitzer, another member of the board, who is a fluent Yiddish speaker, to be here for two mass meetings. The latter will speak at a meeting on Saturday afternoon in Empire Hall for clothing pressers exclusively, when their new charter will be granted, making four separate unions in Montreal of the United Garment Workers of America. Then on Sunday afternoon, in the same hall, a mass meeting of all tailors will be held, addressed by Messrs. Schweitzer and Landers.

'We will not rest until we have at least ten thousand of the fifteen thousand tailors in Montreal in our organization,' said Mr. Landers.

'Will you strike when you control the situation?' asked the 'Witness' reporter.

'No,' replied Mr. Landers, 'a well organized trade need not strike to better their conditions. A strike is the last medium applied, and is resorted to only when it is forced upon us. There will certainly be no strikes in Montreal among the tailoring trades. We believe that the manufacturers and contractors are wise enough, should any demands be made, to meet a committee from their workers and, in a conciliatory spirit, discuss matters and come to an amicable agreement and remain quietly at their work while negotiations are proceeding. Strikes are costly to both sides and engender bitterness between employees and employers. But they can be avoided if both sides show a desire to consider each other's interests.'



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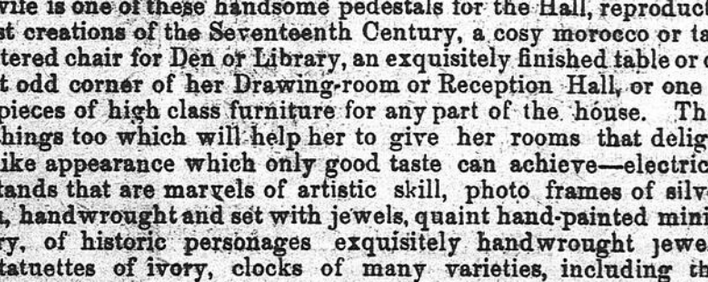
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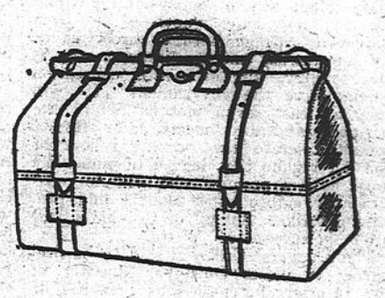
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A GENERAL STRIKE.

A Call Issued for Tie-Up Throughout the Russian Empire To-morrow

DURNOVO'S DESPATCHES HELD UP BY RAILWAY TELEGRAPHERS.

(Associated Press Despatch.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—2.05 a.m.)—A call for a general political strike in Russia, to begin on Thursday at noon, was issued to-night. The call is approved by the Union of Unions, the Union of Peasants and the General Railway Union, and the Councils of Workmen of St. Petersburg and Moscow.

A response received from the railwaymen of Moscow is unanimously for a strike. The leaders have declared their ability to stop every railway in Russia.

The strike order renders every member of the unions signing it liable to arrest and punishment under the new strike law. The Minister of the Interior, M. Durnovo, attempted to telegraph orders to Moscow to arrest members of the Railway Union and of the Workmen's Council, but the despatches were held up by the railway telegraphers.

WORKMEN'S MANIFESTO.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Central Labor Bureau of the Moscow Union of Unions has approved the decision of the workmen's delegates to order a general strike, which will be declared to-day. A manifesto has been framed accusing the government of provoking the conflict by a new series of crimes, that is, the arresting of peasants, of members of the congresses, and the leaders of the Council of Workmen's Delegates, the suspending of newspapers, and menacing the rights of the people conferred by the Czar's manifesto. The workmen's manifesto says:

'The government thus drives the revolutionary movement further along the fatal path. Its continuance in power is a danger to the country, entailing innumerable calamities and bloodshed.'

CORRESPONDENT IMPRISONED.

Paris, Dec. 19.—A despatch to the 'Eclair' from St. Petersburg says that M. Springer, who is correspondent of a European news agency there, and has for a long time represented an American agency also, has been arrested and sent to the fortress of St. Peter and Paul. The name of the St. Petersburg correspondent of the agency referred to is Guy Binger.

ROJESTVENSKY ARRIVES HOME

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Admiral Rojestvensky and chief members of the staff arrived here to-night. The Admiral, whose head was still swathed in bandages, gave evidence of the strain and mental suffering he had undergone. He was visibly pleased with the hearty welcome he received from a large crowd, which included many students and workmen, but he merely doffed his hat and, without speaking, hurried to a carriage. The carriage was accompanied by the crowd, which continued to cheer until the vehicle turned into the Nevsky Prospect. The higher officers of the navy were represented only by Admiral Niedermuller.

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

THE HOPE OF RUSSIA NOW CENTRES IN BODY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATION.

(London 'Times' and Montreal 'Gazette' Service.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—There is no hope of bringing the country out of its present position except by an assembly representative of the nation. A well-informed personage said to me this evening: 'The government cannot possibly adopt any other system. I think we may now expect nothing less than universal suffrage with a direct ballot in the towns, and an indirect one in the country, but even this concession cannot save the government. It will take at least seven months before the national assembly meets, and Russia cannot tolerate the present relics of the old regime that length of time. We must have a premier who will not continuously embroil the country and provoke a strike. Shipoff or Gotchkoff will probably succeed M. Witte.'

The Lawyers' Union is said to be preparing to indict Durnovo, Minister of the Interior, for numerous breaches of the law. Alexander Statthovitch, in a letter, accuses the minister of using his official position to extort money from army contractors.

The festival of St. Nicholas passed quietly. To the casual observer nothing betokened the imminence of another upheaval. The thirty odd members of the labor executive committee had not reached the decision to throw the country into the turmoil of a general strike. They wandered through the night from one meeting place to another, but everywhere found police on their tracks, and only at six o'clock this morning were they able to hold a consultation. They determined to wait another day till the railway men should signify their line of action. There is no disguising the fact that the workmen will enter the struggle with heavy hearts.

The 'Official Messenger' prints the usual list of birthday honors, which, curiously enough, is confined entirely to the army. It also prints a statement promising soldiers soap and towels in addition to the comforts mentioned yesterday.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—The Associated Press learns authoritatively that the advocates of universal suffrage had the upper hand in the council at Tsarkoe-Selo yesterday. The Emperor, who presided, expressed the wish that the representatives of the zemstvo congress should first present their views. Thereupon Dmitri Shipoff pointed out the gravity of the present situation. He urged not only the theoretical advantage of granting a system of universal suffrage, but also its absolute necessity from a tactical standpoint.

The Emperor asked M. Shipoff bluntly whether he regarded universal suffrage as necessary for the best interests of the country and the people, to which M. Shipoff replied emphatically that he did.

Count Bobrinsky, master of the court, who heretofore has been an implacable opponent of unrestricted suffrage, confessed that two weeks ago he believed such a suffrage would never be conceded. Now, however, he was convinced that all considerations must give way to a single interest, the salvation of the Fatherland. Universal suffrage, he said, had become the watchword of the people, and in such a crisis the government must seize the psychological moment.

During the dinner which followed, with Count Witte at the head of the table, even the most reactionary of those present hinted that it might be necessary, after all, to grant universal suffrage. It is now understood that Count Witte is determined to force through a universal suffrage scheme to-morrow.

Russia is apparently on the eve of a great, if not a final struggle, for mastery between the government and the proletariat. Both sides have lined up for battle.

There is an air of suppressed excitement throughout the city. The streets have a holiday appearance in honor of the Emperor's name day, and are crowded.

Collisions between the Reds and the Loyalists are momentarily expected, but fortunately none has been reported up to this hour.

Batteries of machine guns are stationed at several points of vantage throughout the city, and patrols of infantry and Cossacks are everywhere. A specially heavy guard is stationed near the Jewish market.

Services were held in all the churches to-day, and in every barracks the Emperor's order for an increase of pay and food was read. It increases the annual pay of the army from $1.35 per year to $3 in case of the ordinary privates, and of from $3 to $6 for privates of the Guard. The pay for the non-commissioned officers is increased in proportion, in the case of highest of the sergeant-majors amounting to $36.

ENTOMBED MEN WERE SAVED

RESCUED BY THREE DARING SWIMMERS FROM AN AWFUL DEATH.

New York, Dec. 19.—Three daring swimmers to-day rescued the two Italian laborers, who for more than forty hours had been imprisoned in the East River tunnel of the Pennsylvania Railway, by a cave-in at the Long Island City end of the underwater bore.

Surrounded by water which threatened to engulf them the moment the compressed air should fail to hold it in check, the two entombed men had kept up constant communication with the surface by rapping on the pipes which brought them air. They were almost exhausted when the three men swam up to the platform on which they were huddled, and induced the frightened men to plunge into the water. The two stronger swimmers of the three each took a man upon his back, while the third swam alongside ready to lend assistance.

Ever since the cave-in, which filled the shore end of the bore where the men worked, more than a hundred laborers had worked desperately to sink a shaft to the point where the imprisoned men were thought to be located. Late to-day they reached the concrete top of the tunnel. Then the work became so tedious and slow that it seemed the men could not be reached while alive.

In the meantime, powerful pumps were working to overcome the inflow of water. At first they did not seem to gain, but finallly there came a slight lowering of the level. A rowboat was sent for, but when it arrived it was seen that it must be hours before the water would be sufficiently reduced to permit it to enter. Finally some one suggested that the rescuers swim to the exhausted men.

Benjamin Lewis, a cousin of one of the imprisoned men; Chas. P. Purdorn and Philip Edlondo volunteered for the task, and plunged into the icy waters. Barely two feet separated the tunnel from the surface of the flood water.

Then followed anxious moments for the watchers outside. At last a splashing of water was heard, and Lewis appeared in view with one of the entombed men on his back. Edlondo next appeared with the second laborer clinging desperately to his shoulders.

Rescuers and rescued were dined by the tunnel contractors to-night. To-morrow work will be resumed.

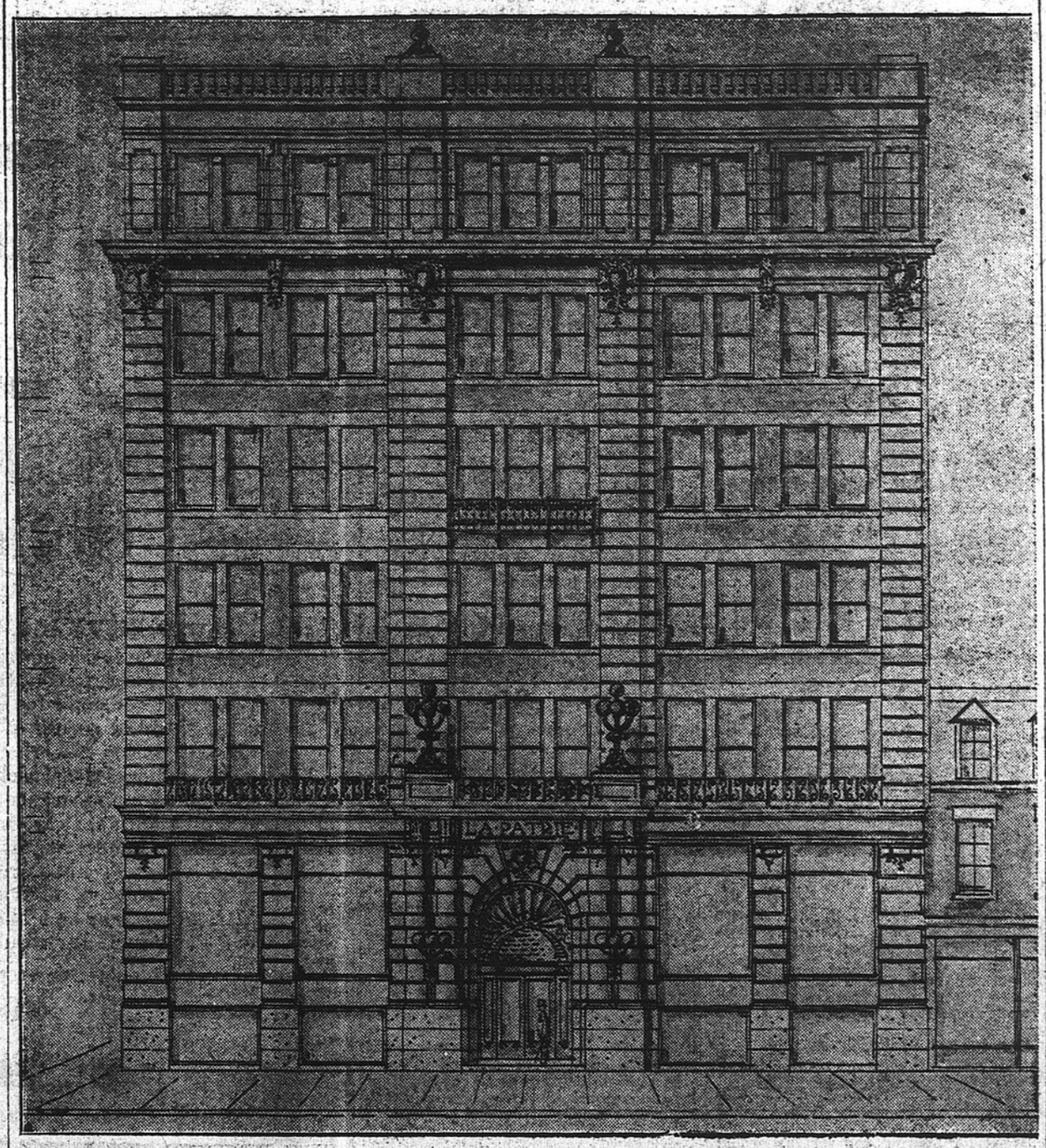
CANADIANS AGAIN WIN

SUCCESSFUL AT CHICAGO SHOW IN BREEDING CLYDESDALE CLASS.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Canadians took premier honors in the Breeding Clydesdale class of the International Live Stock Show here to-day. The chief rivals were the firm of Graham Brothers, of Ontario, and Galbraith & Sons, of Janesville, Wis.

In the fat sheep class R. H. Harding, of Thorndale, Ont., took three firsts in the Dorset class.

AN UP-TOWN NEWSPAPER OFFICE.



The above shows the new building which the 'Patrie' will erect at the corner of St. Catherine street and City Hall avenue next spring. The new premises will be six stories high, with a frontage of seventy-four feet on St. Catherine street and ninety-four feet on City Hall avenue. The building will be made of sandstone and buff brick, the pillars of the ground floor being of grey granite. The architecture will be of Renaissance style. The building will be equipped with the most modern improvements. The architects are Messrs. J. A. Turgeon and G. A. Monette.

YORK COUNTY LOAN

Effort Made to Upset Winding-up Order.

CHIEF JUSTICE MEREDITH TAKES FIRM STAND IN INTERESTS OF SHAREHOLDERS.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—An attempt to upset Judge Teetzell's winding-up order in the case of the York County Loan was made before Chief Justice Meredith in single court yesterday. Mr. James Bicknell, K.C., for a number of outside shareholders, made the application, arguing first that the company, having a provincial charter, could not come under the Dominion Winding-up Act; secondly, that the company was not insolvent, and that the shareholders, as such, were not creditors. Chief Justice Meredith replied that the shareholders were creditors, and very serious creditors, and he declined to consider the question of insolvency. The act of the directors was an admission of their inability to conduct the affairs of the company. He refused leave to appeal against the winding-up order on the point of insolvency. On the point as to the jurisdiction of the Dominion Winding-up Act, the Chief Justice granted leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal, with the proviso, however, that the liquidation proceedings should not be stayed unless so ordered by the Court of Appeal. Chief Justice Meredith added that he could not see what advantage would be gained by the shareholders to have the winding-up done by the officials of an inferior court, officials who had no experience in such matters.

Besides the real estate of the company situated west of Parkdale, and valued at from $870,000 up to nearly a million and a half, the assets are reported to include bonds of the following companies to the amount given:—

Southern Light & Power Co.	$205,000
Liszt Piano Factory	50,000
Funds advanced to subsidiary undertaking Liszt Piano factory	60,000
Printing business	5,000
Call loan to insurance company	50,000
Stock Toronto Life Insurance Co.	10,000
Loan made to individual	3,000
Stock in hardware company	5,000
Total	$389,000

In most if not all of the above companies Joseph Phillips, the president of the York County Loan Company, is reported to be interested. The light and power venture is not yet in a position to earn money, and it is not thought that the other investments will be immediately saleable at full values.

IN KINGSTON.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 20.—A petition has been signed by a large number of the shareholders of the York County Loan Company asking Ald. J. M. Mowat to act as solicitor for them in collecting their claims. He has consented, and is now taking steps to look after the claims of his clients. If necessary he will soon call the shareholders together.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 20.—Local shareholders of the York County Loan last evening passed a resolution of want of confidence in the management of the concern and of confidence in the Dominion Trust Company. They also endorsed the winding up proceedings, and appointed a committee to watch their interests.

AGAINST THE TRUSTS

ACTION IN PLUMBERS' CASE BEGUN YESTERDAY.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The conspiracy charges against the individual members of the Master Plumbers' Association were commenced in the Police Court to-day. There are a hundred and sixty-five in all. Mr. W. H. Meredith, secretary of the association, was put in the box to show that the accused men were members of the association, that they were interested in the association's workings, and had taken the obligations. This evidence took up the entire morning session.

SHIP LABORERS' SOCIETY.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 19.—A new body of longshoremen in opposition of the 'Longshoremen's Association, was organized here to-night, as an outcome of the recent troubles. It was decided to call the new organization the St. John Ship Laborers' Society, the name of one of the bodies which some years ago united with the 'Longshoremen's Association. Ninety-seven men signed the roll. The new society expects to get all the Allan line work.

BRIBERY IN SASKATCHEWAN

ONE MAN FINED A HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR PURCHASING VOTES.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 19.—It is reported that several arrests have been made in North Qu'Appelle, the Hon. Mr. Motherwell's constituency, for bribery. One man has been fined a hundred dollars for buying votes in the Liberal interests.

KILLED BY A HEAVY STONE.

London, Ont., Dec. 19.—While a stone weighing four hundred and fifty pounds was being placed on the new military stores building at Wolseley barracks, this morning, Fred. Northey, a mason, was instantly killed, and his helper, Stanley Ferns, badly injured, though not fatally. While being imbedded, the stone became unbalanced and fell to the ground, crashing through the scantlings and other preps on its downfall, and carrying the two men with it.

WESTERN HOSPITAL VISITORS.

The visiting governors to the Western General Hospital for the week commencing Dec. 18 are Messrs. J. A. Gillespie, Thomas Gilday and F. E. Gilman.

CANADIAN CABLES

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 19. — Mr. Winston Churchill, under secretary for the colonies, speaking last night at Deptford, declined to believe that the brave colonials who had helped in the war in South Africa would demand as a price of their loyalty certain paltry preferences on corn, meat and wool, which could only be obtained at the expense of the poorest people in the old land. It was a slander on their loyalty. If the Tory party was returned it would be with Mr. Chamberlain at its head, pledged to tax every article of food but maize and bacon.

A Melbourne despatch states that the report of the agents-general at London, just published, indicates, if proper inducements are offered, that 2,000 adults yearly would be settled in Australia.

The Dublin 'Express' correspondent thinks, now that the interest in New Zealanders is at fever heat, something might be done by the English Football Union to encourage the game in the Dominion, and asks what progress the Rugby game has made in Canada since A. E. Cleave, ten years ago, first entertained the idea of taking a team across the ocean.

Addressing a campangn meeting to-night, A. W. Milne, Liberal Free Trade candidate, at Paddington, London, said he had travelled from Montreal and Toronto to Vancouver and Victoria, and he had never met a Canadian who was prepared as a business matter to put the empire in front of the Dominion, nor one who was prepared to shout for the Rose, Thistle and Shamrock, rather than for the Maple Leaf. As a matter of fact, Canadians did not ask us to sacrifice ourselves in order to benefit themselves.

Justice Buckley, in the Chancery division, refused the application of the Calgary-Edmonton Land Company, approving a reduction of capital by returning two shillings sixpence on each pound share, pending an affidavit affirming this. The money has been returned to the shareholders.

MOVING PICTURES.

On Christmas day, Monday next, both afternoon and evening, will be introduced the performances of the elaborately colored moving pictures, to be shown for the first time in complete form in this city. Among the best pictures on the programme for next week are 'The strike,' 'The Christmas dream,' 'Foxy Grandpa,' 'The steeplechase,' 'The victim of alcohol' and 'The counterfeiters.' A special feature of the performance will be twenty minutes with a magician, who will do all sorts of phenomenal tricks in front of the audience. The whole entertainment will make a splendid Christmas pantomime. Performances are to be given every afternoon next week at three, and every evening at 8.15.

A PECULIAR COLLISION

New York Elevated Trains Crash Together on Parallel Tracks

ONE PERSON KILLED AND FORTY INJURED.

New York, Dec. 19.—In one of the most extraordinary accidents known in American railroading, two heavily crowded passenger trains came together on the elevated tracks of the New York Central & Hudson River Railway, at 6.3 o'clock to-night, near 110th street, in Harlem. J. W. Knapp, of New Rochelle, was killed, and forty other persons were more or less seriously injured.

Both the colliding trains were south bound, and had left the Grand Central Station of 42nd street, within a few minutes after each other. One was a Stamford local, on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway, which company uses the Central tracks. The other train was the Poughkeepsie Express on the Central. Rushing along parallel tracks, the two trains suddenly came together. The local was switched from the third track on to the fourth, and in an instant the engine of the express crashed into the day coach following the smoking car of the local.

The tracks at the point of the collision are about thirty feet in the air. This made the work of rescue difficult and hazardous, and lent materially to the terror of the passengers, most of whom were commuters, and residing in nearby points in Connecticut and New York, who had come to the city on holiday shopping tours. Fire apparatus from several stations were summoned, and many persons were rescued by means of the ladders placed against the structure. Serious injuries befell most of those in the car demolished by the engine of the Express.

John D. Horn, engineer of the express train, was arrested to-night on the technical charge of manslaughter, and later was released on bail. No one on the Poughkeepsie train, as far as can be learned was hurt.

Trains leaving the Grand Central Station run through the Park avenue tunnel to 97th street, where the tracks emerge and are elevated. Part of the distance there is a stone viaduct and further along a steel and stone structure. There is a switch-over from the express to the local tracks before the 110th street station is reached. It was here the accident occurred. Stories as to the cause are conflicting, as both engineers claim to have been given the proper signal lights.

Hurrying ambulances and fire apparatus attracted thousands of persons to the scene of the wreck. Many persons climbed to the elevated structure to assist the injured, whose cries could be plainly heard in the street.

Blocking of the north-bound tracks congested traffic on both the New York, New Haven & Hartford and New York Central roads. No trains left the Grand Central Station for an hour or more and police reserves had to be called to handle the crowds which choked the big structure.

Coroner Scholer examined Towerman Dwyer, in charge of the switch tower, who declared that the Stamford train had a clear right of way. Dwyer said Engineer John D. Horn, of the Poughkeepsie train, had disregarded a signal which was set against him, and had come on at undiminished speed. After hearing this, Coroner Scholer caused the arrest of Horn.

OTHER FATALITIES ON RAILWAYS.

Reading, Kans., Dec. 19. — A westbound Santa Fe passenger train was wrecked at Badger Creek bridge, near here to-day. The engine, all the baggage and express cars and the first two coaches, were derailed. One express car turned over and caught fire.

The dead are:—E. E. Derrick, Kansas City, express messenger; Harry Davis, Topeka, engineer.

Two passengers in the smoker were injured slightly.

It is believed the train was ditched by wreckers. The spikes securing one rail and the fishplates had been removed.

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 10. — Two freight trains on the Baltimore & Ohio Railway collided near Hedgeville, Md., to-day, and Engineer H. A. Haas was killed and several train hands injured. Engineer Haas jumped from his train in front of an east-bound passenger train and was struck by the engine, with fatal results. Brakeman Gillies also was instantly killed.

DINED SIR FREDERICK

MINISTER OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE GUEST OF THE REFORM CLUB.

Sir Frederick Borden was the principal guest at a dinner given by the Reform Club last evening. The Hon. Robert Mackay presided, and Lieut.-Col. F. W. Hibbard proposed the health of the minister.

In the course of his reply, Sir Frederick said that he had offered to co-operate with the educational departments of the Dominion by sending men to train the pupils to handle the rifle. He would also furnish rifles to the educational institutions that require them.

Short speeches were also made by the Hon. Mr. Tarte, Mr. L. A. Rivet, M.P.; Mr. J. Decary, M.P.P., and Major Stephens, M.P.P.

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