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Premier Balfour Admits That a State of War Exists Between Great Britain and Venezuela

There is No Such Thing as a "Peaceful Blockade"—Powers to be Notified Shortly.

OBJECT TO GAIN REPARATION FOR INNUMERABLE INSULTS TO ENGLISH

British and German Fleets Will Not Act as One Force—Italy Hands Her Consulate to Mr. Bowen. Germans Are Annoyed at English Criticism.

London, December 17.—In the course of a long statement in the House of Commons to-day, Premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a "pacific blockade." A state of war actually existed with Venezuela and an intimation of the blockade would shortly be given to the Powers.

The Premier also said the operations were reluctantly undertaken, not to recover debts, but after a long and patient delay, to recover compensation for assaults on British subjects, and the seizure of British vessels.

He believed the Germans also had claims besides the financial ones.

Mr. Healy, Irish Nationalist, asked if the United States assented to a blockade which would exclude United States vessels. The Premier replied:

"Neutrals are not consulted when you are in a state of war with a third party."

"Is war declared?" asked Mr. Healy.

The Premier replied:

"Does the honorable member suppose that without a state of war you can take vessels and have a blockade?"

Replying to further questions, Mr. Balfour said he had nothing to add regarding arbitration beyond what was contained in his previous statement on the subject. Papers were being prepared and would be presented to the House as soon as possible. He assumed they would include the communications which had passed on the subject of the blockade between the United States and Great Britain.

Mr. Balfour's statement was made in reply to the desire of the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, for information on the Venezuelan situation. After reiterating Lord Lansdowne's brief statement in the House of Lords yesterday the Premier continued:

FLEETS WILL NOT ACT AS A SINGLE FORCE.

"The blockade will be carried out by Great Britain and Germany along different portions of the coast, and although the two fleets will have the same objects they will not act as one force. We never had any intention of landing troops in Venezuela or of occupying territory even temporarily. We do not think it desirable on either military or other grounds. All the conditions governing such a blockade have been carefully considered and will be published in due time for the information of neutrals.

"The Government are most anxious that these operations, the necessity for which we deeply regret, should be as little inconvenient to neutrals as they possibly can be made. No difference will be made between the vessels of the various powers. I think it is quite likely that the United States will think that there cannot be such a thing as a "pacific blockade," and I, personally, take the same view. Evidently, a blockade involves a state of war."

Mr. Balfour concluded his statement by saying he could make no announcement as to whether the offer of arbitration from Venezuela will be accepted by Great Britain.

Mr. Balfour added that the blockade will be carried out with as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible. Nothing definite had occurred with reference to the arbitration proposals since his previous statement on the subject.

GERMANY DISLIKES BEING HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SEVERITY

Berlin, December 17.—The Foreign Office here denies explicitly that the German squadron in Venezuelan waters has orders to seize Margarita Island, adding that no occupation of the territory of Venezuela will occur.

The Foreign Office officials allege that a systematic effort apparently is being made to represent Germany as the propelling power in the coercion of Venezuela, and as being responsible for all the harsh measures. For instance, they say, the bombardment of the forts at Porto Cabello is ascribed to German initiative, whereas the Foreign Office officials say without reservation that the bombardment was at the British commander's suggestion, the Topazo being a British ship. The German commander participated in the firing as a friendly ally.

The German Government is not insisting on more severe measures than the original plan contemplated, and regards the sinking of the "two diminutive, wholly unseaworthy craft" as an "insignificant incident."

Germany and Great Britain are still considering President Castro's arbitration proposition, but the deliberations have not yet reached a stage where the results can be published.

The Berlin newspapers to-day print from Kiel a statement that the German cruisers Arcadia, Amazone and Niobe are again being equipped for departure to Venezuela, but the correspondent of the Associated Press is informed officially that no such orders have been given, and that it will depend later upon the demands of the blockade whether additional vessels will be sent.

VENEZUELAN REVOLUTIONISTS HAVE NOT JOINED AGAINST ALLIES.

New York, December 17.—Senor Rojas, agent in this Island of the Venezuelan revolutionists, according to the Herald's Port of Spain, Trinidad, correspondent, denies the report that they have joined common cause with Castro against the allies.

On the contrary, according to reports received, the Government troops under General Velutini have been twice defeated by the Revolutionists, first at Guarla and later at El Chico where they were completely routed and fled in disorder.

Moreover, it is reported from Alta Gracia that General Rolando at the head of six thousand Revolutionists is marching on Caracas with the object of capturing the city and overthrowing Castro.

The rebels in Trinidad believe that if Rolando's movement proves successful he will elect a new President, who will treat with England and Germany and thus quickly end the difficulty.

U. S. DEMANDS MEANING OF TERM, "PEACEFUL BLOCKADE."

New York, December 17.—Secretary Hay has cabled to Ambassador Tower at Berlin, says the World's correspondent at Washington, to ask the German Government to define for this country, exactly what is meant by a "peaceful blockade."

Although it has not yet been put into public expression, the U. S. Government contends that there is no such thing as a "peaceful blockade." If a state of war does not exist the Washington Government will contend, at the proper time, that U. S. ships must be allowed to pass.

The test will come when the Red D. line steamer Caracas arrives at La Guaira, probably next Saturday. If that ship goes through, as it is expected it will, other ships from other nations will also demand to go through, and the "peaceful blockade" will become a farce.

"If Germany insists on its right to blockade peaceably and refuses to let American ships through, then Admiral Dewey's fleet will be sent to Venezuela to convey the American ships through the German and English lines.

Admiral Dewey has been told to keep his fleet together. The reason the U. S. Government makes this demand of Germany is because it has in writing, in black and white, the full statement of Germany's intentions in Venezuela. It has no such statement from England. The diplomats of that country were shrewd enough to make only a verbal statement of intent.

The administration is waiting Germany's answer with some anxiety. The situation is now more critical than it has been since the trouble began.

GERMANS FEAR BRITAIN MAY SLIDE OUT OF GAME.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

London, December 17.—Germans are much annoyed that the Liberal party in the British Parliament has drawn public attention to the game which Germany is playing with Britain in Venezuela, and the Berlin press urges the necessity of keeping Britain rigidly to her bargain.

The German cruisers Niobe, Ariadne, and Amazon are now fully equipped for active service, and proceed to Wilhelmshaven to-day, to take on board the rest of their stores before starting for Venezuela.

FIRE-WOOD FOR ST. LOUIS POOR

A meeting of the Council was held this morning at nine o'clock, under the presidency of Mayor Gelinas to dispose of urgent business. The councillors present were Messrs. Martel, Godin, Colleretie, Jubinville, Oliver, Legault and Daze.

A special committee was appointed to enquire into the best means of obtaining some more firewood for the use of the people whose means did not permit them to obtain it at the exorbitant prices charged by dealers, and also for gratuitous distribution among the very poor.

It is understood that the present supply of corporation wood is not yet exhausted, but as it is being disposed of rapidly the committee are to ascertain at what time previously a fresh supply will be required, so that all necessary arrangements may be made in good time. The committee consists of Councillors Colleretie, Daze and Martel.

Councillor Martel gave notice that at the next meeting he would move to amend the by-law dividing the town into voting districts.

It was reported that Councillor Martin, who has been absent from several meetings through a severe attack of illness, is now out of danger and on a fair way of recovery.

FOR WESTMOUNT COUNCIL.

The desire on the part of the ratepayers of Ward No. 4 Westmount, that Mr. Lee should allow his name to be placed in nomination for reeve for one of their representative Councils has induced him to consent and there is said to be little probability of his being opposed. Mr. Lee's friends expect that he will be re-elected by acclamation.

FEAR STEVENSON IS LOST.

Watertown, N.Y., Dec. 17.—A special to the Standard from Cape Vincent says: The barge Isaac Stevenson, of Ogdensburg broke from her tow in the terrific gale in Lake Ontario, ten miles west from Cape Vincent, and it is feared that she has gone to the bottom with her crew of six men.

MEETING OF THE PREMIERS

To-morrow representatives of the various Canadian provinces will assemble in the City of Quebec. On several occasions the provinces have pressed for a readjustment of their relations with the Federal Government, generally without success. Dominion representation and provincial subsidies have been the two questions which have chiefly engaged the attention of the provincial authorities. These topics are expected to have the floor during most of the coming session.

This morning Hon. Arthur Peters, the Premier of Prince Edward Island, arrived in Montreal on his way to Quebec. Hon. William Pugsley, the Attorney-General of the Province of New Brunswick, also reached here, coming from Hot Springs, South Carolina, where he has been for the past fortnight for his health. Hon. Dr. Pugsley will be one of the representatives of New Brunswick at the conference. The other will be Premier Tweedie.

At the Windsor this morning, Hon. Dr. Pugsley said that he anticipated the action of the conference would be on lines somewhat similar to those laid down in the Quebec resolutions of 1887. There was a conference held in the city of Quebec at that time at which all of the provinces where represented and a series of resolutions were adopted and afterwards presented to the Federal Government, Sir John A. Macdonald being the Premier at the time. The Dominion overnment took no action on the suggestions contained in the resolutions.

The most important of these was the re-arrangement of the subsidies. An increase for each of the provinces in the Dominion was suggested by the resolutions. In the case of New Brunswick the increase would amount to about one hundred thousand dollars. The increase for the other provinces were in proportion.

There is a feeling on the part of the authorities of all the provinces. Dr. Pugsley thinks in favor of an increase in the Provincial subsidies. The functions of the provinces have greatly expanded since the amounts of the subsidies were fixed. The provinces are now under a much greater expense for the maintenance of schools, for the construction of roads and bridges and for many other things.

The revenue of the Dominion on the other hand has greatly increased since the subsidies were fixed. As the revenue of the Dominion is derived from the people of the various provinces, there is no reason why the provincial organizations should not have a share of the increase of Canada's revenue.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley is of the opinion that a rearrangement of the representation of the provinces in the Federal House can be secured without the reduction of the present representation of any of the provinces but by increasing the representation from the province of Quebec which is now the basis of arrangement. The relative proportion could remain the same as provided for by the terms of the British North American Act.

Premier Parent this morning stated that the Provincial Conference will likely last until Saturday. The session open to-morrow at 11 a.m., but of course the proceedings will not be made public.

In case the conference agrees unanimously on some method of action the resolution will be given to the press. The Premier says he has every expectation that all the other provinces will join hands with Quebec in order to have the present wrong righted.

PASSENGERS ON THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

St. John, N.B., Dec. 17.—Port physician March has decided to land the first and second-class passengers of the steamship Lake Champlain this afternoon and allow them to proceed to their destinations. Six hundred immigrants in the forward steerage will be sent into quarantine on Partridge Island. The 32 Americans in the after steerage will be detained on the ship unless the American authorities allow them to cross the line. There are no further symptoms of smallpox among the immigrants. The vessel will probably be released on Friday.

Through The Herald's Sieve.

A WESTMOUNT man managed to get 18 tons of the best hard coal the other night at



$1.65 a ton, then his head struck the bedpost and he woke up.

THE STAR MAN who heard the Hon. Jim Ogilvie say the aim to make the Liberal party a dirt slay around long enough to bear Jim gave a hoarse laugh up his sleeve.

SNOW AND intense cold in Scotland. Hoot mon! Dugal Macgillivray will hae to wear something warmer than his kilties.

ABOUT time for Ernest Thompson-Seton to join in the Christmas festivities and change it around to Thompson-Seton-Ernest.

SOMEBODY may yet invent a presentless Christmas.

SOONER OR LATER we have felt that the illustrious Oom H. H. Cooke would butt into the newspapers again, and so it is. He fell from a trolley car in Toronto on Saturday.

J. PIERP MORGAN has given his clerks their winter supply of coal. Talk about a Santa Claus!

Christmas Poems.

The poems of all Christmas Day
We hasten to the week
Some of them are very gay
And some are huge speak
Some of them are about
Of mistletoe and the farm,
And some are about
To hang the stocking charm
The man who wrote in ragtime strain
Has told about the moon
With a growl, in arrogant disdain,
The hunting of the coon.

There's been a lot of jingling verse
On every motive rife,
And the song theme a little worse
About the wintry skies
We read that "spring of the breeze,"
The dying leaves and fly
For fear that these should fail to please,
We've had a batch on snow.
Poets about and all around
The streets took their cue,
And we have come from Parry Sound
And some Spit Pig

A lot of poems more or less,
Poured in and on us day
Have added to the world's distress,
And more we say the day—
The year's day of giving thanks
And wondering why
Editors have to pick the cranks
And grind on them
To whom we owe so much
Old Persimmon-by-handed wharks
With their old Christmas thrills

ALL THOUGHTFUL Canadian editors are requested to learn that Pobedonostzeff, the noted procurator-general of Russia, who exterminated Tolstoi, and persecuted the Doukhobors, is to be succeeded by Count Schouvaloff, a man who takes name to the

OCCASIONALLY a pea-chat-ee kade comes out to be roasted.

THE BALTIMORE BOY who has 25 fingers and toes is a choice victim for old Jack Frost. The ordinary boy in winter is kept busy thawing out 10 fingers and 10 toes.

ITALY HAS JUST sent an ultimatum Castro is getting 'em in all languages.

THE TROUBLE IS that Mad Mullah only dies in the newspaper columns. He was very much alive when it came to a fight the other day.

THE VENEZUELANS have just received a few things "Made in Germany."

JUST AS SOON as they get this row with England and Germany settled, the Venezuelans will take up their various revolutions where they left off.

BEG YOUR PARDON, what did you say that coal dealer's address was?

SOME OF THIS soft coal is not what it is cracked up to be.

OUR MAN IN VENEZUELA.

Caracas, Dec. 16.—(Special by Wireless Pigeon.)—The German navy sailed in and boldly captured the Venezuelan battleship Bowbow's popguns, 2 bean shooters, 4 mice, this morning, and dumping a few deck-loads of Emp. William's latest Christmas ultimatums on board, the gallant Rowboat went calmly to the bottom.

Admiral Hohenzollmanschmidtz rushed on shore and cabled the news to Berlin, via Paris.

In due course he received the following reply:

Fritz Hohenzollmans hmidtz,
Admiral
Prost und good-day.

Mit pleasurements it is dot I read hof der grand German victory und der successes met by my oldermatums. Der pen dot writes der oldermatum, Fritz my poy, is mightier than der sword. How is der Kaiser himself?

BILL H.

"Up to 6 o'clock this morning," said Castro to your lying correspondent, "I have received 1,741,634 oil matums, and if the supply of ink and other writing materials doesn't give out, I expect to get a few more."

Nothing daunted, said Castro, "there are 45 wars on over there now, and if France and Russia would only join in we may get as many as 47. A few more kinds of revolutions starting somewhere in the woods yesterday and several yellow fever epidemics are now waging."

Asked if he had hopes that a series of earthquakes and Mont Pelee eruptions would make conditions that they have been described, he hard times as things are dull.

It was with a sigh that Castro sat down to read the latest broadcast load ads in the Venezuela Morning Star.

STEADY LYRE

VENEZUELA shows a disposition to understand the crime of being weak.

C—l.

This year at least you will not have to wonder what would be the most acceptable gift for some poor family you know of.

Yet They Do.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Montreal people will have the record that they drink more champagne than has been drunk during the past six months. Why will people persist in dying of consumption?

A JOINT CHALLENGE has been issued by the chess clubs of Oxford and Cambridge to the chess clubs of Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia for a cable match. It looks as if we were going to have a very quiet winter.

IF SIR WILFRID LAURIER were not at the head of the Liberal party, I would leave it to-morrow."—Hon. Jim Cochrane.

There's no use talking, our Jim is a little joker. We will never see oil paintings of Jim voting Conservative. You can bet a ton of coal on that.

HOW SALOON-KEEPERS ATTEMPT TO EVADE LIQUOR REGULATIONS

Chief Legault in His Report to Police Committee Threw Interesting Light on the Subject.

Ald. Walsh has handed out for publication Chief Legault's three reports regarding the [illegible] selling of liquor in the city—the reports which recently occasioned much comment in the Police Committee.

Chief Legault reported, in the first instance, that his men were keeping a very close watch on all liquor sellers.

Then he grew philosophical. "As drunkenness is the source of all vices, crimes and misdemeanors, says the chief, it was the duty of the police to eradicate the evil. This is what it has done without fear of opposition. The same as for robbers, there are a few who have not been taken in its snares, we endeavor to take them all, but there are always some who escape.

HOW SALOON-KEEPERS ACT.

Chief Legault's comments upon the attitude of the saloon-keepers in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday and after lawful hours is interesting.

"The mania on the part of saloon-keepers to sell on Sunday, says the chief, is periodical, some will sell during the summer because the footsteps of their customers will not appear on the snow, when passing by the lane or the yard, others will carry on their trade in winter, because the neighbors are not at their windows and will not see their customers when they enter in the bar, others will sell only during the months of May and June in order to be able to pay their license, a certain number of them will carry on their operations on Sunday during a few weeks only, as an experience, and disgusted with the watch which the police keeps over them, they give up their illicit trade. What precautions do they not take? How many spies do they employ in order to be kept posted as to the movements of the police? It would be idle to count them. All imaginable tricks are invented to baffle the police. The task of watching them is therefore an arduous one, especially in view of the fact that on that day the people are all idle and require to be more closely watched by the police.

INSTRUCTIONS IMPERATIVE.

The police has spared no efforts since the 1st of January, 1902, in order to put an end to this abuse, and I may add that, in the past, the officers have always conscientiously performed their duties in this connection.

"Instructions were given to all the district captains to keep a close watch, and lest their memory should fail them the following notice was inserted in the Order of the Day, No. 71, under date of August 28, paragraph 4: Licensed liquor-keepers, saloon-keepers and grocers should always be closely watched. I will hold the captain of the district where violations of the License Law are tolerated responsible for such violations. He may expect to be severely punished."

Chief Legault is hopeful as to the future.

"The class of licensees having improved," he remarks, "in the past few years and musical saloons having been abolished, the result has been that the days when liquor was sold on Sunday, as well as on week days, have disappeared."

ONLY ONE CASE.

In the second report the chief deals with the single case which he instituted against the Police Commissioner as the only one wherein an information had been reported to him since the 1st of last March by a captain, and in regard to which no legal proceedings were instituted. Only the owner, the manager and a few friends had been found in the bar, and as no complaint had been made against the establishment, the manner in which it was kept, and the reputation of the owner was proper, he, the chief, did not think it essential to proceed.

Subsequently, it will be remembered, seven other cases of a similar character were brought to light, the chief's mind, in the meantime, having undergone a change.

HAS A POOR MEMORY.

To a Herald reporter, Chief Legault maintained that it was impossible to expect him to remember such trivial circumstances.

When Ald. Walsh was insistent, Chief Legault made a third report along the lines indicated. He had, he writes, taken counsel with the reports of the captain and have asked them for information concerning the different licensed saloon-keepers who have not been prosecuted. As I had taken no notes of these cases, I could not make an accurate report thereon by memory.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS [illegible]

It appears from these that three other saloon-keepers had kept their places open after regular hours, the circumstances being as follows:—

"In the evening of the 5th of July the night between Jeffries and Fitzsimmons was taking place, in the United States, and these gentlemen had a private ticket put up in their establishments and with their friends, were awaiting the result of the fight. As this had always been tolerated by the Government and the municipal authorities, I did not deem it my duty to exercise more zeal than my predecessors."

ADDS LITTLE TO TROUBLES OF POOR

Secretary of Charity Organization Says Effect of Coal Famine Has Been Very Generally Exaggerated.

Mr. Francis H. McLean, general secretary of the Charity Organization Society, is a man whose work brings him into daily contact with that phase of society known to sociologists as the submerged tenth.

He is a man peculiarly fitted to speak with authority on the actual condition of the extremely poor. This morning he was asked by a Herald reporter to state exactly, so far as he knew, whether the present scarcity of fuel and the recently bitterly cold spell had resulted in much actual suffering among the poor in the city.

"There is in every large city every winter a certain amount of suffering and misery among the extremely poor," was Mr. McLean's reply. "Here in Montreal they have had recently to contend with a prolonged spell of extremely cold weather and extreme difficulty in obtaining fuel at cheap rates.

"Naturally there has been more than the usual amount of hardship and suffering in the poorer quarters.

"Do you know of any actual cases of families being destitute of the fuel necessary to heat their homes?"

"I do. Only yesterday I came across a family in the East End that did not possess a pound of fuel or the money to buy it. I provided them with wood, which cost the society $8 a cord.

"That was not the first; it will not probably be the last. But it must be remembered that, lost in that submerged tenth, which is a feature of life in every large city, there are always a certain percentage of families living in a state of absolute destitution. It is often only by accident that we run across them."

"Then you do not think that the scarcity and high price of fuel has really added much to the ordinary hardship and misery of the poor?"

"I do not think it has increased in nearly so much as the newspaper reader is led to believe.

"I do not believe that there is a family in Montreal that does not feel to some extent the present scarcity of fuel. It is not a question of poor and rich. Fuel is scarce, especially that class of fuel that poor and rich alike have grown to think indispensable to their comfort.

"The poor, in their flimsily built houses and thin clothes, feel it much more than the well-to-do, but I do not think that except in a few isolated cases there has been much real suffering amongst the poor.

"Many exaggerated statements of the misery that exists in the poorer quarters have crept into the papers of late. That misery unfortunately always exists, and always will exist. A crisis like the present naturally tends to increase it, but it has not yet to my knowledge become so appalling as certain newspapers would sometimes have us believe.

"I do not believe that there is any real danger of a fuel famine. It is likely that for some time we will all have to put up with a little discomfort, and that in accordance with the laws of society the poor will be called upon to bear a greater measure of the discomfort than the rich."

GIBSON SYNDICATE BUY ELGIN RAILWAY

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

St. John, December 17.—The transfer of the Elgin and Havelock Railway was completed in this city Monday, but has not yet become generally known. The new purchasers are John F. Stairs, B. F. Pearson, of Halifax, N.S., and others. These are the people who purchased for five million dollars the Gibson railway and lumbering interests in this province a short time ago.

The Elgin and Havelock Railway runs a distance of twenty-seven miles through the centre of the province from Havelock, King's County, to Elgin, Albert County, and is in good condition. It was formerly owned by an English syndicate, and had been run for ten years for these owners by the Imperial agency in St. John. Over one hundred and ninety thousand dollars in subsidies was spent on it. The purchase price is still a secret. The use to which the new owners will put the road cannot be surmised.

TORONTO YARDS DO A HUGE BUSINESS

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Toronto, December 17.—The cash transactions at the Toronto stock yards yesterday aggregated one hundred thousand dollars. This money goes to the farmers and stockmen of Ontario principally, and is an important factor in commercial circles. Fancy Christmas cattle brought seven cents a pound at the yards yesterday. There were 1,700 cattle, and they sold at from five and a half to six cents a pound, except lights, which reached seven. This means $85,000 was paid out for the cattle alone. Hogs brought six cents a pound, and the seven hundred netted ten thousand dollars. Sheep averaged three cents, and realized five thousand dollars, including lambs in the shipments.

Shipments have increased nearly 25 per cent. within the year, and the price of live stock is more than one cent per pound higher on the hoof than a year ago.

CONFLICT IN HATCHERIES.

Clash Likely Between Dominion and British Columbia Because Latter Has Erected a Big One Without

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Ottawa, December 17.—A sharp clash is likely between the Government of the Dominion and the authorities of British Columbia over the action of the latter in erecting a fish hatchery at Lizzie without obtaining permission from the Dominion. The necessary permission was not obtained, and hence, it is argued, British Columbia has exceeded its powers. Hon. Raymond Prefontaine will probably take the matter up on his return to the city.

The hatchery in question will have accommodation for 30,000,000 eggs, and is about three times the size of the same kind of structure erected by the Dominion.

NEVER SAW SIR WILFRID IN BETTER SPIRITS THAN NOW.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Ottawa, December 17.—A letter received in the city yesterday from an Ottawa visitor at Hot Springs, Va., says—"You have no idea how well I have found Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He has improved wonderfully since he arrived here. It is marvellous to see how quickly he recovers. He will return at the end of the month, and I am sure everybody will be surprised to find him so different from what he was when leaving Ottawa. He is happy over the result of his cure, and I never saw him in better spirits."

THIRTEENTH'S C.O. RETIRES.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Lieut.-Col. McLaren, whose five year term, as commanding officer of the 13th regiment, expired last Saturday, has taken steps to formally hand over the regimental stores to the officer next in seniority, Major Stoneman. It is expected that an order gazetting the change will be made in January, when it is thought Major Stoneman will be gazetted Lieut.-Colonel.

DEATHS.

WISEMAN—On Tuesday evening, December 16, at 75 Inspector Street, Montreal, Louisa Wiseman, daughter of Robert and Caroline Wiseman, and adopted niece of Henry J. and Louisa Whitten, formerly of Trinity, Newfoundland. Funeral from their residence, 75 Inspector Street, on Friday afternoon, the 19th inst., at 2.30 o'clock. Friends of the family invited. Newfoundland papers please copy. 288

VERY BAD JOKE WAS WORKED ON TORONTO

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Toronto, December 17.—Some Montreal men, possessed of an odd sense of humor, sent a telegram to a cattle dealer in Toronto yesterday announcing that English ports had been closed against Canadian live stock, and that no further shipments would be received via Halifax and St. John. Before the Toronto dealers discovered the huge joke concealed in this wire, there was considerable consternation. One train of eleven cars was already made up here for export, and a considerable number of purchases had been made on the local market during the afternoon to follow this consignment.

In view of the talk of trouble growing out of the embargo on shipments through New England points, the telegram was accepted as authentic. It was addressed to Isaac Gruff, of Elmira, a well known stock dealer, who was on the local market yesterday.

It was signed "Craig." This is the name of a commission man in Montreal who handles some trans-shipments for Toronto people.

Dozens of telegrams were sent via various firms, some to Government officials at Ottawa, others to Montreal people, asking for the source of their information, and still others cabled English houses for confirmation. Shipments were held back until further information could be secured.

Toronto stock dealers are yet unable to determine whether the wire was really sent by some one in Montreal or was got up as a joke at this end. Information that the telegram was not intended seriously came out on the Exchange through operators. This was the first information that the local crowd received as to the joke. Just what purpose the misrepresentation was intended to serve is not yet determined.

Mr. W. W. Craig, the well known cattle exporter, with offices in the Frazer Building, was seen by a Herald representative this morning, and shown the above despatch. "It is hardly necessary to say," Mr. Craig said, "that I sent no such telegram, and that the man who signed the name Craig to that message was probably using my name for some purpose of his own. It may have been intended as a joke, but the humor of it is not the kind most of us care to deal in."

STEAM BARGE A TOTAL WRECK.

Vessel Supposed to be the George Hall, No Crew Visible, Ashore Near Kingston. — Coal Barges Reach Port. Permission.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Kingston, Dec. 17.—Capt. Thos. Donnelly has received a message from the lighthouse keeper at Salmon Point that a steam barge is ashore and a total wreck on the south side of the Main Ducks, and that there is no sign of the crew. This is understood to be the steamer George Hall.

The George Hall has been missing since Thursday last when in a heavy gale her tow broke from her and scattered over the lake. The Main Ducks is thirty miles from Kingston. The Calvin Company has advised the owners in Ogdensburg, N.Y. It is quite likely that the crew are safe.

Last night the barge Stephenson broke away from the steamer Avon near Galoup Islands, and is now battling with the waves of Lake Ontario. The description of the boats is not known, but it was probably a river port.

Six vessels with almost 2,000 tons of hard coal have got over from Oswego, N.Y., reaching port during the night. They had been wind-bound and finally ice-bound, but yesterday's mildness released them. The arrival of the vessels will relieve any prospects of a coal famine. Some 12,000 tons have reached here since the strike ended, and coal sells at 7.25 per ton. The dealers here have been offering as high as $2 per ton advance on their supplies by outside towns, but so far declined to sell.

SAME TEMPERATURE; SNOW FLURRIES.

Probs—Fresh to strong westerly winds, cloudy with a few snow flurries. Thursday strong westerly winds; partly fair with about the same temperature.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Kamloops, 12, 18; Edmonton, 18, 22; Prince Albert, 4, 30; Qu'Appelle, 40, 30; Winnipeg, 2, 18; Port Arthur, 22, 28; Parry Sound, 26, 38; Toronto, 29, 40; Ottawa, 12, 38; Montreal, 8, 28; Quebec, 2, 28; Halifax, 10, 40.

Readings by the Optical and Engineer's Supply Company at noon yesterday 30.11, at 8 a.m. to-day, 29.73; 11 a.m. to-day, 29.73; temperature to-day, Maximum, 34; minimum, 18; yesterday, maximum, 37; minimum, 21.

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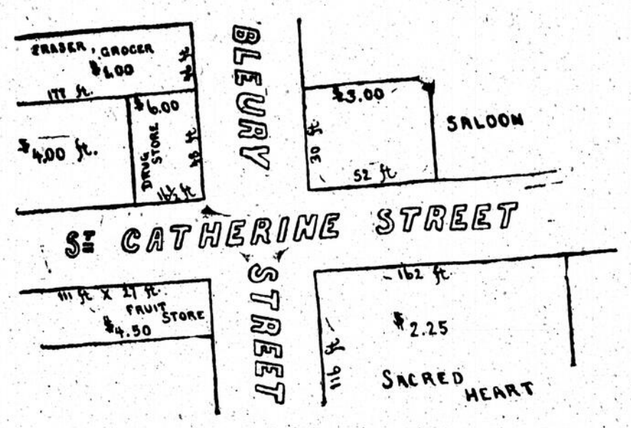
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THE FIGHT AGAINST CITY ASSESSMENTS

Some Queer Comparisons Can be Made of the Figures the Assessors Work on in and Around St. Catherine Street.



In regard to the interesting fight being made by Henry Morgan & Co. against the existing basis of property assessment in Montreal, several important points have been revealed in addition to those already mentioned in the Herald.

The firm has met with the hearty support of many of the taxpayers in their efforts to bring about a fair adjustment of the present system and the result of the appeal now being heard in the courts is awaited with a great deal of interest by all concerned.

In a rather complete investigation of the conditions on St. Catherine street, between Peel and Bleury, some almost incomprehensible comparisons in the way of assessments are afforded.

Not only have glaring discrepancies been found between the amount of property taxed and the amount that really should be taxed, but important errors have been brought to the surface in the calculations of the assessors.

An instance of this is afforded by the Bible House, on St. Catherine street, corner of Aylmer. The area is given as 5,050 feet, and the valuation $4.40 per foot. This is extended in the assessor's records as $20,000, whereas it should be $22,176.

St. Gabriel Church, a little farther along on the south side of St. Catherine, is assessed on 7,030 feet at $3.25, and is carried out in the records as $18,000. A very simple calculation shows us that the amount should really be $22,848.

An even more important error occurs in the case of the Queen's block, bounded by University and Victoria streets. This property is assessed for only 21,575 feet, whereas the building covers 24,470 feet, and the actual area of the property is 25,733. Thus, the amount of the assessed value is only $195,000, whereas it should be $231,597, a discrepancy of over $36,600.

Another equally great mistake occurs in the case of the store occupied by French & Smith, the boot and shoe dealers on the southeast corner of St. Catherine and Metcalfe streets. This property on the records is assessed on 1,800 feet at $6.60, a total of $11,900. According to measurements recently taken this property consists of 2,884 feet, which at $6.60 would be $19,034. On the opposite corner the Bank of Montreal occupies a 2,884 foot property and is valued at $19,000.

Some interesting comparisons in the valuations of property on the four corners of Bleury and St. Catherine streets can be set down in a few brief sentences.

The assessors have argued in the case of the assessment on the Henry Morgan & Co. property that the north side of St. Catherine is more valuable than the south. This idea, as can be pointed out in many instances is not consistently carried out, and it frequently occurs that south side property has been assessed higher than north side property directly opposite.

The property occupied by the drug store on the northwest corner of St. Catherine and Bleury street, with a small frontage on St. Catherine street, or to be precise but 16½ feet is assessed at $6.00 a foot, while the property on the opposite corner with a frontage of 52 feet on St. Catherine is assessed for only half that amount, or $3.00 a foot.

This is a difference that is altogether too much for the comprehension of the ordinary intellect.

On the southeast corner of the street there appears the case of the Sacred Heart property with a 162 foot frontage on St. Catherine street and only valued at $2.25 while the fruit store on the opposite corner, with a St. Catherine street frontage of 111 feet, pays only $4.50.

There is no question but that the St. Catherine and Bleury street properties afford some ripe opportunities for thought on the assessment problem.

The question of rental valuations as made by the assessors has been a source of much comment as well. It was pointed out quite recently in this connection that the rental of the Colonial House is placed at $27,000, while that of James Ogilvy, on the corner of St. Catherine and Mountain streets, was but $5,000.

Henry Morgan & Co. think that they are charged excessively, "especially as," a member of the firm said, "we are also visited with a water tax of 7½ per cent. and a business tax of 7½. And not content with that, overtures were made with a view to compelling us to pay a special restaurant tax of $200, on the dining-room upstairs."

The appended table has been carefully compiled. It shows the area, valuations, rentals and other features of interest in connection with many of the leading St. Catherine street properties:

	Per foot.	Area.	Land	Building.	Total.	Rent.
Henry Morgan	$6.00	24,500	$207,000	$293,000	$500,000	$27,000
Art Gallery		4,810			25,000	3,750
Miss Orkney	1.50	38,084	57,000	8,000	65,000	700
St. Gabriel Church	3.25	7,020	18,000	22,000	40,000	1,600
Baptist Church	4.40	11,376	50,000	8,000	58,000	2,000
Mde. Pelletier	4.40	3,250	14,200	22,000		240
Bible House	4.40	5,050	20,000	5,000	25,000	600
Cathedral	6.00	76,000			386,000	10,000
Queen's Block	9.00	21,575	195,000	105,000	300,000	13,200
John Murphy	10.00	9,831	94,500	110,000	204,500	11,500
R. J. Inglis	8.00	5,040	20,200			
R. J. Tooke	10.00	5,254	52,500	27,500	80,000	5,200
J. Ogilvy	5.50	8,927	49,000	65,000	114,000	5,000
G. W. Stephens (Liggett)	3.00	4,274	13,000	20,000	33,000	2,500
H. & N. E. Hamilton	7.75	19,193	165,400	18,000	127,400	6,000
R. A. Boas	6.60	2,884	11,500	13,100	25,000	2,050
Bank of Montreal	6.60	2,884	19,000	28,000	47,000	2,300
G. W. Stephens	5.50	7,059	38,800	15,000	53,800	5,400
Cor. of University (Renouf)	7.70	2,430				
Henry Birks	5.50	10,000	55,000	55,000	130,000	7,000
Phillips Square	4.00					
Rober, Reid	2.50	15,000	37,200	2,800	40,000	1,000
Windsor Hotel	4.00	83,120	332,000	368,000	700,000	41,540

UNANIMOUS ON HOSPITAL SCHEME

Report of Special Committee Adopted by the City Council With Only Two Dissentients.

Within ten days, it is expected, a reply will be received from the city hospitals as to whether they are prepared to aid in the solution of the contagious hospital problem by co-operating with the City Council.

At a meeting of that body yesterday afternoon the report of the special committee, appointed to suggest a plan of procedure, was adopted by an overwhelming vote.

The only strong objection came from Ald. Lavallee, who opposed the report, not because he objected to the erection of a hospital in itself considered, but because he still favored the former plan of having the hospital erected by the city. He did not favor the city delegating its rights for twenty years. He wanted to know if the report was in order without a notice of thirty days being given, as the rules of the council exacted, for the repeal of the former vote, by which the city was to build the hospital.

The point of order was referred to the city attorneys immediately, and, while awaiting a reply, the Council proceeded to consider the new market by-law. A number of the aldermen resorted to the law department, and for a time, it is said, the most interesting kind of a debate ensued.

The present report, it will be remembered, calls for the erection of two hospitals — one English-speaking and the other French-speaking—but patients may, of course, select, indiscriminately, the institution to which they desire to be taken.

The civic hospitals, which will be erected, one east and the other west of St. Lawrence street, are to be under the control of boards, representing, on the one hand, the English hospitals, and, on the other, the Notre Dame hospital.

Ald. Laporte explained that with the $20,000 which it was proposed to divide between these institutions the city could be well served without going to the expense of spending the sum of $125,000 for the erection of a new hospital; while to maintain the latter would cost the city more than $20,000 a year.

Ald. Ames pointed out that he would neither strongly support nor yet attack the report. He thought the difference in cost, whether the city built or leased an hospital, was not great. He had reached that conclusion by showing that the cost of maintaining the new hospital would be $15,000, with interest on capital of $5,000 more, making a total of $20,000. However, he would vote for the report and he did not care to stand in the way of having an hospital. He would stipulate that a reply should be returned in ten days, showing what the hospitals intended to do. Once more he desired to say that if the present plan fell through, the only thing to do was for the Council to settle the matter in a business-like way.

In about an hour from the time at which Ald. Lavallee's point of order had been referred to the attorneys, their reply was forthcoming. In it they maintained, as communicated by the Mayor, that the point raised was not in order, as the special committee had been instructed to report on the subject. It was, therefore, in order to receive the report.

Ald. Sadler hoped the difficulty would now be settled. Even if the hospitals made a little money, he said, would it not be well spent? In what other city were hospitals found existing without civic grants?

After a protracted discussion, lasting until close upon six o'clock, the report was finally adopted upon this division:—

Ayes—Laporte, Vallieres, Robertson, Clearihue, Chausse, Ames, Couture, Turner, Sadler, Ouimet, Ekers, Robillard, Bumbray, L. A. Lapointe, Ricard, N. Lapointe, Walsh, Savageau, Stearns, Payette, Lemay and Giroux—22.

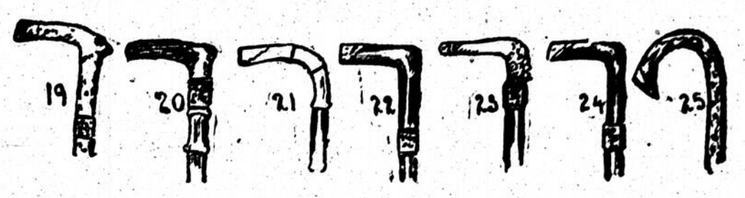
Nays—Wilson and Nelson—2.

The special committee will now proceed to confer with the hospital authorities having obtained the added sanction of the City Council to a specific arrangement. Another report giving the minor details of the arrangements, with such modifications as the hospital boards may suggest, will be submitted within ten days.

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Six Months for Theft.

Florentine Carrier stole $15 worth of clothing and was caught. Yesterday Judge Lafontaine sentenced the woman to six months imprisonment for the offence.

Supposed to be Insane.

The police think that Nellie Fitzgerald is not of sound mind and have taken her in charge. She will be held until Dr. Bouchard's report is received. He will in all probability have a report to-morrow.

Crushed His Hand.

While at work in the establishment of George W. Reed & Co., yesterday, a boy named Edouard Allier, aged 15, had his hand crushed in a machine. The injury was treated at Notre Dame Hospital.

Overcoat Cost Five Years.

A few days ago Detective Cote arrested Etaile Paquette for having stolen an overcoat from the Hotel Riendeau. Yesterday in the Court of Special Sessions he was found guilty and was sentenced by Judge Desnoyers to five years in the penitentiary. The police have him marked as an old offender.

Late George Lillie.

The remains of Mr. George Lillie were interred yesterday. He died on Sunday, after a very short illness, leaving a widow, one brother and three sisters to mourn his loss. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Reid and was held at the home of the sister of the deceased at No. 80 Park Lafontaine.

Once Too Often.

On Monday night Constable Judd arrested a colored woman who was creating a disturbance and was drunk on St. Lawrence Street. When taken to the station she said her name was Alice White but the police recognized her as Sarah Jones who has a record as a thief and has been arrested on charges of theft from the person. Yesterday Mr. Recorder Poirier imposed a fine of $20 or in default a month in jail.

Death of Mr. John Love.

Mr. John Love died yesterday at his late residence, 1158 St. James street. He was 40 years of age and was the youngest son of the late Matthew Love and was a brother of Messrs. Thomas H. and Robert Love of this city. He was a prominent member of Court St. Anthony, Catholic Order of Foresters. The funeral takes place to-morrow from his late home to St. Anthony's Church, and thence to Cote des Neiges Cemetery.

An Ugly Dog.

The outdoor department of Notre Dame Hospital had a rather serious case yesterday morning. An eleven year old boy named Jean Louis Pinauld who lived at 37 Archambault Lane was playing with a fox terrier dog when the brute seized him by the cheek and tore it almost from the lip to the ear. Dr. Ouimet attended the boy and found several stitches necessary to close the wound.

A German in Trouble.

Mendel Katz, a German trader, who speaks neither English nor French, was arraigned in the Recorder's Court yesterday on the charge of having turned the corner of Craig and Gosford Streets at a gait faster than a walk. The result was that his rig struck Achille Campbell and knocked him down. The Notre Dame ambulance was called to take the injured man to the hospital, but on their arrival no patient could be found. The accused could not put up a plea as he could not understand the charge and so was remanded until this morning.

Will Exhibit in Japan.

Mr. W. Hutchison, Dominion Exhibitioner Commissioner, was in Montreal yesterday, interviewing Mr. Masse, the consul-general for Japan in connection with arrangements for Canada's representation at the Exhibition at Osaka, Japan. Canada will exhibit cereals and foodstuffs, and with Australia will be the only British colony represented. It will be Canada's first appearance at Oriental exhibitions.

The Osaka fair will begin in the month of March and will continue for six months.

Looking to the Future.

The Caledonian Society of this city held its quarterly meeting last night. They decided to contribute $100 to the General Hospital and also annual fees. They did this that their President may in the future have membership on the board of governors. Mr. Archibald McAllister was elected second vice-president and a vacant position on the executive committee will be filled by Mr. D. B. Munroe.

TO TRAIN THE MEN.

Grand Trunk to Introduce the St. John's Ambulance Association.

The St. John's Ambulance Association is to be introduced here. A beginning is to be made at the Grand Trunk Railway in the club at Point St. Charles. The announcement was made last night by Dr. J. Alexander Hutchison, the chief medical officer of the Grand Trunk Railway system. Such an association was needed in the shops and on the lines where accidents are liable to occur at any time and the presence of a few men trained to give the first aid to the injured may often save life.

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MR. MACINNES GOES UP HIGH

A number of changes in the freight department of the Canadian Pacific are about to become effective at the new year, consequent upon the elevation of Mr. W. R. McInnes, assistant freight manager of western lines, to the position of freight traffic manager of the company.

Mr. MacInnes is a son of the late Senator MacInnes, who was at the time of his death a director of the company. He will now come from Winnipeg to Montreal and take the place in the general offices that was filled by Mr. Bosworth before he became fourth vice-president.

Sufficient breathing space has been made for him by the removal of Mr. W. B. Bulling, the assistant freight traffic manager of eastern lines, from Montreal to Toronto.

Incidental to the appointment of a freight traffic manager, a number of promotions have been made. Mr. F. W. Peters, general freight agent of the Pacific division, with headquarters at Vancouver, will succeed Mr. McInnes at Winnipeg as assistant freight traffic manager of western lines, while Mr. B. W. Greer, now assistant, will become general freight agent in succession to Mr. Peters. Mr. W. M. Kirkpatrick, chief clerk for Mr. Bosworth, will go to Vancouver to be assistant general freight agent.

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and if not checked becomes a chronic condition. No remedy compares with Nerviline, which is prepared specially for stomach and bowel troubles. As a radical cure for Cramps, Colic, Gas in the Stomach, Summer Complaint, Nerviline excels everything in the medical line, is an indispensable household tle to-day.

LOTS OF COAL LYING ON THE WHARVES

An instructive light was shed at the meeting of the Harbor Commissioners which was held to-day under the presidency of Mr. Robert Bickerdike, M.P., upon consequences incidental to the practice of leaving freight on the wharves that have come over the ocean by steamship.

The facts so far as they could be gathered from the documents submitted and the discussions on the subject that took place showed that there is a quantity of iron and steel on the Leyland wharf, some of it consigned to the Canadian Pacific to be transported to some inland point, while another portion of the same ship's cargo was consigned to Pike & Co.

The Canadian Pacific freight department have written to the Harbor Board complaining that they were unable to move their part of the freight because it is mixed up with that of Pike & Company, while Pike & Company retaliate by saying that they cannot take out their goods because they are buried under those consigned to the C.P.R.

NOTICES WERE IGNORED.

To complicate an already highly complex situation, there are from 2 1-2 to 3 1-2 feet of frozen water over the whole.

Mr. McShane, the harbor master, stated in a letter that he had repeatedly asked the importers in question to remove the goods, but that his notification had been disregarded and the goods had been lying there for weeks—the wharf being their place of storage.

Mr. McShane was called before the board, and he told how persistent had been his efforts to arouse the parties interested to a sense of their responsibility; how Messrs. Pike & Co. endeavored to shield themselves from blame by a recital of their trouble in getting teams and how people were, in defiance of protests, making storage yards of the wharves and ignoring the by-law which had been recently passed stipulating that if they did not remove their goods within four days of landing from the vessel they must pay a demurrage charge.

Mr. McShane added that it was impossible to enforce this by-law, for even commissioners would come to him and tell him not to interpret it too strictly.

Mr. Geoffrion admitted that on one occasion he had asked for a slight extension of time. That was when 60,000 cases of gin came all in one shipment.

MUCH COAL THERE.

But there was one fact that Mr. McShane revealed which throws some light on the coal situation. There are large quantities of coal on the wharves that have not been removed. They belong to Messrs. Robertson and to Messrs. Baile. The coal was Welsh anthracite, which had been brought over before the close of navigation and had been allowed on the wharf just as if the city nad a surfeit of coal instead of being on the verge of a famine.

After some wise and tactful observations from Mr. Jonathan Hodgson the proper course that ought to be pursued in the case of imports that the unloaded from the ships the commissioners decided that the harbor master should present a report on all goods remaining on the wharves and the harbor dues that are owing in respect of them, the report to be ready for the next meeting.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

The Commissioners learned with regret that health of Mr. Kennedy, the chief engineer, has not been good for some time, and he was granted leave of absence to enable him to make a trip to England. Before he goes the plans of the harbor terminal and warehouse project will be completed.

Secretary Seath was also granted a month's leave of absence, part of which he will spend in Buffalo, where he will study the question of elevator management with a view to being able to take up the duties that will fall upon him in connection with the new elevator when it is completed.

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MINERS THROW NEW LIGHT ON THE GASE

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 17.—The miners to-day put on the witness stand before the anthracite strike commission the fathers of two little girls who had testified on Monday that they worked all night in silk mills. The operators yesterday submitted wage statements showing that one of these men and his laborer received $1,681, and the other with his laborer, was paid $1,400 last year.

John Demko, father of one of the girls, said four and sometimes six men figured in the division of the $1,400. The other miner claimed four men divided the $1,681.

Everett Warren of counsel for the operators, endeavored on cross-examination, to show this was not the case. Both men promised to take the girls out of the silk mill.

SPECIAL BOARD REPORTS.

But Nothing Has Leaked Out as to Their Finding About the Calderon G.G.F.G. Charges.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Ottawa, December 17.—The Board of Inquiry, consisting of Col. Gordon, D.O.C., Montreal; Col. Mason, Toronto; Major Fages, R.C.A., Quebec, appointed by the Major-General to look into the trouble in the Governor-General's Foot Guards, which arose over charges laid by Lieut. Calderon against Col. Jarvis, concluded their work last evening at eleven o'clock. Their finding was handed to the Major-General this morning.

The evidence was all taken by the board. Lieut. Calderon was ordered to appear before them in full uniform with sword. What the find of the board was will not be known until the General approves or disapproves of it. Militia regulations compel all officers to keep a strict silence on matters of this kind.

P.E.I.'S GREAT MARKET BURNT.

One of the Characteristic and Important Institutions of Charlottetown Destroyed This Morning.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Halifax, December 17.—Fire at Charlottetown, P.E.I., this morning entirely destroyed the market building, a large wooden structure, a characteristic institution of that agricultural province.

Loss, $10,000; insurance, $5,400. Three bands had rooms in building; loss, instruments; value, $1,500.

GOVERNMENT RAIL CONTRACTS.

Ottawa, December 17.—(Special.)—The tenders for the supply of 25,000 tons of steel rail have just been opened at the Department of Railways and the contract awarded, but until such time as the contract is signed the name of the successful tenderer will not be known. It is rumored that an English firm has got the contract.

COSTA RICA FAVORS CASTRO.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 17.—The Costa Rican Government will not discuss the Venezuelan situation, but it can be said on good authority that the Ministers favor President Castro's attitude. Public feeling here is bitter against the British and German action. The United States is much criticized and the Monroe Doctrine is ridiculed. Finally, President Castro is looked upon as setting a good example to Spanish-America.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

By private wire to Mr. C. D. Monk, from J. S. Bache & Co.:

Dec. 17.	Opg.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, Dec..	74⅛	74⅛	73⅜	74⅜-½
May	77⅛	77⅝	76⅝-¾	77⅛
Corn, Dec....	52¾	52¾	47¼	47⅛
May	43½	43¾	43¼	43⅝
Oats, Dec....	..	31¼	31⅛	31⅛
May	32⅝	32⅞	32½-⅞	32⅝
Pork, Jan....	16 70	16 70	16 55	16 57
May	15 72	15 72	15 52	15 57
Lard, Jan....	9 77	9 77	9 70	9 70
May	9 17	9 17	9 10	9 12
Ribs, Jan....	8 45	8 45	8 37	8 37
May	8 32	8 32	8 25	8 25-7

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M'MILLAN RIVER INDIANS RISING

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Ottawa, December 17.—A telegram has been received at the Police Department from Assistant Commissioner Wood, dated 15th December, stating that a Salmon River Indian reports at Tantalus that two weeks ago two hundred Indians on the Upper Pelly raided a trader's store and killed two white men.

Selkirk Indians from the McMillan district know nothing of the story.

Upon enquiry of Mr. McConnell, of the Geological Survey, who recently returned from McMillan River, it is learned that there is a trader named Smith, who keeps a trading post at the mouth of that river, which empties itself into the Pelly, who does considerable business with the Indians and he may possibly be the trader referred to.

Assistant Commissioner Wood is inquiring now as to the truth of the report, but as the scene of the supposed trouble is 160 miles east of Selkirk, and without communication, it will be some time before anything definite is known.

WHEN IS A MAN OLD?

Ottawa Events: The most remarkable thing about modern commercial life in America is the large number of young men in charge of important undertakings and managing large companies. An article in a British paper gives some details of old men occupying important public position, to which we have added the ages of some Canadian public men.

Lord Halsbury is seventy-seven, but he is still vigorous enough to be drawing one of the highest salaries in the Empire and presiding over the sittings of the House of Lords. Lord Roberts is seventy, but nobody but Dame Rumor suggests that he is not active enough to command the British army, and Dame Rumor is likely to be a lying jade for some time longer. The last commander-in-chief was over sixty, and his predecessor over seventy. One finds much the same thing in the navy. The First Lord of the Admiralty belongs to the young men, but two of the Naval Lords are over sixty; and Sir John Fisher and Sir Edward Seymour, two of our most responsible seamen, have also passed three score. Only one of the five admirals of the fleet is far off seventy. Sir Nowell Salmon is a young man of sixty-seven, but Admiral Lyons and Admiral Richard have all but reached the Psalmist's span, and so has Lord Clanwilliam; while Sir Henry Keppel is the youngest of them all at ninety-three—young enough to have paid a call the other day on the Sultan of Johore in his own palace.

Doctor Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, at eighty-one, is young enough to crown the King; and his brother of York, but five years younger, showed no sign of old age in crowning the Queen. Half the generals in the war were men whose best years had long since gone—Lord Roberts, Sir George White, Sir Redvers Buller, Sir Charles Warren, and Generals Clery, Coke, and Kelly-Kenny are all over sixty. Half the things the world is talking about to-day are the work of the veterans. It is Lord Masham, verging on ninety, who appeals to the Government to overhaul our fiscal system, and heads his appeal—"Who's afraid?"

The men over seventy in Parliament could not be counted on both hands, and the number of those who have seen sixty is astonishing. Even Mr. Chamberlain is more than half-way through the sixties; in four years, before the legal life of the Cabinet is over, he will have reached the age at which man's work is supposed to be done. Who can believe it? Who can believe either that the editor of Truth is an old man of seventy? Who ever thinks of Sir Henry Fowler as anything but a man in his prime? Yet he is seventy-one and the keenest debater in the House of Commons is Sir William Harcourt, in active opposition at seventy-four. Mr. Morley is a child of sixty-three beside him, Mr. Bryce is sixty-four, and "C. B." is as old as Mr. Chamberlain, only four years off seventy.

Old age leads in the Lords—Earl Spencer is sixty-six and the Duke of Devonshire is sixty-nine.

All the world over the veterans lead the way. King Edward will have worn his crown only three months when he is sixty-one. President Loubet is three years older. Italy, Germany, and Russia have young men to reign over them, but Francis Joseph of Austria is seventy-two. Oscar of Sweden is seventy-three, Leopold of Belgium is sixty-seven, and King Christian of Denmark is eighty-four. The world's foreign relations are in the hands of men over sixty and seventy. Lord Pauncefote was well over seventy when he signed his last treaty at Washington, Lord Currie is sixty-eight, Sir Edmund Monson is sixty-seven, Sir Charles Scott sixty-four, and Sir Frank Lacelles sixty. Lord Cromer, young enough to make another Egypt, is sixty also; and at the other end of Africa a man of seventy reigns at Prime Minister of the Cape. If la the men who are old according to the almanacs were to resign to-night, the British Empire would not know itself to-morrow.

Coming to Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has just passed the sixty mark, Sir Mackenzie Bowell is seventy-nine, the Secretary of State seventy-seven, Sir Richard Cartwright sixty-six, Mr. Fielding fifty-eight, Mr. John Charlton seventy-three, Sir Charles Tupper eighty-one, Mr. Tarte fifty-four, Mr. Sifton forty-one, Mr. Fisher fifty-two, Mr. Fitzpatrick forty-eight, Mr. Haggart sixty-five, Mr. Blair fifty-eight, Sir Frederick Borden fifty-five, Mr. Paterson sixty-three, Sir William Mulock fifty-nine, Mr. Sutherland fifty-three, Dr. Sproule fifty-nine.

CHINA'S DEMAND FOR BIBLES ENORMOUS

Boston, Dec. 17.—The ninety-second annual report of the American Board of Foreign Missions, made public today, shows receipts for the year of $845,105.

The report states that indemnities for property destroyed in China in 1900 have been paid and adjusted under conditions satisfactory to the missionaries, and in most instances to the native Christians and which also admit of the re-opening of missionary work in all forms. It has been decided to re-establish the North China College at Tung Cho and a site nearer the city than the former premises has been purchased. The first new building for the college is in process of construction.

An enormous demand for the Bible and translations of all kinds of western books which has sprung up during the last two years has been felt in Tung Cho to an extent that has made it absolutely impossible to supply the demands at times.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS START A FUEL FUND.

His Worship the Mayor to-day received a letter from Mr. Crawford Gaden, a commercial traveller of Montreal, at present in Three Rivers, enclosing a cheque for twenty-five dollars, representing a sum collected on the C.P.R. train en route to Quebec, Monday morning last. Mr. Gaden explains that a few commercial travellers were discussing the coal question in the smoker, when they became impressed with the fact that the very poor of the city must be passing through much suffering, owing to the scarcity of coal, and the outrageous prices demanded by some of the dealers.

One of the party suggested that they should open a subscription list at once. The idea was acted upon and the amount of twenty-five dollars raised as a foundation upon which they hoped other citizens of Montreal would continue to build.

Those who signed the list were:— W. Crawford Gaden, R. Laurence, F. E. Lamalice, J. A. Dawson, Geo. Hamel, M. L. Laflamme, P. U. Manerd, E. A. Bruneau, F. A. Latrance, M. Peitier, J. A. Quesnel, J. G. Nelson, A. Labine, D. F. Rheaume, C. Desilets, David F. Robertson, J. A. Oplette, A. Chabot, W. Norman Ahorn, C. Russel, J. A. E. Robillard, Geo. Cloutier, Rev. Dr. W. J. Shaw, and Hon. Sydney Fisher.

THANK THE GRAND TRUNK.

The passenger department of the Grand Trunk Railway System are in receipt of a letter dated December 15th, from Mr. John O'Flaherty, hon. sec. of the Royal Montreal Golf Club, enclosing a copy of a resolution unanimously passed at the annual meeting of the club, held on the 13th instant. The resolution reads as follows: "That the hearty thanks of the club are due to the Grand Trunk Railway for its efforts to meet the wants of the members with respect to train service and, for the courtesy of officials in many dealings with the club; and that the honorary secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the proper official of the Grand Trunk Railway."

SAFE WAS LEFT UNLOCKED.

Some time between Saturday night and Sunday morning burglars visited the establishment of Messrs. R. Herron & Co., 555 St. Paul Street and secured booty amounting to about $60. They tried the front door, on which was a padlock, and an ordinary lock. They broke the padlock but could not force the other one. The back-door is of iron and it was too much for them, and they forced a window on the Longueuil Lane side of the building. The safe was blown open last year, and since that time has been left unlocked, but very little money was left in it. They opened it and took about $15 in cash, part of a silver tea service and a diamond pin, which an employe had left there for safe-keeping. The thieves left no clue behind them.

TORONTO BEGINS TO GET COAL FREELY.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Walter White, chief clerk to Superintendent Jones, made the following statement to-day about the coal situation:—

"They are loading at the mines at the rate of 300 to 400 cars of soft coal per day, for the Grand Trunk Railway. Coal shipments held up by other railway companies east of Buffalo and west of the St. Clair River, are commencing to arrive freely and one trouble in consequence in a few days will be inability to get men to unload it promptly, so that the empty cars can be returned for further supply."

BOWEN TAKES ANOTHER CONSULATE.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The only cablegram received at the State Department from Minister Bowen, overnight, was the announcement that the Italian Minister at Caracas, had requested him to take charge of Italian interests in Venezuela, which under the State Department's instructions he was about to do, and the Minister was leaving Caracas. This cablegram was sent from Caracas last night.

"THE BUTTERFLIES."

"The Butterflies" in which Mr. W. F. Phillips will introduce his stock company next week is a play which many Montrealers will remember as one of John Drew's greatest successes. It has never been played here, but the production next week will undoubtedly be one to be proud of, as the company will be well cast, and the scenery and costumes all that could be desired.

A HANDSOME CALENDAR.

Bovril has the reputation of issuing some of the most attractive advertising matter in Canada. Their calendar for 1903 is a work of art. A bowl, elegantly embossed, is filled with twelve tulips, at the top of which is a calendar, the whole representing a complete year. The printed matter is neatly covered, so as to bring it within the flower, by one of the outer petals of the tulip, which is in full bloom.

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AT WHOLESALE NOW.

We are showing in our store our wonderfully **REDUCED PRICES** for goods **THAT HUNDREDS ARE WAITING FOR.** They will prove the solution of **MANY A VEXING PROBLEM for CHRISTMAS GIFTS.**

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SILVERWARE—In Table Pieces, Toilet and Desk Novelties. Sterling and Plated. The very finest.

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J. M. GROTHE,

St. Catherine, *Near Theatre Francais.*

BEFORE THE RECORDER.

In the Recorder's Court Mr. Recorder Poirier had an easy docket this morning. Allan Kennedy, of Verdun, imbibed too freely and was arrested as a drunk. He was fined $1 or 8 days. Jennie Russell was drunk and disorderly, but hired a carter. She refused to pay the fare and made a fuss over it, with the result that she spent the night in the cells, and this morning was ordered to pay $4 fine and costs, or spend a month in jail. Irene Rochon, another female drunk, acted in a disorderly manner, was fined $20 or two months in jail. Mendel Katy, a German truckman, turned the corner of Craig and Gosford streets on a trot yesterday, and bumped into Achille Campbell. The driver was arrested and in court to-day was fined $2 or one month in jail, and also had to pay $10 damages to Campbell. He receives a salary of $4 per week.

FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

Mr. James McDonnell has opened an office for the registration of voters at 128 Wellington Street. The office will be open from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. Another office has been opened at 47 McCord Street by Mr. James Savage.

THE AXE SLIPPED.

Albert Lazure, aged 18, of St. Urbain Street, was brought to Notre Dame Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from a badly cut leg, caused by an axe slipping while he was chopping wood.

THOUGHT IT WAS EPILEPSY.

Emile Larocque, aged 19, was brought to Notre Dame Hospital last evening from 1378 Ontario Street. A call was sent for the ambulance at 1.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but as he was thought to be in an epileptic fit he was not moved. At five o'clock another call was sent in and it was found he was suffering from neuralgia of the heart, and is in a dangerous condition.

KEPT A GAMBLING HOUSE.

Louis Gohier who was arrested a week ago on the charge of keeping a gambling house at 48 St. James Street, appeared before Judge Choquet yesterday and pleaded guilty. He was committed to the Court of King's Bench.

STOLE THE MOCCASINS.

Lillie Travers, aged 29, who lives on Vitre Street, was very drunk yesterday. She had several pairs of moccasins in her possession when Constable Judd arrested her, and could give no account of herself or the goods. This morning Judge Lafontaine sentenced her to six months in jail for stealing them, a charge which she admitted.

ON A TERRIBLE CHARGE.

Belleville, Ont., December 17.—John Tumble, of Cassel, a man with nine children, is in jail charged with incest, his 15-year-old daughter, Bessie, being the complainant.

FINED OF LITHOGRAPHIC STONE.

Toronto, December 17.—Samples have been received at the Bureau of Mines of a further find of molybdenite and also of lithographic stone in Laxton township, Victoria county.

TO MAKE SAND BRICKS.

Hamilton, December 17.—J. H. Lander has undertaken the organization of a new joint stock company for the manufacture of sand brick and is meeting with much encouragement. They have the advantage of being made any color, are of equal durability compared with clay bricks, and absorb much less moisture.

The Poor

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

At a public meeting of citizens held on Thursday, the 11th of December, instant, the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to receive donations to provide fuel and provisions for the suffering poor during the present winter:—

Mr. CHARLES ALEXANDER, 219 St. James Street.

Mr. A. F. GAULT, 21 St. Helen Street.

Mr. JAMES MOORE, 732 Pine Avenue.

Mr. JAMES WILSON, Treasurer, 111 Common Street.

Mr. J. C. HOLDEN, 377 Mountain Street.

Mr. GEORGE HAGUE, 107 Redpath Street.

LIEUTNANT-COLONEL JEFFREY H. BURLAND, 7 Bleury Street.

As Fuel is so scarce and dear, the Committee most earnestly invite the Citizens of Montreal to send donations without delay, which will be used to the best possible advantage.

Donations may be sent to any of the above-mentioned gentlemen, or to

THE SECRETARY,
Protestant House of Industry and Refuge,
693 Dorchester Street.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

AFTERNOON BOARD SALES.

25 Montreal Power at 85.
25 Montreal Power at 85.
25 Montreal Power at 85¾.
50 Montreal Power at 84.
575 Montreal Power at 84.
25 Montreal Power at 84.
150 Montreal Power at 83½.
150 Montreal Power at 83½.
100 Montreal Power at 83½.
25 Montreal Power at 83.
25 Montreal Power at 83½.
150 Montreal Power at 83½.
10 Montreal Power at 83.
1,025 Montreal Power at 84.
40 Montreal Power at 83.
50 Montreal Power at 84.
25 Montreal Power at 83½.
100 Canadian Pacific at 125⅝.
50 Canadian Pacific at 125⅝.
100 Canadian Pacific at 125⅝.
25 Richelieu & Ontario at 89.
15 Richelieu & Ontario at 89½.
25 Richelieu & Ontario at 90.
50 Richelieu & Ontario at 90.
25 Richelieu & Ontario at 90.
25 Richelieu & Ontario at 89¼.
75 Detroit Railway at 81.
25 Detroit Railway at 81.
25 Detroit Railway at 80½.
15 Detroit Railway at 81¼.
100 Dominion Steel at 54.
50 Dominion Steel at 54¼.
100 Dominion Steel at 54½.
2 Dominion Steel at 56.
100 Dominion Steel at 54½.
50 Dominion Steel at 54⅝.
25 Twin City at 112.
200 Twin City at 111⅜.
25 Twin City at 111⅝.
100 Twin City at 111⅞.
25 Twin City at 112.
100 Twin City at 111⅞.
25 Twin City at 112¼.
50 Twin City at 112½.
25 Bank of Montreal at 272.
15 Dominion Coal at 126⅜.
10 Dominion Coal pfd at 118½.
2 Nova Scotia Steel at 100.
2,000 Dominion Steel Bonds at 88¼.
3,000 Dominion Steel Bonds at 88¼.
50 Toledo Railway at 30.
25 Toledo Railway at 30.
25 Dominion Steel pfd at 91⅝.
25 Halifax Street Railway at 100.
25 Halifax Street Railway at 100.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

By private wire to Mr. C. D. Monk, from J. S. Bache & Co.:—

DESCRIPTION.	Dec. 16. Op.	Dec. 16. Cl.	Dec. 17. Op.	Dec. 17. Cl.
Am. Ignaed Copper.	55½	55⅜	55½	56⅛
Am. Locom've com.	25½	26	26¼	25⅞
do do pref	....	91¾	....	....
Am. Sugar Rfg. Co.	120¾	121¼	121¾	122⅝
do. do. pref	....	....	....	117½
A Smelting & Ref. Co.	....	....	39⅝	39¾
Anaconda Mining Co	84	84	....	....
Atch., Top. & St. F.	80½	79⅝	80	80¾
do. do. pref	97½	98¼	98	97⅝
Am. Car & Foundry.	....	....	....	....
Baltimore and Ohio.	94.	4¾	94¾	94¾
do do pref	92	....	....	....
Brooklyn Rapid T.	62¼	61¾	62¼	62¼
Chic & Alton Com.	31	31⅜	31	31⅜
Canadian Pacific	126	128	126	125¾
Canada Southern	....	....	75½	75
Ches. & Ohio	45½	44⅞	45⅝	45¾
Chic, Burl. & Quincy	....	....	....	....
Chicago & N Western	....	215	214½	214½
Chicago, R. I. & Pac.	....	....	....	....
Chicago, Mil. & St. P.	168⅛	168½	168¾	168¾
Colorado Southern	....	25¾	25½	26¾
do do 1 pref.	....	....	....	....
Consolidated Gas, N.Y.	208	205¼	209	211
Colorado Fuel & Iron	76	76	75	75½
Cleveland C.C. & St. L	....	94⅜	....	94¾
Dela. Lack & West.	....	....	244½	244½
Delaware & Hudson.	157	158	159	160½
Denver & Rio G. pref.	....	....	88⅞	37
Duluth S. Sh. & Alt.	....	....	....	88¾
do, do pref.	23	23	....	....
Detroit United Ry.	....	....	....	....
Great Northern pfd.	187½	189¼	....	188
General Electric.	....	....	....	172
Jersey Central.	....	....	....	....
Hocking Valley	....	....	....	....
Iowa Cen. com.	36	36	....	....
Kansas & Texas com.	23½	23⅞	24	24½
Kansas & Texas pfd.	52⅞	152¼	53¼	53¾
Louisville & Nash.	118¾	119⅝	119½	119¾
Man. Elevated	144⅛	143¼	148⅞	144⅞
Missouri Pacific.	101¾	102¼	103¼	102⅝
Metropolitan Trac.	136¾	136⅞	137½	137½
N.Y. Cen. & Hudson.	150¾	150¾	150¾	150½
Erie Railroad	30⅝	31⅛	31	31⅛
do do, 1 pfd	62¼	62¾	62	62¼
do do. II pfd	43⅛	43¾	....	....
N.Y. Ontario & West	27¼	27¾	27⅞	27⅝
Norfolk & West com.	....	69	....	69½
Northern Sec.	....	108	108¾	108¾
Pacific Mail.	....	....	....	....
Penn. R.R	152	153¼	153¾	152¾
Pressed Steel Com.	....	57¾	56¾	57
do do pref	90	90	90¾	90¾
Peoples Gas.	99¾	100¼	100½	100¼
Phil. & Reading	57¾	58	58¼	58¾
do do 1 pref	84¾	85	....	85⅛
do do II pfd	....	....	75¼	75¼
Pullman	....	....	....	....
Southern Ry. com.	29⅞	30⅜	30⅜	30¼
do 1a. pref	....	91	....	91½
Southern Pacific.	58¼	59¼	59¼	60⅜
Tenn. Coal & Iron.	54	54⅛	54½	53¾
Texas Pacific	38¾	39	38⅞	38¾
Twin City	113½	....	....	....
U. S. Leather com.	86⅜	11¾	11¾	11¼
do do pref	31¼	87	....	....
U.S. Steel com.	81⅜	31⅝	31½	32¼
do do pref.	....	81⅜	81⅜	81⅜
U.S. Rubber, com.	....	....	....	....
do do pref	....	....	....	....
Union Pacific, com.	96½	95¼	96	96⅛
do do pref.	91½	91½	91¾	91¾
Wabash	....	26	25¾	25¾
do pref.	39	40½	39¼	39¾
Western Union Tel.	87¾	88	87½	88
Wh'ling & Lake Erie	....	....	....	....
do pref	....	....	....	....
Wis Cen. com.	23¾	23¼	23⅞	23¼
do pref.	48¾	48¼	48¾	48¼

ONTARIO WOMAN SUICIDES.

Toronto, December 17.—Mrs. Steven Plested, residing near Rosseau, Ont., committed suicide by taking strychnine. Deceased had been ailing for some time, and had frequently threatened to do away with herself.

Our "Nuggets of Goodness"

Are, as of old, the fine flavoring meats, well seasoned, well marbled, the finest grown, especially selected for our superior clientele.

The Fur, Fin and Feather Tribe

Are also in unusual good form, in the pink of condition, nicely and properly dressed, and delivered either cooked or prepared for the oven by experts for that purpose.

Fancy large fat Quail are very scarce, but fortunately we have secured a small lot direct from Missouri.

The Vegetarian's Mecca

Is our Hothouse Product Department. Everything ripe, fresh and free from frost, arriving daily by express from Boston and New York.

Tomatoes, Watercress, Egg Plant, Mushrooms, Green Peppers, Grapes, Lettuce, Cauliflowers, Mint, Asparagus, Parsley, Cucumbers, Radishes, Spinach, etc., etc.

Sea and River Food

In 42 varieties, representing the Rivulet, Brook, River, Lake and Ocean, all fresh and of fine quality. Terrapin due to arrive alive.

Dainty Dolly Varden

Would no doubt be a valuable acquisition if we could secure her to preside over our Delicatessen Department, but in her absence we have an experienced Decorator and Carver, who ably assists our Parisian Chef.

All goods in this Department are manufactured on the premises and handled in such a manner that you can enjoy same with "that certain relish" that is lacking in Meats less carefully prepared.

Owing to our extensive sales we have decided to make a reduction on all Cooked Meats:—

Jellied Ox Tongue	30c lb.
Jellied Lamb Tongues	50c doz.
Jellied Boiled Ham	30c lb.
Jellied Boneless Turkey	28c lb.
Jellied Chicken and Duck	28c lb.
Jellied Pate de Foie Gras	2 for 25c
Jellied Pigs' Trotters	4 for 25c
Jellied Roast Pork	30c lb.
Jellied Roast Beef	30c lb.
Jellied Roast Veal	30c lb.
Jellied Roast Chicken	50c to 75c each
Jellied Roast Quail	$5.00 to $7.00 per doz.
Cod Fish Cakes	30c doz.
Chicken Croquettes	60c doz.
Salmon Croquettes	60c doz.
Chicken Salads	25c each and up

ZIMMERMANN'S NEW YORK KOSCHER GOODS—

Frankfurters	20c lb.
Ring Sausages	20c lb.
Liver Sausages	20c lb.
Bologna	20c lb.
Salami Sausages	35c lb.
Smoked Beef	30c lb.

Sauer Kraut, Dill Pickles, Mixed Pickles, Catsups, etc., etc.

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BACK TO THE HOSPITALS.

The debate on the proposals submitted to the City Council yesterday concerning the treatment of persons afflicted with contagious diseases was not conducted on as high a level as the gravity of the occasion would warrant. The Council, some months ago, formally recognized what is its duty in the premises, and went on record in favor of a civic hospital. Yesterday this decision was reversed without any adequate effort being made to account for the departure, notwithstanding an energetic protest from Ald. Lavallee. The defense of the measure was left to Ald. Payette, whose sole justification for what was done lay in the fact that there are many other demands upon the too meagre resources of the city. It cannot be said that this position represents the high watermark of municipal statesmanship, for at best it means only the farming out of a municipal service, and it has yet to be learned that efficiency is increased by that device. If the city has not the money for its evident needs, and there are a dozen indications that it has not, the proper remedy is to raise more money, and so long as the taxation in Montreal is so much less than in other cities that resource is always open.

Such little debate as there was yesterday showed that the city is to pay even if the work is farmed out and control of an important function parted with. Ald. Ames estimates that the cost of a civic hospital would be $15,000 a year for service, and $5,000 for interest. Under the new arrangement it is proposed to give private corporations $20,000. Is it to be supposed they will spend on service $5,000 more than would be spent at a civic hospital? Or is it the intention that they shall have the $5,000 to go to an interest account? If so, it amounts to this, that instead of using its ordinary credit and retaining control, the city gets a borrowing power not intended by the Legislature and parts with control. Ald. Sadler went so far as to express the hope that the existing hospitals might be able to make some money out of their grant, and what Ald. Sadler said openly other members say with more reserve. Such statements, however, only reveal a lamentable confusion of ideas. Nobody denies the good work the hospitals do. Leaving out the Royal Victoria, which is amply endowed, too much cannot be said in praise of the work done by such hospitals as the General, Notre Dame, and the Western, all of which are kept at their present high standard of usefulness by voluntary and recurring contributions. They take in all, and no one is turned away because he cannot pay. It would be right and proper if the city would bear a part of this load, if it would pay forty or fifty cents a day towards the maintenance and care of those who are unable to pay. But since that is the right thing to do, why not do it openly and above board, and not soothe a troubled conscience with hopes that the hospitals may profit by a "rake-off" on a contract of another kind altogether. The fact that the hospitals do need the money would of itself be a strong temptation to them to skimp the contagious disease service for the advantage of their general service, and they do so good a work it would be very difficult to find fault.

If the debate was poor, however, the vote showed that the aldermen have at last come to realize that the people want a suitable service for the treatment of contagious diseases provided without further delay, a majority of those who want a civic hospital voting for the plan introduced because it seemed to offer some hope of an early solution of the difficulties that have arisen. It remains now to be seen whether the hospital authorities are prepared to come to an agreement with the city on the lines laid down. As to this, though one might never guess it from what was done yesterday, there is still some room for doubt. What does not admit of doubt is that the whole proceeding adds one more to the already long list of reasons why there should be a radical alteration in the city's financial arrangements.

WHY IS BRITAIN IN IT?

Some days ago the Herald ventured the suggestion that Great Britain had sent battleships to Venezuelan waters less because of any British interest there might be to serve there than to be on hand in case Germany undertook to do something injudicious. Color is lent to this theory by the commentaries now appearing in the British press. The people over there are not able to find in the blue books precisely what the war is all about, and they are disposed to grumble about it a good deal. The steady-going Britisher does not so much object to the mere fighting so long as he knows what he is fighting about, but when he has had his fill of war, and when the utmost enlightenment he can get is contained in Lord Lansdowne's rather flippant statement that Venezuela's average of three revolutions a year is altogether too high, he is disposed to grumble and to look around for a reason better than the one furnished. He now concludes that the British ships are there because the United States wanted them there, the American authorities not being secure in their minds that Germany could be trusted alone in front of La Guayra. The confidence shown at Washington strengthens this view, and the care the British authorities at London take to dissociate themselves from everything Germany does that the Americans do not like encourages people to believe that Britain is in this business more to please the United States than to please Germany. If there is an understanding between Great Britain and the United States, and it is not improbable, there is little danger that Germany will make serious trouble in Venezuela, whatever risk she might be willing to run to get a footing on this continent.

THE PROTECTIONIST SPIRIT.

A Western paper quotes a letter from a Canadian manufacturer which very aptly illustrates a tendency that naturally results from the tacit acceptance of the Protectionist theory. The manufacturer who, usually without sufficient examination of the broad bearings of the subject, accepts the declaration that the home market is his by right, is naturally disposed to guide his operations by his knowledge of the home market's demands. So long as the demand is good he is happy, and gives no heed to conditions elsewhere. Then, when the demand falls off, as it invariably does, he wonders what is wrong and usually happens upon a wrong answer to his query. He finds goods from other countries coming in in increasing quantities to compete with his for the small demand that remains. He blames the tariff, no matter how high it is. He has no market abroad for his goods, and he wonders why. He blames the Government of the day. Usually, for the sake of keeping his mills going, he ships large quantities of goods to outside markets and sells them at sacrifice rates. Then, when he has just about succeeded in obtaining a useful business connection in one or more markets abroad, the home demand springs up again, he cuts loose from everything else, and the whole process is gone through with once more.

The matter is brought under notice just at present by a case that has arisen in connection with the new steamship service to South Africa. A Canadian, who has started business in Krugersdorp, thought to take advantage of the service to work up a trade with the people here at home. He wrote, and here is the answer he got from one of them:

"We are in receipt of your favor of the 11th ult., and are pleased to note that you are organizing a company which it seems to us will be of great benefit to the furniture trade of our Dominion. As you perhaps are aware, business is extra good in our country, and all the factories are crowded with domestic trade, and are likely to be for the next six or eight months. We do not think we will be able to manufacture anything for export until the latter part of next year."

No English manufacturer would write a letter like that. If he could not undertake the business he would say so, but to refuse business merely because it is not home business is not his way. He knows that there are fluctuations in all the markets, and his constant endeavor is to make up in one place what shrinkage of demand there may be in another. He organizes his industry not on the basis of the number of people there may be in his own country, but on the size of the demand he can find anywhere and everywhere for the article he has to sell. His industry, not his country, is his unit of business. With us it is different. We recognize as a dim abstraction that it is a good thing to have ships going to South Africa if the Government will graciously pay them for running, but it is none of our concern whether they carry any goods, so long as business is good at home under a tariff that secures us the market at a time when others are not particularly anxious to break into it. When they become so we can clamor for a still higher tariff and begin to work up trade with South Africa at a loss. That is what happens when people, frankly and honestly adopting the protectionist theory, set themselves to building up industries under its aegis. It always has happened; it always will happen; it cannot help happening. But we always forget the last lesson and always complain bitterly when the next one is taught. The British lesson of sixty years standing, that business stability results from freedom of trade, we disregard altogether as being beneath the notice of people so enlightened as ourselves.

THE TRESTLE WATCH.

There is a swamp-lake black and deep and round as builded well,
And scarce as wide as evening shades that o'er its surface fell,
Where tamarack, all tall and thin, crowd round the miry shore,
Like thirsty things that came to drink—fast bogged forevermore.
'Tis lonely for the night watch along the trestled track
That crosses o'er that sodden swamp amid the tamarack.

Where time-impenetrated stumps with Phosphor's mists illume,
And Will o' Wisp enkindles his ghost-fire in the gloom;
'Gainst fire and hidden treachery he guards his trestled moat,
On piles a thousand feet in loam—half founded, half afloat.
A faithful Jack o' Lantern he, with mystic light and lure;
'Tis fateful with forbiddance or 'tis pledge of passage sure.
For travellers who go by night upon his trestled track
That crosses o'er the sodden swamp amid the tamarack.

The owl, unanswered, e'er implores in hopeless monotone,
More lonely than the silence is when man from man's alone;
Down mid the fungus and the fern—all dank with fertile death—
Where bursting mushrooms' livid lungs exhale earth's morbid breath.
The frog intunes his scattered choir with vibrant-twanging throat,
And all discordant through the night they try the tuneless note.
'Tis lonely for the night watch along the trestled track
Tant crosses o'er the sodden swamp amid the tamarack.

He waits to see the engine come that round the lake will shake
The quivering ague-stricken loam and fright the garter snake,
And start the ring of wary things that round the boggy shore
Plunge in where only wary things have ever been before.
At last the rail is singing—he sees her beaming eye,
The trestles roar and tremble as she jerks the coaches by.
He waves his lantern as she flies and hears her die away,
And turns to watch the trestle then until the break of day.

Good Ad. Writing

The Saturday before Christmas—December 20—will be a day when Herald advertisers will freely use the columns of their favorite paper.

Every merchant will be using space and putting forth his best efforts to attractively announce his wares.

To further encourage this laudable effort The Herald will give two prizes to the best written advertisements in its issue of the 20th.

First Prize - - - - $20

Second Prize,

Encyclopædic Dictionary, 7 vols., Value, $14.

The judging will be done by advertising experts in no way connected with the competition.

The advertisements will be judged on their presumed effectiveness as trade getters. A small advertisement is, therefore, as likely as a large one to be the best.

A Special Edition.

On Saturday, the 20th, The Herald will issue a special edition, "the Men of The Year," illustrative and descriptive, together with the brighter features of the Herald Sieve for the past year.

Advertisers entering the competition should send in their copy early, so as to ensure careful typography.

EXEMPTION FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Customs Officials at Holiday Time Are Willing to Let Presents Pass if of a Reasonable Value.

The Christmas present problem is the one which the largest number of people are engaged in solving at the present time. Their selection is engrossing a good deal of the time of the nation. The balancing of your purse and your pride is the matter of greatest difficulty.

But when the giving of a present is complica with the inspection of customs officials, most people give up in despair. The custom house is the last straw which has prevented a goods-many people in the United States from receiving gifts from friends in Canada.

People have a tendency to regard the customs organizations of the United States and of Canada also with a superstitious horror. They are looked upon as monsters of the border which devour the goods and the gold of unoffending travellers. They are to be avoided if possible.

The customs authorities, as a matter of fact, have acquired a good deal worse reputation than they deserve. The officials on the United States border are compelled by law to pass free any article on which the duty amounts to less than two dollars. In Canada there is but one specific exemption and that is in the case of clothes for students of foreign countries.

Both the United States two-dollar exemption and the Canadian student clothing exemption are in force all the year round. But at the holiday season there is a general relaxation of the scrutiny of the appraisers of both countries.

The Secretary of the United States Treasury, Mr. Lesley M. Shaw, takes a liberal view of the passing of holiday gifts and his opinion is reflected in the action of the inspectors of the borders. All gifts are passed free if they are of a reasonable value. Anything below the value of five dollars will not be held on the United States border for d but will be forwarded to its destination in the United States.

On packages containing gifts coming to Canada there is no legal exemption, but the appraisers are inclined to take a rather liberal view about this season of the year. Many articles, which are undoubtedly on the tariff list, are passed at the holiday season if the man with whom the decision rests is convinced that they are for holiday gifts.

The view is a correct one for the intention of the tariff makers of both countries was not to give protection against friendship, love, good feeling, of which the holiday gifts are mere tokens.

CHIEF LEGAULT SAYS THERE IS LITTLE DISTRESS

So much has been said during the past few days regarding the scarcity of fuel in the city that Montreal generally, and Montreal's poor in particular, are considered to be in a condition bordering on distress.

The police authorities and the presidents and managers of charitable associations who, better than anybody else, are in a position to judge, are strongly of a different opinion.

According to them the situation today is not more critical than in previous years.

"I can positively state," said Chief of Police Legault to-day "that there is no distress in Montreal. There are isolated cases of extreme poverty and suffering, but these are found even in the warm days of summer.

"The scarcity of coal and other fuel has no doubt caused great inconvenience, but that it has resulted in extreme suffering to the poor is untrue.

"All the reports of the police department show this clearly. Long before the settlement of the coal strike charitable organizations had made provision for extra assistance to the poor. No doubt the call upon them is larger this year than usual, but these calls have been answered.

"There is no suffering, as in former days," added the chief. "Everybody has been working and everybody is still working. All during the summer there was a scarcity of men, and even now there are goods on the wharf that were not removed because there were no hands to do it.

"Having thus worked continuously, people have had the opportunity of saving money so that the extra increase in prices of fuel can easily be met."

THE UNSCRUPULOUS CORRESPONDENTS

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Ottawa, December 17.—Some evil-disposed persons are endeavoring to injure the Canadian cattle trade through the use of the New York press cable agencies. Three times during the past week unscrupulously false rumors have been sent to the British press concerning the alleged spread of foot and mouth disease into Canada. These messages have in some cases emanated from Canadian sources, and are evidently being used for political purposes regardless of the general effect on the Canadian cattle trade.

No reports whatever have been received at the Agriculture Department of any sign of the disease in Canada. The department has a special service of inspection all along the frontier of the States affected, and any sign of the disease in Canada would at once be detected. While these rumors have stated that cable messages have been received from the Canadian High Commissioner, it is a fact that within the past two days there has been no communication between the department and the Canadian office in London.

BIG FIRE AT STARBUCK, MAN.

Starbuck, Man., Dec. 17.—The general store of Herman & Adleman, along with contents, was completely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The proprietors and Goldner, the clerk, who slept on the premises, had a narrow escape for their lives. The loss will be heavy, but is partly covered by insurance.

DENOUNCED THE PAROLE SYSTEM

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Toronto, December 17.—At a meeting of the Prisoners' Aid Association yesterday Inspector Stark, of Toronto, Detective Force, strongly opposed the parole system, unless accompanied by the indeterminate sentence. Anything which tended to break down the sacredness of courts, or to make criminals feel that the sentence of the court was not fina, was harmful. When a prisoner went to jail he should settle down to work, but instead of this under the present law, the prisoner was always kept excited by the efforts of his friends to get him out, in which decision the authorities of the prison had no voice. The curse of the parole system, declared Inspector Stark, is politicians. If you can prevail upon them to keep their unholy hands off the administration of law the matter would become much easier. How would it do, he asked, to form a Citizens' Aid Association to protect the average citizen against the inroads of criminals, who, in spite of all the work that had been done, were not less numerous than twenty-five years ago. Preachers and others had little idea of the amount of harm they did by signing petitions to get men out of jail before their time. Sympathy and sentiment were wasted on the professional criminal. No matter how serious the offence there were always those ready to applaud when a jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty."

MR. GREENWAY MADE A FIGHTING SPEECH

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—Hon. Thos. Greenway, addressing a meeting of the Young Liberal Club last night, discussed transportation, saying it was the question of the day and apparently an insolvable one. He said all the grain purchased within the last two months was still in the elevators and thirty million bushels was still in the farmers' hands. Next year there would be a 25 per cent. increase in crop production in Mantoba and 100 per cent in the Territories, and the situation would be still worse. If the C.P.R. should double track its line from Brandon to Fort William, it would be some relief. So would another transcontinental line, but he believed a road to Hudson Bay would be of more utility than two transcontinental lines. He believed the Hudson Bay route entirely practicable. There should also be a railway from Manitoba direct to Duluth.

He strongly censured the Roblin Government for barring out the Northern Pacific, saying that while it was desirable to ship our wheat out by Canadain outlets the prime necessity was to get it out. He touched briefly on Dominion issues and said he was glad to know that his interview last summer had had something to do in bringing on the agitation which had ended in Mr. Tarte's retirement from the government. So far as his influence went he would oppose all public men who preached protection.

In the course of the speech he formally denied that it was his intention to retire from the leadership of the party before the elections. His party, he said had asked him to continue his leadership and he would do so as long as he had strength to discharge its duties.

Mr. Greenway had a most enthusiastic reception.

FLYING MACHINES MAY COME FROM KITES.

Professor A. Graham Bell, who is here with his father, Professor A. Melville Bell, renowned all over the world as the creator of the Bell telephone, said in an interview at the Windsor Hotel yesterday that he has made some interesting developments in connection with the invention of flying machines, but he did not care to discuss them until the results have been discussed in the scientific papers.

The professor said that some of his late experiments had been made in order to satisfy himself on the point of a kite coming down to earth, and he had just seen a kite twelve feet long arranged with a small boat underneath, weighing perhaps twelve pounds, settle down as steadily as possible and drop in a field without sustaining the slightest injury.

It is very seldom, he said, that a high wind prevails at Bhreagh, but this particular day on which the experiment was made was an exception, and as they were preparing to let the kite off into space, two men were lifted off their feet and a three-eighths of an inch manilla rope was snapped as quickly as a pipe stem.

Up to quite recently the professor said that scientific men thought very little could be learned through the instrumentality of kite-flying, yet it should be remarked that in China, Japan and through the Malay Peninsula the natives had reached a hundred years ago a considerable degree of expertness in the flying of kites.

Their utility, however, is now very generally recognized on this continent, and Mr. Bell said that it was Hargrave, the Australian, who more than any one else brought the kite to the notice of practical and scientific men. Hargrave designated the kite as a tethered flying machine, and this was likewise the name given it last evening by Prof. A. Graham Bell.

As far as the professor is concerned, he appears to be quite satisfied with his summer's experience, and will leave in a short time for Washington.

Professor Graham Bell said that formerly he considered Washington, D.C., his home, and Bhreagh, near Baddeck, C.B., as his summer residence, but after a residence of fifteen years on the shores of the Bras d'Or Lake he has come to look upon this beautiful Nova Scotia resort as his home.

MRS. W. R. OSWALD DIES VERY SUDDENLY.

The sudden death of Mrs. W. R. Oswald, which took place yesterday at her late residence, 311 Drummond Street is a severe shock to her many relatives and friends, who sincerely mourn her loss.

Mrs. Oswald, who has spent her life in Montreal, was a daughter of the late Mr. John Greenshields, and a sister of Mr. E. B. Greenshields. Her mother, Mrs. John Greenshields and three sisters, as well as her brother survive her, besides two children, a son and a daughter, Mr. Malcolm Oswald and Miss Jean Oswald.

The late Lieut.-Col. W. R. Oswald, husband of the deceased lady, was well known in military and business circles. He served in the Northwest Rebellion.

Mrs. Oswald was not a woman who cared for publicity, and of late years she had lived very quietly, but her kindly sympathy and gentle manners endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. The few close friends who knew her best were deeply attached to her. Mrs. Oswald possessed very artistic, refined tastes.

The late Mrs. Oswald was a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

FUR-BUYER'S CHANCE.

This is moderate weather, and our prices are in consonance with the weather. Never in the history of Montreal has there been such an array of high class furs on sale at such astoundingly low prices. The richest Persian lamb, seal, and sable, all at the price which is in keeping with having bought at tremendous cuts for quantities. The cut from the trapper means a cut for you. Why not come and see, verify our statements and rejoice that bargains are available. We have a large store and have a large staff, so we have facilities for your Christmas buying. E. A. Ste. Marie, cor. St. Catherine and Amherst Streets.—Adv.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIR GEO. FRENCH.

Among the honors announced in the latest birthday list is a K. C. M. G., for Major-General George A. French, to whom Morgan gives credit for the organization of that most useful and efficient corps, the Northwest Mounted Police. Sir George French, as his friends, and he has many, in this portion of the empire, must now address him, is connected with the Dominion by other and closer ties, for he married in Ontario, and had several children born on Canadian soil. Morgan also records that his brother, Captain John French, commanded a company of scouts during the troubles in the Northwest in 1885, and was killed at Batoche.

NOBODY CARES

To read a straight ad. that praises everything and throws dust in the eyes of the public. This is an ad, of course, but when we say we have a large store, immense stock and magnificent parlors, we are telling the absolute truth, and if you failed to read them it would mean most likely a loss to you. We have the chances of a lifetime all thrown into one store, and you can have them for the asking. Furs from all parts of the globe are here. Come and let us show them. E. A. Ste. Marie, cor. St. Catherine and Amherst Streets.—Adv.

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We are in receipt of a very fine Claret, which we offer at an extremely low price. It is from the Chateau La Gaffeliere, Saint Emilion, France, vintage of 1899, imported in wood and bottled in our vaults.

We offer the Wine at $3.25 per case of one dozen quarts, or $9.25 per case of two dozen pints.

For out-of-town Customers, we will deliver the wine free by express to any point in the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

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Some of the Christmas Gifts Most appreciated by the receivers are not what may be termed exactly in the direct line of Holiday Goods. Nevertheless they express quite as effectively the good will of the giver, and with a touch of thoughtfulness superadded that imparts a personal something to the gift awanting in many of the popular novelties. For instance the following:—

SILK PIANO DRAPES, in White and all Art Colors, from $1.50 to $15.00.

FANCY SILK TABLE COVERS, tinsel embroidered, all prices from 65c.

FANCY SILK COMO RUGS, new coverings. Prices from $1.00 each.

HAND-EMBROIDERED TEA CLOTHS, embroidered on fine linen, new designs. Special holiday lines, from $1.23.

HAND-MADE RENAISSANCE LACE WORK—
Tea Cloths, assorted sizes, from $3.50.
Handsome Pillow Shams, from $6.75 a pair.
Bureau Scarfs, all lengths and widths, from $3.00.
Table Centres, from 50c.

CHOICE EIDERDOWN CUSHIONS, in handsome silk, satin and choice sateen coverings. Prices from $1.00.

BEST ENGLISH-MADE EIDERDOWN QUILTS, beautiful coverings of silk, satin and fine sateen. Prices from $5.75 up.

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CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES IN LEATHER, CELLULOID, EBONOID, SILVER, BRONZE, BRASS, EBONY, etc. Unlimited variety and range of prices!

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A Few Suggestions to Help You in the Selection of the HOLIDAY GIFT You Intend to Give.

In our great TOY DEPARTMENT in the Basement, you'll find everything calculated to amuse and interest the little ones. Tables heaped with the gifts that they appreciate most at Christmas. Mechanical Toys that tend to instil good mechanical ideas into their minds. Stationary Toys and Games that will help them to spend many a pleasant hour during the long winter evenings. We have all kinds and all prices. Come and see them.

HOLIDAY GIFT BOOKS.

You can't make a mistake in giving Books as a Holiday Gift. They are appreciated by everyone.

The little ones will pore for hours over the gaily-colored Picture Books and Fairy Tales. We have a full range of Children's Books from 3c up.

For the bigger girls and boys we have a full range of Story Books by the best story writers.

For the grown-up folks we have Novels, Poems by the best poets, both in plain and fancy bindings.

XMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS.

Without any exaggeration, we can safely say that we have the biggest and best assortment in these goods in the city. Our prices well known the smallest.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM 1C UP TO 25C EACH.
ART CALENDARS RANGING FROM 5C TO $2.00 EACH.
All Calendars over 25c mailed free of charge.

HOLIDAY GLOVES.

As you enter on St. Catherine Street, turn to the left and see our show of Lined and Unlined Kid Gloves. Gloves are always popular for Christmas Presents. Fancy Glove Boxes with every pair.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' KID GLOVES FROM 69C UP.
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LADIES' AND MEN'S LINED GLOVES FROM 98C UP.
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HOLIDAY PRESENTS FOR MEN.

MEN'S SILK AND SATIN NECKWEAR IN ALL THE LATEST STYLES.
MEN'S SILK AND SATIN MUFFLERS AND BOSTON PROTECTORS.
MEN'S ELASTIC AND SILK SUSPENDERS, SMOKING JACKETS, DRESSING GOWNS AND NIGHT ROBES, ETC.

THE RAINY WEATHER we had yesterday didn't stop the children from coming to see Santa Claus, his Bocage and the WONDERFUL ANIMATED TABLEAUX.

Over 1,800 tickets were sold during the day, and all children were presented with a big box of candy. To avoid the crush performances will be given during the day at 2.30, 3.00, 3.30 and 4.00 o'clock. Evening at 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00 o'clock. Children, don't miss this entertainment. It is for your own benefit. Come Thursday and bring your children with you.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS FOR LADIES.

For the benefit of men unaccustomed to shopping, and not yet decided what to buy, we give a few suggestions:

SILK WAIST PATTERNS, sufficient material for a waist, in fancy boxes.
FLANNEL WAIST PATTERNS, sufficient material for a waist, in fancy boxes.
COLORED DRESS PATTERNS, sufficient material for a costume, in fancy boxes.
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Also a large assortment of EMBROIDERED SWISS MUSLIN SHAMS, sizes 32 x 32 inches. Prices from 65c up.
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GOOD SIZE WHITE DAMASK NAPKINS from 75c doz.
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PLAIN COLOR CORD EDGE SILK RIBBONS, all colors, from 3½c up.
PLAIN COLOR DOUBLE-FACE SATIN RIBBONS, in colors, from 5c up.
TAFFETA SILK RIBBONS FOR NECK OR FANCY WORK, from 9c up.
NEW DUCHESSE NECK RIBBONS, plain and fancy, from 25c up.

HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS.

We have HANDKERCHIEFS to meet the requirements of all classes, and at prices to suit any purses. A visit will convince you.

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THE IRISH ARE BACK.

London, December 17.—In the House of Commons yesterday John Redmond, the Irish leader, with the majority of his colleagues who had absented themselves for some time, resumed their attendance and voted with the ministerialist majority in favor of Sir Charles Dilke's motion to reject the House of Lords' amendment to the Education Bill.

SIXTEEN MEN DROWNED.

London, December 17.—A despatch to the Central News says that sixteen men, officers and crew, of the British steamer Marlay, are believed to have been drowned, as a result of the foundering of their vessel. The Marlay was from Liverpool for Dublin loaded with coal.

MAY OPERATE THROUGH ITALIAN COAST.

Rome, December 17.—The Messagro says that Italy has granted permission to England to land troops at ports on the Benadir coast, in Italian Somaliland, and send troops through Italian territory against the forces of the Mad Mullah.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Christmas cards, Calendars, from five London houses; double quantity of last year; 5,000 gift books at less than half price. Giving up business May next. W. Street, 3 Bleury.—tf.

PROVINCES AT CONFERENCE.

Quebec, December 17.—Answers were received yesterday from the Premiers of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, accepting Premier Parent's invitation to be present at the conference Thursday, December 18.

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GOMPERS SAYS MINES IMPORT IMMIGRANTS.

Scranton, Pa., December 17.— Notwithstanding the fact that the mine workers announced on Monday that they had closed their case with the exception of calling one more witness, the entire two sessions of the strike commission yesterday were consumed in hearing three witnesses for the men. They are John C. Haddock, an individual operator; Rev. Dr. Peters Roberts, who is assisting the miners, and President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor. The principal point in Mr. Haddock's testimony was that he favored giving the mine workers concessions under certain conditions.

President Gompers testified as an expert in the trade union movement. He created a stir when he strongly implied during his examination that the coal companies are responsible for bringing immigrants to the coal regions. When one of the lawyers for the coal companies asked him if he knew it from personal knowledge, he said he could prove it if necessary.

The miners made another attempt to-day to have the commission admit as evidence a large mass of testimony tending to show that the anthracite coal carrying roads charge extortionate and discriminating freight rates, and that a monopoly exists in the anthracite mining industry which keeps the wages of men at an unnaturally low level. The commission again decided that the evidence must be limited to the scope of the commission and that if it did take up the claims made in the evidence proposed to be submitted, the justifiableness of the mine workers demands would still remain.

WENT THROUGH THE ICE.

Halifax, December 17.—John and Bernard Scanlan, brothers, aged 14 and 16 years respectively, of Sherbrooke, N. S., were drowned while crossing the St. Mary's River on Monday afternoon. The ice broke through and both perished before assistance reached them.

EXCEPTIONS IN BLONDIN CASE.

Counsel for J. Wilfred Blondin, convicted for the murder of his wife, are to file exceptions in the case, and the court has extended the time for the preparation of the papers until December 22.

FOR "COLUMBUS" DAY.

Washington, December 17.—Representative Martin (S. D.), introduced a bill in the House yesterday, making October 21, the anniversary of the discovery of America, a legal public holiday, to be known as Columbus Day.

JOHN ROCKEFELLER STILL GIVING.

Chicago, December 17.—Another contribution of $1,000,000 from John D. Rockefeller to the University of Chicago was announced to-day.

ABATTOIR BURNT AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Man., December 17.—The meat abattoir owned by Kobold & Co., in the western portion of the city was burned last night. The loss is about $12,000.

MAYOR OF BRANDON ELECTED.

Brandon, Man., December 17.—There was an exciting contest for the mayoralty here yesterday, Dr. Fleming, defeating Fred Nation by 105 votes.

TO GUARD AGAINST SMALLPOX.

The Provincial Board of Health has issued a circular letter regarding precautions to be taken in smallpox outbreaks. The co-operation of all municipalities is asked in combatting the disease whenever it appears. Municipalities that do not will be prosecuted.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION IS A GREAT SUCCESS IN OHIO

Gustavus Tp. Shows School Attendance 125 Before Consolidation, 143 After, Cost $2,900 Before, $3,156 After With Three Years High School Included.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Prof. Robertson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairying has just returned from a visit of investigation and observation to a portion of the State of Ohio, where remarkable progress has been made in the improvement of rural schools by the plan known as that of consolidation or centralization. He had invited Mr. R. H. Cowley, inspector of schools, for the county of Carleton, and Prof. Lochhead, head of the Department of Biology at the Ontario Agricultural College, to accompany him. Their destination was Trumbull county, Ohio, which lies about 30 miles south of Lake Erie, and adjoins the western border of the State of Pennsylvania. This district was chosen because the conditions of climate, roads, distribution of population and character of school system, are not materially different from those of the settled parts of Ontario.

RURAL CONDITIONS.

The three travellers in quest of information and experience report that they got full measure of both from the moment they alighted at Kinsman Station at half past three o'clock in the morning. There was no hotel nearer than Kinsman Village, some two miles distant, by an unknown road, rendered less beguiling than usual by some inches of snow, mud and slush. A friendly lantern, smoky out of sympathy with its surroundings, was lent by the courteous station agent. It lighted the benighted educators into a nearby house, against the only protest offered to their mission. That came from a little dog, educated to watch against the intrusion of strangers. Prof. Robertson sleepily remarked that he had known men educated into that attitude towards ideas and truth. A driver was found, a typical American, good natured, intelligent, communicative, with a keen sense of humor, and all that after having been routed out of bed by strangers at four o'clock on a wet, wintry morning, in the interests of education.

The country in that part of Ohio is comparatively level. Dairy farming is the main occupation of the people. The chief crops are Indian corn, other cereals, hay and grass. A little fall wheat is grown, but scarcely enough for the home use of the farmers. The orchards and fences were for the most part frail souvenirs of the past. The farm houses, barns and fields were evidence that the people were fairly prosperous and well-to-do, but not so much so as in the more advanced rural districts in many counties in Canada. The townships are five miles square, intersected in both directions by central roads. Other roads run parallel to those every mile and a quarter in both directions. That marks the country into blocks each one and a quarter miles square.

GUSTAVUS TOWNSHIP.

Six years ago Gustavus township became the pioneer in that part of the United States in the consolidation of rural schools. There were nine school districts in the township and as many small schools. Then the districts were united into one, and a central school was erected at a cost of $3,000. It is a frame building, containing four large well lighted class rooms, a small recitation room and cloak rooms. Instead of nine teachers in little isolated schools, there are now a principal at a salary of $65 per month, and four assistant teachers at $32 or $30 per month in the united s . Nine nice-looking vans are used to convey the children from and to their homes. These waggons or school vans have comfortable seats running lengthwise of the vehicle, waterproof canvas covers and spring gearings. Before consolidation the average attendance at the schools in that township was 125. On the day of the visit by the three Canadians it was 143 out of an enrollment of 162. The year before consolidation the cost of maintenance of the nine schools of the town ship was $2,900. Four years afterwards the cost of the centralized schools including the conveying of the children was $3,156, being an increase in expenditure by the township on its school system of $256. However, the average attendance at the Central school was so much greater than at the single district schools, that the cost of education was decreased $1.59 per pupil on the average attendance. Moreover, three years of High school work is carried on in the consolidated school and the total cost of that is included in the $3,156.

OTHER TOWNSHIPS.

The people in five adjoining townships have also consolidated their schools. Those of Gustavus, Kinsman and Johnston were selected for special scrutiny as presenting typical phases of the system. The schools of Kinsman and Johnston townships have been consolidated for two years. At Kinsman the enrollment of pupils was 146, and eight school vans were engaged; at Gustavus 162 pupils were on the roll and nine vans were used; at Johnston 175 pupils attended school, and ten vans were in service.

SCHOOL VANS.

The contract for conveying the children to and from the schools are given to responsible persons. These are under bond to provide comfortable covered waggons and to comply with the regulations of the school authorities. The vans hold from 15 up to over 25. The longest route traversed was about six miles. The vans arrive at the school at from ten to twenty minutes before nine o'clock, the hour at which the forenoon session begins. The afternoon session closes at half-past three o'clock. At Johnston school where the closing exercises were observed, the children were in the vans starting for their homes in less than five minutes afterwards. At Kinsman the eight vans are engaged at an average cost of $2.07 per school day; at Gustavus the nine vans at an average of $1.25, and at Johnston the ten vans at an average of $1.27. The price of the vans was from $100 to $135 each. All the vans observed were drawn by two horses each. The drivers who were conversed with said they had not known of any injury to any child. They said the regulations required them to wait for the children at any house for a period not exceeding two minutes, that as a matter of fact it was rarely necessary to wait one minute, and that a case where the children missed the van or were left from being late was very uncommon. The average attendance at the schools confirmed all that.

THE SCHOOL WORK.

The scope of the work in all these schools is substantially the same. Inspector Cowley reports that "the three lowest grades overtake the work ordinarily covered by the public schools in Ontario. The highest grade goes as far as our continuation class, Grade A being competent to accomplish about three years of High School work."

Through the courtesy of Professors Craig, Diehl and Crawford, the principals of the three schools, the self-constituted delegation from Canada was enabled to test the system of consolidation in all its essential bearings, obtaining valuable information not hitherto recorded on state reports. That included, among other things, the free expression of the opinions of the pupils themselves on the relative merits of the old and the new. This part of the enquiry was followed up particularly by Inspector Cowley, who gives a summary of some of the results as follows:

"About five per cent. of the pupils preferred walking to the old school rather than riding in a van to the new school. Almost without exception these were pupils who now have four to six miles of a drive in place of a former walk of one mile or less. At the same time these pupils expressed a decided preference for the work of the consolidated school. The evidence of both pupils and teachers goes to show that riding in the vans is alike comfortable and free from injury to even the youngest children. The increased enrollment of pupils and the very high percentage of regularity in attendance struck the visitors as remarkable. For the past three months the daily average attendance at the Kinsman school, which is in that respect typical, was 91 per cent. of the number of pupils enrolled. More striking in this connection is the fact that the percentage of regular attendance among the youngest pupils—those of five, six and seven years—was as high as that of any other class."

SPECIALLY NOTICEABLE.

Although the weather was rainy and the roads as bad as three inches of snow mixed with mud could make them, the children jumped out of the vans at Kinsman school with dry clothing and dry feet. Little boys and girls of six years came three and four miles in comfort. The teachers said they came regularly in all weathers. Under the small district system in the township of Kinsman two years before the enrollment at the schools was 110; under the consolidated system it has risen to 146, without any appreciable difference in the total enumeration of children in the township. The high percentage of young children (6 to 8 years) and the large proportion of older pupils (from 15 to 20 years) were eloquent of the gains in education during the first two and the later years of school life in a rural district.

The large class and larger schools seemed to meet the social needs of the children better than the small isolated schools. The older boys and girls grown into young men and women had opportunities for going on with a high school education without going away from home. There was said to be and there appeared to be a great development of a spirit of co-operation and of mutual good will and friendship from the wider and closer acquaintance of the children of the locality, and from the new interests created and recognized as being common to all and for the common good.

As far as could be learned there was almost entire unanimity of opinion among the ratepayers respecting the marked success and superior advantages of consolidation. While the scheme was brought into effect under vigorous discussion and considerable opposition, the adverse criticism has been disarmed by the results of experience. With few exceptions "the kickers", as they are designated locally, were ratepayers without children, or persons who feared some depreciation in the value of their own property, or worst still some increase in the value of the property nearest to the centralized school. Experience has proven the former of these two fears to be groundless and childless.

Professor Robertsan sums up some of the advantages afforded by the consolidation of rural schools and the free transportation of pupils.

(1) It results in the attendance of a larger number of the children in the locality, particularly of those under the age of eight years and of those over fifteen years.

(2) It brings about a more regular attendance of pupils of all grades of advancement.

(3) It ensures the engagement and retention of some teachers of higher qualifications and longer experience in rural schools.

(4) It creates conditions for a proper classification of pupils and for such a grading of the schools as permits the pupils to be placed where they can work to the best advantage for their own improvement.

(5) It permits the time table to be so arranged that teachers can give each class and every pupil in the class more direct help and supervision.

(6) It provides the beneficial influences of fairly large classes of pupils of about equal advancement, (a) by more companionship, (b) by friendly rivalries to excel, (c) by children learning from each other, and (d) co-operating under careful discipline, and (e) by class enthusiasms.

(7) It makes it convenient for boys and girls in rural districts to obtain a high school education without leaving home.

(8) It leads to the erection of better schools buildings and more satisfactory equipment in all the requisites of a good school.

(9) It makes it practicable for rural schools to enrich their course for all pupils by nature study, manual training and household science, as well as by better music; and for advanced pupils by instructions in agriculture, horticulture and allied subjects.

(10) It stimulates public interest in the schools and brings to the people of a township an institution in which all can have an equal interest and a worthy pride.

(11) It may lead to an improvement of the public roads in the country parts.

(12) It would facilitate the rural free delivery of the mail.

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GAS TANK THEIR DESTRUCTION.

Six Children Blown to Death in New Jersey.—Mother Blown Through Side of House.

Fort Lee, N.J., December 17.—By the explosion of a gas tank yesterday the residence of John Puglughi was demolished, his six children instantly killed, and his wife so seriously injured that her recovery is despaired of.

The dead are: Ida Puglughi, aged 4 years; Tillie, 12, Irene, 10; Adeline, 7, and George, 5 years.

The mother was found 200 feet from where the explosion took place, her right arm almost torn from her body.

Just returned from school, the children were at the lunch table when the explosion occurred. The roof of the house was blown out. An adjoining cottage was also partially destroyed. The debris immediately took fire and the bodies of the dead were badly charred.

Mrs. Puglughi, who was waiting on the children at the table, was blown through the side of the house and was found in the road. The father was away from home.

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When a customer enters the ground floor, the eye is attracted by the array of instruments, the product of the leading Canadian factories—Dominion, Newcombe and Bell being the leaders. The firm push the sale of these instruments for thousands of miles.

In pianos there are small boudoir instruments of fine tone and beautiful cases, from $250.00 upwards to $500.00, in rare natural woods, including the finest mahoganies, oaks and walnuts. On this floor also there is an organ gallery in which are to be found sweet-toned powerful reed organs and compensating pipe organs. These organs, of course, are the standard makes of the world. Here is to be found the small Poco organ (from an Italian word meaning "little"). The instrument is a valise organ of wondrous power and tone. It weighs 34 pounds, is beautifully finished in oak, and when folded up can be carried about as an ordinary valise, and only costs, duty and all, $32.00. The new scale Dominion pianos in the latest models are to be found in profusion, while the gold medal Newcombe piano is admired by all callers, for the same reason that it was admired and awarded the gold medal, Paris, namely: because of its tone. There is also a full line of the Bell art pianos. These instruments are certainly fine-toned and are exquisitely cased in rare woods.

In the basement, customers may see upwards of 100 second-hand and slightly-used instruments—pianos and organs—by over a dozen renowned makers.

The special parlors are upstairs, where the select Christmas stock is shown. On the fourth floor is a large parlor where are shown all the principal art styles of the Knabe pianos, uprights and grands, and the Cecilian piano-player—"the perfect piano-player." Customers are waited upon by gentlemanly attendants and sales are numerous, chiefly among the wealthier classes, and yet there are good pianos here and good organs which the poorest can afford to purchase.

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Messrs. Willis & Co. are giving away to their customers, as a souvenir, a new French-Canadian hymn, and Jim Thompson's opinion of the Cecilian. The latter is a story of a backwoodsman who came into town to attend a recital of the Cecilian piano-player, and he was so enraptured with the unique performance that he seemed for a time to lose his head. He dreamed of Cecilians all night, and in the morning surprised the waiters at the hotel by ordering for breakfast "Hot Cecilian with piano gravy."

THE SMUGGLING OF CHINESE.

Cleveland, Ohio, December 17.—Jerry Brown, local United States immigrant inspector is inspecting the alleged smuggling of Chinese into the United States across Lake Erie, and into this city. According to reports that have reached inspector Brown, Colchester, Ont., is made the point of embarkation for Chinese, who are carried into American waters on a sand scow, which anchors outside the Cleveland harbor until dark, when a small boat is sent out to bring the Chinese into this city. The statement is made that a number of Chinese have been brought into the United States in this way.

WANT TO ABOLISH TREATS.

Toronto, Ont., December 17.—At a meeting of temperance workers yesterday, called by the Dominion Alliance, at which all the chief temperance organizations were represented a resolution was passed calling for legislation abolishing the bar, the treating system and drinking in clubs. A deputation will wait on the Government to ask for the introduction of a bill to this effect at the next session of the Ontario Legislature.

Special Notice.

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On September 1 last the Steinway and Nordheimer agencies were removed from the former agent and placed exclusively with our house. Since that time we have imported and show in our warerooms a full and choice assortment of these great pianos. Any Steinway or Nordheimer pianos being offered for sale elsewhere are either second-hand or shopworn goods. We make visitors welcome to our warerooms day or evening, whether purchasers or not. We have only one store, and are not connected with any other, and are sole and only agents for Steinway and Nordheimer pianos. Note well our address. Pratte, Nordheimer & Glendon, 2461 St. Catherine Street, above Drummond Street.—adv.

MINNEAPOLIS AFTER OUR WHEAT

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—Minneapolis millers are now on the Manitoba market for the purchase of hard wheat for grinding in bond for export. Messrs. Bell and Washburn, of the Washburn, Crosby Company, have already contracted for the delivery of 1,000,000 bushels, chiefly through the Northern Elevator and Winnipeg Elevator Companies. This will be all shipped out of the province by the Canadian Northern, Northern Pacific, and Great Northern, lines to Minneapolis, where one big mill will be set aside for the grinding of Manitoba wheat.

MRS. MAYBRICK IS CHEERFUL.

London, December 17. — Baroness DesRoques, visited her daughter, Florence Maybrick, in Aylesbury prison yesterday. She found Mrs. Maybrick to be in delicate health, but cheerful. Owing to the interest taken in Mrs. Maybrick by the Duchess Radford, and others, the prisoner is now receiving better treatment. She has been transferred from the manual labor department of the prison to the library.

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Notice is hereby given that James Reid Steele, of the City of Montreal, in the District of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Railway Auditor, will apply to the Parliament of Canada, at the next Session thereof, for a Bill of Divorce from his wife, Minnie Clara Steele, formerly of the City of Montreal, at present living at the City of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, one of the United States of America, married woman, on the grounds of adultery.

Dated at the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, this second day of September, A.D., 1902.

W. A. WERRETT, Solicitor for James Reid Steele.

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GERMAN OFFICER WAS KILLED BY VENEZUELAN

New Details of Puerto Cabello Bombardment—It Was the Germans Who Sank the Tutumo—Enthusiasm for Castro at Caracas.

Puerto Cabello, December 17.—It has been learned here that during the bombardment of Puerto Cabello, December 13, by the British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta that the Charybdis was struck in the bow by a shot fired from a cannon on the Plaza Bruzal. The Vineta was struck twice by the Venezuelan cannon fire. The report which has been in circulation here that an officer of the Vineta was killed during the bombardment by a rifle bullet fired from the shore appears now to be true. The Vineta left this port suddenly, although it was supposed she would remain here to protect German interests. She is at present at Willemstad, Curacao, where she arrived with her flag flying at half-mast. It is believed the German cruiser went to Wiliemstad for the purpose of burying the body of the dead officer there.

GERMANS DID THE SINKING.

Washington, December 16.—Advices received at the German embassy today relative to the sinking of the Venezuelan gunboats by the allied fleet, bring important details about this incident. It seems of the three Venezuelan men-of-war captured by the German squadron, the Restaurador is of 600 tons displacement, and the two others, the Totumo and Gen. Crespo, were of 137 tons. Manned with German sailors, the Restaurador now flies the German flag. The other two vessels, it is claimed, were not seaworthy enough to make the voyage to Trinidad, nor was it possible to tug them to port, as the squadron was in search of Venezuelan men-of-war. The German commander, it is added, realizing the ships were of no value, decided to sink them.

A "PEACEFUL BLOCKADE."

One of the comforting features of yesterday's developments to the official mind was the reception of an intimation that so far as Great Britain was concerned, she was disposed to accept the view of the State Department here as to the limitations of a "peaceful blockade." That is to say, the disposition is to avoid interference with neutral merchant shipping, where its movements do not give actual aid to the Venezuelan Government. There is some reason to believe that at present there is a difference of opinion between the allies relative to the blockade, and that England with her great commercial and shipping interest is reluctant to consent to the imposition of irritating burdens upon it every time there is a serious friction between two nations, yet not justifying a declaration of war.

THE POPULARITY OF CASTRO.

New York, December 17.—E. Gonsales Estoves, Venezuelan consul in New York, received the following cablegram from Dr. Ferres Cardensas, President Castro's secretary, dated Caracas, December 16. "A solemn meeting organized by the honorable patriotic board of citizens, presided over by Don Juan Estevan Linares, a prominent merchant, was held here to-day. Over 1,000 people marched from Washington Square to Bolivar Square, where President Castro and Cabinet acknowledged the manifestation. President Castro received a unanimous ovation. The purpose of the meeting was to approve of the patriotic stand taken by the Government. A battalion of students, voluntarily formed, acted as bodyguard to the President. The enthusiasm throughout baffles description."

ITALY PUTS IN STRONGEST CLAIM

Caracas, December 17.—Signor De Riva, the Italian Minister, presented Italy's ultimatum at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon to Venezuela. The ultimatum demanded the immediate payment of $542,00 to meet the Italian claims arising from former revolutions.

The ultimatum was couched in stronger terms than those used in the ultimatums presented Venezuela by Britain and Germany. Italy will take part in future demonstrations against Venezuela. The interests of Italy in Venezuela will be placed in the hands of United States Minister Bowen. The Italian colony in Caracas is a very numerous one. The Italian shield over the legation door will be removed from the building and instructions will be sent to all Italian consuls in Venezuela to remove the shields over their consulates. This step will be taken in order that the rupture between Italy and Venezuela may be apparent.

A Government official remarked to a representative of the Associated Press that the United States and France are the only powers which do not attack Venezuela.

Rome, December 16.—The claims of Italy on Venezuela, referred to by Foreign Minister Prinetti in the Chamber of Deputies here yesterday, comprises losses sustained by Italians during the recent revolutions. Most of the 7,618 Italian residents of Venezuela have been heavy losers. The Peggioli firm from Elba Island, is the greatest sufferer. All its property was sacked. Other important losers are an engineer named Martini and ex-Deputy Fagi, controller of the Mariecal coal mines, which were invaded by the Venezuelan troops, who destroyed everything, and obliged the Italian miners to flee from the country. All the marble works in Venezuela, besides other industries, were in the hands of Italians; hence the aggregate of the Italian claims for damages is large.

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WASHINGTON IS SATISFIED WITH THE POSITION

Washington, December 17.—President Roosevelt and his Cabinet had one of the most extended and important meetings yesterday that has been held this fall. Foreign affairs particularly consumed the entire time of the session. The Venezuelan situation was discussed in all its phases, but no conclusion was reached different from that which has actuated the President and his advisers throughout the consideration of the trouble between Venezuela on the one side and Germany and England on the other.

It can be said authoratively that no apprehension exists in the minds of any of the administration officials that serious trouble growing out of it will accrue to the country. It is believed that both Great Britain and Germany will act within the arrangement which originally was presented to this Government, and to which the United States passively assented.

BEFORE THE SENATE.

The Venezuelan question occupied the attention of the Senate in executive session for about an hour. The question came up informally immediately after the public was excluded.

Senator Teller, disclaiming all intention of being critical, and saying he merely desired information, asked Senator Cullom, chairman on foreign relations, what information he possessed in regard to the Venezuelan affair. Mr. Teller said he believed the situation was such that senators felt that the Monroe Doctrine at any time might become involved if the complication continued. Senator Cullon replied that he had no knowledge of recent events not contained in the public press. Messrs. Bacon, Hoar, Lodge and Stewart all made remarks.

In none of the addresses was anything harsh or critical said. The tone of all speeches, whether by Republicans or Democrats, was that this country's position as a nation should be one of watchfulness.

Mr. Cullom said that much light as to the attitude of the administration could be obtained by consulting the correspondence conducted between the State Department and the German ambassador a year ago. He then called attention to the fact that on December 10, 1901, the representative of Emperor William had brought the matter of Venezuela's debts, and her apparent indifference to them to the attention of the Secretary of States. The German ambassador in his letter gave the department complete information regarding the position of his Government. He said for seven years Venezuela had failed to pay interest on a debt to German citizens, contracted in the construction of a railroad, and that in addition there were other debts, amounting to $1,700,000 due to German citizens from Venezuela which it had proved impossible to collect. He added that every known peaceable means had been tried to secure the money, and that his Government feeling that patience had ceased to be a virtue, had decided to use coercive means. It was desired, however, he said that it should be explicitly understood that howwhatever step might be taken by his country, there was no desire to encroach on, or interfere with the Monroe doctrine.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Secretary Hay replied December 16, 1901, saying in effect, the Monroe Doctrine was not intended to shield an American nation in withholding payment of its honest debts, and that its purpose was to prevent the acquisition of territory by old world nations. To further elucidate this point, Mr. May quoted from the first annual message of President Roosevelt, as follows: "The Monroe doctrine is a declaration that there must be no territorial aggrandizement by any non-American power at the expense of any American power on American soil. It is no wise intended as hostile to any nation in the old world, still less it is intended to give cover to any suggestion by one new world power at the expense of any other. It is simply a step, and a long step, toward assuring the universal peace of the world by securing the possibility of a permanent peace on this hemisphere. This doctrine has nothing to do with the commercial relations of any American power, save that it in truth allows each of them to form such as it desires. In other words, it is really a guaranty of the commercial independence of the America's. We do not guarantee any state against punishment if it misconducts itself or provided that punishment does not take the form of the acquisition of territory by any non-American power."

When Senator Cullom had concluded, Senator Lodge called attention to the declaration attributed to Lord Lansdowne by the despatches that there is no disposition or desire on the part of Great Britain to acquire any Venezuelan territory.

Senator Bacon, a leading minority member on foreign affairs, said that on a question of this kind there was no party division, that everybody would stand with the administration in doing what was best for the general good. The maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine devolved on the whole people.

Senator Hoar said that thus far nothing had been done to cause apprehension.

Senator Stewart dealt somewhat on the bombardment of the Venezuelan forts, and said that incident should be accepted by our Government as a warning of what this country might expect whenever excuse might offer. He gave as his reasons for his admonition the fact that our recent acquisition of territory had aroused the jealousy of all European powers and that they might attack us at any time. "Not in two generations," he said, "could we build up a navy equal to that of Great Britain, but we can strengthen our coast fortifications, and in view of Venezuela's experience it behooves us to do so."

As there was no formal question before the Senate the matter was dropped.

HAYTI AGAIN IN THROES.

Gen. St. Foix Colin Flees to U.S. Legation.—Gen. Nord Plans to Seize the Presidency.

Port au Prince, Hayti, December 17.—General Saint Foix Colin, Minister of the Interior, and opponent of General Herd, in the contest for the presidency, has sought refuge in the United States Legation. There has been much firing in the city, and a state of great excitement prevails.

All the military authorities who have been supporters of Seneque Pierros' candidacy for the presidency, and those opposed to General Nord, also sought refuge in the consulates.

General Nord is acclaimed president by the troops, and seems to be master of the situation, notwithstanding the fact that the majority of Congress is in favor of Seneque Pierros. General Nord will dissolve the Chamber of Communes, and the Senate will order the elections, which will result in his favor. Firing continued this afternoon in the streets, but the foreign residents are in no danger.

ADVICES AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, December 17. The following cablegram has been received to-day from Vice-Consul General Jorres, at Port au Prince: "General Nord arrived Sunday. Great excitement, shooting in the streets. Secretary of the Interior with general police at legation. Serious trouble expected."

QUARANTINE PRECAUTIONS.

U.S. Government Prohibits Exportation of Hides, Hair, Horns and Hoofs from the Four States.

Washington, December 17.—The Senate committee on appropriations yesterday authorized a favorable report on the bill appropriating $500,000 for the conduct of the campaign against the cattle disease in New England.

Secretary Wilson has issued an order directing that all freight cars, which have carried animals within the limits of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Mass., or Vermont, which have been quarantined on account of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease, shall be cleaned and disinfected before leaving the state where unloaded. The order designates in detail the manner in which the disinfection is to be done, and adds:—"All cars which have carried animals from points outside the quarantined territory into either of the said States, as provided, for immediate slaughter, will likewise be cleaned and disinfected, provided, that where there are no facilities for disinfection or when the condition prevents its proper accomplishment, such cars may be allowed to go out without disinfection if they are sealed at the time of unloading by an inspector of this department and seal is not broken until after arrival in unaffected territory.

"That the hides, skins, hair, horns, or hoofs of ruminants of swine shall not be allowed to be taken out of either of the said quarantine States, provided that such articles imported at any portion of said State where inspector of the department is stationed, may be forwarded under certificate of said inspector."

BUBONIC PLAGUE ON A SHIP AT NEW YORK

New York, December 17. Three cases of bubonic plague are under treatment in the Swinburn Island Hospital at quarantine. The sufferers are the first and second cooks, and the second steward of the Prince line steamer Saxon Prince, which arrived from Durban, South Africa, Monday, when on inspection of the crew, three were found to be ill.

The history of the cases made a complete chain of infection from the time of the exposure of the first man at Durban, to the time of arrival. Thee rew were ashore at Durban, and it is undoubtedly there the disease was contracted. The first patient is convalescent, but the other two are under treatment. All three men slept together in a small compartment. The total number of the crew is thirty-one. There are five passengers on board, a woman and four children.

The steamer will be sent to sea to discharge the water and sand ballast taken on board at Durban. She will then return to quarantine, when the passengers and crew will be transferred to Hoffman Island, where they will be held ten days for observation. The effects of all will be thoroughly disinfected and the steamer will be washed and disinfected in every part before being released.

Dr. Doty says that there is no danger of a spread of the plague, as the whole matter is well in hand.

ON GUARD AGAINST 'FRISCO

Ottawa, December 17. Dr. F. Montizambert, Director General of Public Health, has returned from the convention of the American Health Association, held in New Orleans. The two questions of supreme importance before the congress were yellow fever and the bubonic plague in San Francisco. Evidence was adduced to prove that the report from that city declaring that the disease had been positively diagnosed as chicken cholera, is a misrepresentation, and that not only was the disease in San Francisco really the plague, but plague in its worst form, namely, of the pneumonic type. Three deaths from it were officially reported, but every effort is being made in San Francisco to keep the facts quiet and instead the country as to the true state of affairs. On the requisition of five States Surgeon-General Wyman has called a meeting of the health executive of every State in the Union, to be held in Washington during Christmas week to devise measures to prevent the spread of the contagion and to stamp out the disease in San Francisco.

In the meantime Canada will continue the rigid quarantine inspection of all vessels from San Francisco, and will re-enact the order compelling all vessels liable to contact with the contagion to have their mooring hawsers protected by funnels to prevent the migration of rats.

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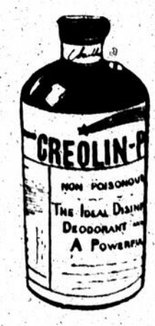
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DAZE—At 33 Alexander Street, November 30, the wife of Francis Daze, of a son.

BEATTIE—At 500 Magdalen Street, Point St. Charles, on December 14, the wife of H. Beattie, of a daughter.

MacGREGOR—At 73 Hutchison Street, on December 5, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. MacGregor, twin boys.

MILLER—At 12 Desriviers Street, December 6, to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller, a son.

ROWAN—Marbleton, December 9, a son to the Rev. W. L. and Mrs. Rowan.

SEALE—Morin Flats, Que., December 11, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Seale.

MARRIAGES.

CRISPO-FITZGERALD—Waterville, December 10, by Rev. James Simmonds, M.A., Chas. Henry Crispo, of Waterville, formerly of Montreal, to May Belle Fitzgerald, daughter of Mrs. Harris Fulmer, of Waterville.

DOIG-LINDER—Toronto, December 10, by Rev. Dr. Chown, Lizzie, eldest daughter of John Linder, to James Doig, of Dundee, Scotland.

PARKS-TORREY—St. John, N.B., December 8, by Rev. W. T. K. Thompson, Captain Arthur S. Parks, of Port George, N.S., to Miss Amy L. Torrey, of St. John, N.B.

DEATHS IN THE CITY.

CREVIER—St. Lambert, on December 16, J. D. Crevier, aged 67.

HAMMOND—December 15, Mary Catherine Willen, wife of John Hammond, in her 37th year.

HUMPHREYS—On December 16, Alfred Humphreys, aged 50 years.

LOVE—In this city, on December 16, John, youngest son of the late Mathew Love, and brother of Messrs. Thomas H. and Robert Love, at the age of 40 years. Funeral will leave his late residence, No. 1158 St. James Street, on Thursday morning at 8.30 o'clock, to St. Anthony's Church, thence to Cote des Neiges Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances and members of the C.O.F. will please accept this intimation.

MacVICAR—In this city, on December 15, 1902, Donald H. MacVicar, D.D., Principal Presbyterian College, aged 71 years.

OSWALD—At 211 Drummond Street, suddenly, on December 16, Graham Campbell Greenshields, widow of the late W. R. Oswald, and daughter of the late John Greenshields.

RAWLEY—December 16, at 139 Canning St., Helen, eldest daughter of Richard Hawley.

READ—At his home, 949 Wellington Street, Montreal, Tuesday morning, December 16, 1902, Rev. Francis Winter Read, B.A., aged 43 years, son of the late John Read, of Romsey, Hampshire, Eng., missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to Angola, West Africa. He giveth His beloved sleep. Funeral will take place from the above residence at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, December 19, to Mount Royal Cemetery. Funeral service will be held at Point St. Charles Congregational Church at 3 o'clock.

SMITH—At 87a Congregation Street, December 14, William Henry, at the age of 7 years, son of William and (Emily Coop) Smith.

TAYLOR—In this city, at 339 Magdalen Street, on Saturday, December 13, 1902, Laura Myers, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, aged 19 months and 20 days.

TAYLOR—December 16, Francis Joslyn, son of O. Stewart Taylor and Katharine Taylor, aged 9 years.

WARD—At the Royal Victoria Hospital, Jas. A. Ward, aged 27.

WILSON—At 764 Palace Street, on December 16, John M. Wilson, aged 68 years. Funeral on Thursday, 18th inst., at 2 p.m., to Mount Royal Cemetery. 297

DEATHS ELSEWHERE.

ACHESON—Toronto, December 10, James Acheson, aged 82 years.

CUNNINGHAM—St. John, N.B., December 9, Robert Cunningham, aged 72.

DAYMAN—Calgary, N.W.T., December 7, Evelyn Leslie, aged 3 years, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dayman.

DAYMAN—Calgary, N.W.T., December ... Douglas Hopwood, second eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dayman.

DICKINSON—Woodstock, N.B., December 1, Randolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickinson, aged 8 years.

ELLIOTT—St. John, N.B., December 13, Margaret Elliott, widow of William Elliott, aged 63.

FAIRBANKS—Halifax, December 11, Edwin C. Fairbanks, deputy provincial secretary, aged 64.

GOODSON—Sarnia, Ont., December 6, Catherine Shipman, relict of the Rev. Geo. Goodson, aged 90 years.

GREEN—Winnipeg, December 9, Thomas Green, aged 31.

HARDING—St. John, N.B., December 12, William Stenning Harding, M.D., aged 88.

HERKES—Halifax, December 11, Harriet Tilly, beloved wife of Jas. Herkes.

HOWE—Avonmore, N.B., December 2, Mary E., wife of James T. Howe, and only daughter of Thos. and Ellen Ward, of Annidale, Queen's Co.

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S.S. MARIE, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, DULUTH—Lv. *10.05 p.m. Ar. *8.00 a.m.

OTTAWA—Lv. Place Viger †8.20 a.m., †5.45 p.m. Ar. †12.35 p.m., †10.30 p.m. Lv. Windsor St. †8.45 a.m., *9.40 a.m., §10.00 a.m., †4.00 p.m., *10.05 p.m. Ar. *8.00 a.m., †11.45 a.m., *6.30 p.m., †7.00 p.m., §9.45 p.m.

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BOSTON—Lv. †9.00 a.m., *7.45 p.m. Ar. *8.15 a.m., †9.15 p.m.

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SHERBROOKE — Lv. †8.30 a.m., †4.30 p.m., †7.25 p.m. Ar. (x)8.35 a.m., †11.55 a.m., †7.00 p.m.

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HOLDS FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

The Numismatic and Antiquarian Society held its fortieth annual meeting in the Council Chamber of the Chateau de Ramezay. There were present at the meeting: Mr. Judge Baby, in the chair, Judge Sicotte, G. Durnford, R. W. McLachlan, C. A. Harwood, S. M. Baylis, C. T. Hart, James Reid, E. Belanger, Arthur Baby, Ludger Gravel, G. Desaulnier, Dr. L. Laberge, P. O. Tremblay, Ludger Larose, W. D. Lighthall and Jos. Fortier.

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The annual report, presented by Judge Baby, stated that the society had had a most successful year. He urged an increase of membership, as the only revenue of the society was from the annual fees, and stated a deputation had waited on the City Council to ask a grant from the municipal funds towards the maintenance of the Chateau de Ramezay.

Extensive repairs had been made of the "Elgin Gallery" during the past year, and Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Minto had signified their intention to be present at its re-opening.

Referring to the proposed demolition of the Chateau, the president took occasion to deny that there was any danger of the building given any sign of decay, and declared that protests had been received from many different quarters against the destruction of one of the most cherished attractions of the city.

The visitors to the collections during the last year numbered 100,000, of whom a large number were tourists, and their interest was expressed by many articles and references in newspapers and magazines.

The treasurer's report showed the receipt of $1,280.32, and an expenditure of $1,326.88.

During the year there have been 157 additions to the collections of historical relics, 123 to the gallery of Canadian portraits, and 2,590 to the library.

SHIPPING

MANCHESTER LINE SHIP ASHORE

Reports from Halifax, state that the Manchester liner, Manchester City, is ashore at Port Medway, N. S. The Trader was from Philadelphia and loaded pulp at A. G. Jones' pulp mill, Port Medway, for Becker & Co., of London. From Port Medway she was to go to Halifax to take in more cargo, and from there she was to proceed to Georgetown, P.E.I., to finish loading. It was previously intended she was to go to Charlottetown, but owing to the cold weather, her loading port on the island was changed to Georgetown."

SUNK IN LAKE ONTARIO.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The steamer John R. Noyes, whose crew was rescued last night by the Charlotte life saving crew, went down this morning. The ship was seen to rear up high in the air, before taking the final plunge. No trace of the John E. Hall has been found and the vessel is believed to have foundered.

WENT DOWN IN DOCK.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 16.—The steamer Glengarry sank at her moorings here during the night. A sea cock had been left open and the vessel slowly filled with water and went down in a mud bottom. She can be quickly pumped out.

TUNISIAN AT MOVILLE.

A cablegram received from Liverpool to-day announces the arrival of the Allan line SS. Tunisian at Moville at 9 o'clock this morning. This steamer sailed from Halifax at 10.30 on Tuesday, December 9. Time of passage, 6 days, 18 hours.

The Corinthian sailed from Halifax this morning with 19 first, 83 second and 162 third-class passengers.

NOTES.

The SS. Corsican, Allan line, from Boston, arrived at Glasgow yesterday.

The SS. Corinthian, Allan line, sailed from Halifax yesterday for Liverpool. She had 19 first, 83 second and 162 third-class passengers.

The R. M. S. Pretorian, Allan line, sailed from Halifax, for St. John, N. B., on Monday.

The R. M. S. Tunisian, Allan line, arrived at Moville yesterday from S. John, N. B., and Halifax.

The Allan liner Peruvian sailed from St. John, Nfld., for Liverpool, at 6 a. m., yesterday.

The Dominion line SS. Vancouver, from Boston for Naples, arrived outwards on Monday.

The Hamburg-American line SS. Teutonia arrived at Hamburg yesterday from Montreal.

The SS. Birmingham, Furness line, from Quebec, arrived at Manchester yesterday.

The SS. Manchester City arrived at Manchester yesterday from St. John, N. B. She landed all her cattle in good condition.

HOW THE PLAGUE CAME TO 'FRISCO.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Advices just received from Honolulu show that investigation proves that food stuffs shipped to Honolulu from Japan and China, via San Francisco, are responsible for the cases of plague recently appearing there, says a special to the Chronicle from San Francisco. A number of Japanese on nearby plantations were taken with the plague and died in a hospital in Honolulu. An examination of their effects was made, but no trace of the germ was discovered until thorough tests had been made of some of the Japanese food found in the house. These foods, under the microscope, showed a trace of the plague germs and further examinations made of Oriental stuffs showed that the diagnosis was correct. It was learned also that the foodstuffs had been imported at San Francisco and re-shipped to Honolulu.

CATHEDRAL SINGERS AT WINDSOR HALL.

The English cathedral singers brought to America by Mr. Edward Branscombe were heard again in Windsor Hall last night, when their sacred music and glees of Old England delighted the audience.

Perhaps the most noticeable feature of the visitors' singing is the ease with which they give the most difficult compositions. If one did not feel the beauty of it, this ease would almost take from the effect. This feature of their work was most apparent in an old German folk song, when Mr. Branscombe was accompanied by the men of the choir, who hummed their parts without detracting from, but rather adding to, the pathos of the composition. That this is possible may spring from the peculiarly sympathetic quality of their voices.

In addition to the secular glees, three numbers from the Coronation music were given, of which the encore, "Send Out Thy Light," was the best.

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The Herald's Puzzle Pictures

SOMETHING TO INTEREST OLD AND YOUNG.

Hidden in each of these Puzzle Pictures is a figure. See if you can find it.



ALI BABA'S WIFE IS MEASURING THE GOLD. FIND CASSIM AND THE CAPTAIN OF THE THIEVES.

Solution of Monday's Puzzle Picture.—One's head is beneath foot of climber highest up, another between the two fallen men.

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for the current half year, has been declared upon the paid up Capital Stock of this Bank (but on new stock to apply from date of payment only), and that the same will be payable at the Head Office and Branches on and after

Friday, 2nd Day of January Next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 31st December, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

J. MACKINNON, General Manager.

Sherbrooke, 3rd Dec., 1902.

CALLING IN CREDITORS

Province of Quebec, District of Montreal.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.—No. 138.

In the matter of George Ducharme, of the Town of St. Louis, in the District of Montreal, piano manufacturer, insolvent.

The creditors of said insolvent are hereby ordered to appear before one of the Judges of this Court, in the Court Room No. 31, in the Court House, at Montreal, on the TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF DECEMBER INSTANT, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, in order to give their advice touching the appointment of a curator and inspectors to the property of the said insolvent.

Montreal, 16th December, 1902.

H. COLLARD, Deputy Prothonotary, C.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT AT the next Session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, Joseph Stern, of the City and District of Montreal, surgeon-dentist, duly licensed to practise his profession in the State of Ohio, one of the United States of America, will make application for an Act authorizing him to practise his profession as surgeon-dentist in the Province of Quebec, and to be admitted to membership in the Dental Association of the Province of Quebec.

JACOBS, PATTERSON & GARNEAU, Attorneys for Applicant.

Montreal, December 1st, 1902.

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OLD MINOR TUNES.

The minor tunes of long ago,
Their solemn, plaintive strains
Are burdened with impassioned woe
From countless hidden pains.

In them forgotten centuries
Again take form and shape;
In them long-buried tragedies
From death's cold grasp escape.

In them again o'er chartless wave
Steer we to Plymouth's strand;
In them surrounding forest grave
With pilgrim sires we stand.

In them again at Lexington
We form to meet the foe;
In them until the war is won
Our feet dye red the snow.

In them again o'er wood and plain
As pioneers we roam;
In them upturn for fruit and grain
Vast squares of deadly loam.

The minor tunes of long ago,
In floods of harmony,
Revived through sacred aisles will flow
And ne'er forgotten be.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.

As Seen by Her.

One family in town has a splendid scheme for getting what they want at Christmas time. All the members have suffered from presents they did not want, and could only look upon with a friendly eye by holding fast to the thought of the kindness which prompted the gift.

This year they decided that from the family at least they would get what they wanted.

Each individual member hung outside his or her door, or pinned in some conspicuous place, a list of things desired from a seal coat to a needlebook or a marker. Whenever she or he happened to think of something it was written down. When members of the family read the list they picked out what they wanted to give and ran a pencil through the article, which the others then knew was "taken." No sense of anticipation was destroyed, as the owner of the list did not know who was to give the present or its style or value.

No matter how pleased you are with all your gifts, there is no denying that it is pleasanter to get something you really want than something which you have to educate yourself to like.

Some people have so little sense about giving. If they have only twenty-five cents to spend on a friend they will buy a silly floral calendar with the figures so small that one would need a magnifying glass to make them out, instead of a sensible pretty pocket handkerchief.

THE MEMSAHIB.

WOMEN'S PETITION BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

Next week the petition of the Local Council of Women comes before the Charter Committee, and the season being one of peace and goodwill should incline the authorities to do what is asked of them.

The petition is not only that women judicially separated from their husbands, who pay taxes, should have the right to vote, but also that the law allowing widows and spinsters who pay rent the right to vote should be retained.

Meyer Helmund, whose songs are known in the United States, has written an opera, "Trishka," which has been accepted by the management of the Royal Opera for production this season.

The Herald's Daily Fashion Hints



A swell Monte Carlo coat of biscuit-colored broadcloth, lined with white satin. It is trimmed with heavy silk braid in a dark shade of tan, and with crocheted ornaments of the same color. It closes slightly on the left side, and has a stole collar with a double cape, the upper part of which is edged with stitched bands of broadcloth trimmed with braid. Straps of the broadcloth extend over the shoulders, also terminating at the edge of the cape, when they are finished with crocheted ornaments.

MEN, WOMEN AND HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Hugh Scott is in Quebec from Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Morris, are at the Albion.

Dr. R. T. Davis, of New York, is at the Stanley.

Mr. David F. Robertson, of Montreal is in Quebec.

Miss Grace Lowrey, of Quebec, is visiting in Ottawa.

Dr. Lapthorn Smith, has returned from a short visit to Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Wood, Portland, Me., are at the St. James Hotel.

Mrs. Alton Lindsay, of Johnville, is in Montreal, for medical treatment.

Hon. W. Pugsley and Mrs. Pugsley, St. John, N.B., are at the Windsor.

Major Carrington Smith, has left for England to join his regiment. He sails by the St. Paul.

Owing to family bereavement, Mrs. E. B. Greenshields will be unable to receive her friends on Thursday afternoon, December 18th.

The Misses Shepherd, Roslyn Ave., entertained the members of the Alexandra Snowshoe Club this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald J. Henderson, of Toronto, leave next month for Montreal, where they will in future live.

The Westmount Golf Club ball to be held on December 26th at the Windsor gives promise of being a most enjoyable affair.

Hon. John McIntosh, M.P., Sherbrooke, who has returned from the Southern States is much improved in health.

Mr. Randal Davidson and Miss Davidson, of Sherbrooke Street, will spend Christmas in Ottawa, with Miss Laura Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson Murphy and Mrs. Forbes, have returned to Ottawa after spending a couple of days in town.

Mrs. Aubry, wife of Captain Aubry of the French navy, has arrived with her two children to visit her father, Mr. Justice Wurtele.

Mrs. R. R. Stevenson, entertained a number of her friends this week at a tea for her daughter, Miss Pearl Stevenson, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sherwood Stevenson. The decorations which were particularly tasteful and pretty were carried out in white and green, marguerites being the flowers used.

Their Excellencies and Lady Ruby Elliott, were among the guests at the skating party given in the Rideau Rink, Ottawa, on Monday by a number of gentlemen. Pink carnations were used for decoration in the supper room. Lady Minto wore green cloth and beautiful furs and Lady Ruby was in blue. Among those present were, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Turner, Miss Florence Fielding and Mrs. Barrett Dewar, Miss Scott the Misses Ritchie.

Captain Aubry, of the French navy, Mr. Justice Wurtele's son-in-law, was appointed by presidential decree of the 24th November last to the command of the cruiser "Trude," which forms part of the naval division of the North Atlantic. He sailed, on the 9th instant to join his ship in the West Indies. Mrs. Aubry with her two children arrived on Monday to spend a year in Canada.

The following Canadian visitors registered their names at the Canadian Government Office, 17, Victoria Street, S.W., during the week ending Dec. 2nd: A. E. Collis, Halifax, N.S.; A. Arthur Sullivan, Charlottetown; Howard P. Buck, Sherbrooke; Mrs. Charles E. and Master R. I. Stewart, Halifax; Mr., Mrs. J. R., and Miss Henderson, Halifax, N.S.; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ridley, Dawson, Y.T.; G. T., Miss, and Miss M. H. Fulford, Brockville; Mrs. A. R. Allan, Brockville; Henry M. Collison, Iroquois, Ont.; J. A. Rannie, Chatham, Ont.; Hedley V. Cowie, Toronto; R. Frederic Charlton, Toronto; Millicent G. E. and Constance E. C. Etches, Toronto; Dr. John Baker, Halifax.

The following Canadian visitors registered their names at the Canadian Government offices, 10, Rue de Rome, Paris, during the week ending November 29th: Rev. Dom. Marie Antoine, Oka, Quebec; Captain Eugene O'Sullivan, Valleyfield, Que.; J. McDonald, E. F. Boyd, Montreal; Alex. H. Duff, Montreal; Miss L. Pletcher, Toronto; E. Jobin, Montreal; Philipps Roy, Edmonton; Rev. F. X. and Miss J. Plante, Geo. A. Simard, Montreal; J. A. Berthiaume, Terrebonne; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis, Hamilton, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tarut, Montreal; J. M. Roberge, Joliette; J. E. F. Yafortune, Joliette; Mrs. F. E. Roy, Quebec; Mr. Chevalier, Montreal; Ph. L. Lassonde, Three Rivers; A. Mossman, Montreal; Mr., Mrs. and Miss Fairclough, Starford; E. Pacaud, Quebec; Louis H. Tache, Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Panneton, Montreal.

AT THE HOTELS

At the Hall—Thos. Dawes, Toronto; Ed. Ouellette, Drummondville; W. L. Alexander, Buffalo; Judge Belanger, Beauharnois; J. H. Hall, Ottawa; J. Edgar, Ottawa; Thos. Hepburn, Preston; G. B. Burney, Brockville.

At the Queen's—F. Campbell, Pembroke; W. F. Fair, London, W. G. George, Eganville; Mrs. W. M. Conley, Plattsburg; C. A. McMaster, Fort Covington; W. J. M. Fielding, Hamilton; R. W. Clark, Fredericton, N.B.; H. H. Harmon, Toronto; W. G. Brown, Cowansville.

At the Hotel Carslake,—W. G. Douglas, London; N. G. Somerville, Brockville; George Casey, Ottawa; T. D. Dunn, Cowansville; Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. C. Gwyn, A. S. Hurd, E. W. Cate, Sherbrooke; George M. Loy, M.P., Valleyfield; G. L. Hume, Compton; A. B. Smith, Toronto.

At the Windsor—F. J. Behan, Rochester; C. P. Ayer, St. John, N. B.; F. King, Buffalo; J. E. Caron, Quebec; G. P. White, Toronto; T. Reid, Dundas; H. J. Gray, Grand Rapids; C. C. Gregory, Antigonish, N. S.; C. Guertin, Ottawa; C. B. Wisner, New York; C. P. Ayer, St. John, N.B.; F. J. Campbell, Sherbrooke.

At the Place Viger Hotel—E. Harper Wade, Quebec; Robt. Lowe, New York; Chas. E. Good, Toronto; Mrs. W. J. Brownlee, Lieut.-Col. Biggar, Ottawa; J. A. Farrell, Miss Farrell, New York; Mr. and Mde. Berlinquet, Three Rivers; L. E. Panneton, Sherbrooke; W. M. Dobell, Major C. M. Dobell, Quebec; A. Lumsden, Ottawa; Mrs. and Miss Baptist, Three Rivers.

LADY CURLERS HAVE CORONATION CUP

The recent cold weather gave the lady curlers a chance to practice with a view to doing wonders later on in the winter.

This year there is a new cup to be played for. A Coronation Challenge Cup, for which the Montreal, the St. Lawrence, Lachine, Quebec and Ormstown will compete.

The challenge cup, which has been the raison d'etre for some good matches in past seasons, is at present held by Quebec. Montreal has challenged Quebec, and the match will probably come off early in the New Year.

The officers of the Montreal Ladies' Curling Club are: President, Mrs. A. E. Ogilvie; vice-president, Mrs. Lyle Davidson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. A. G. Brooke-Claxton; treasurer, Miss E. Clay. Committee, Miss Bond, Miss Hamilton, Miss Pangman, Miss Tyre and Miss Gardner. Mrs. G. Herrick Duggan, the former popular president, will be much missed this winter.

PLAYING GOLF ON THE OCEAN

"As I stepped on deck from the saloon one morning on my return trip from abroad," said Frank M. Morris to a writer in the Chicago Chronicle, "I heard a voice cry: 'You've sliced a drive and you're in the grass.' For a moment I wondered if I was at sea or on the Exmoor links at home. I saw a gray ocean, which might have made a good golf links if it only had been solid, heaving against the sky, and Land's End, last glimpse of England, disappearing in our weather quarter. So I was quite sure our vessel was a night out from London and on the open sea. But there were people on deck undoubtedly playing golf—playing it with the absorbed eager air that marks the devotee of the game on dry land.

"Ocean golf is one of the novelties of the transatlantic summer season. It was first introduced on the boats of the Atlantic Transport line, and has been taken up enthusiastically on the larger steamers of all lines. Mr. Morris returned on the Minnetonka, 14,000 tons burden, 800 feet from stem to stern, and with an after deck 200 feet long and forty feet in beam. Golf links had been laid out on this deck in the lee of the cabin.

"The golf course about the deck," said Mr. Morris, "consisted of nine circular chalk marks a foot in diameter in lieu of holes. The golf balls were shuffle-board disks, five inches across and an inch thick. The clubs were shuffle-board sticks, with ends hollowed out to fit the disks. With these clubs the disks were sent sliding about the decks by vigorous shoves instead of free strikes. The hazards of the course were furnished by a wheelhouse 20 x 30 feet in size, ventilators, two hatches, four donkey engines, a capstan, spars, coils of rope and a galleyway leading to the deck below.

"A good player could make a round of eighteen holes in half or three-quarters of an hour. The third hole required a display of skill and slight knowledge of billiards. It lay snug behind a group of ventilator funnels. The only way to reach it in a single stroke was to drive your disk against the side of the afterhatch and make it carom toward the hole. In driving from the fourth to the fifth hole you had to reckon with the wheelhouse, which lay between them. In working back from the taffrail to the cabin you entered on a little campaign full of difficult problems. The way was beset with such bunkers as a steam donkey, a scuttle over a galleyway, a number of ventilators and a capstan. In making the final hole you drove your disk straight from one side of the deck to the other through a three-foot alley between cabin and hatch.

"If there was a sea on and the boat rolled the difficulties of play became complicated. Then in driving you had to allow for the list of the deck. If your stroke was not sure, there was the annoying possibility that your disk would turn on edge and roll a hundred feet or so down the deck and fetch up in the scuppers. When the disk went into the gutters the players said it was in the grass.

"There was nothing but golf aboard from the beginning of the voyage to the end. Billiards, chess, whist and poker were waved aside for golf. Every passenger became as brown as a berry from playing golf on deck in the wind and sun. At times they almost fought for possession of the links. We had match plays, foursomes and one tournament."

For the Cook.

SPICED JELLY.

One pint of spiced vinegar left from sweet pickles, strained, two tablespoons of dissolved gelatine; pour into moulds. Makes an excellent jelly to serve with meat.

EASY DESSERT.

Heap slices of stale cake or fresh sponge cake with alternate layers of fresh pineapple or the grated pineapple canned. Cover all over with a meringue and slowly brown.

OYSTER COCKTAILS.

Six teaspoonfuls tomato catsup, six teaspoonfuls Worcestershire sauce, twelve teaspoonfuls lemon juice, a few drops of tobasco sauce. Take dozen and half blue points. Have sauce and oysters very cold. Serve in cocktail glasses. This serves six persons.

ORANGE CORDIAL.

One gallon brandy, twelve oranges, the yellow rind, five pounds sugar. Put the thin, yellow peel of three oranges in one gallon brandy for four consecutive mornings, straining each time. Put enough water to sugar to dissolve and boil till it comes to a candy state. Mix with brandy. Keep six weeks before using.

DELICIOUS HOME-MADE ICE CREAM

For one gallon of ice cream take one and one-half large cups of granulated sugar and boil in porcelain kettle with one cup of water, until it begins to thicken like syrup. Have ready the whites of six eggs beaten to a stiff froth and pour the hot syrup on the whites, beating all the while. As soon as this is well mixed, add a half gallon of thick, sweet cream, flavor with two tablespoonfuls Dr. Price's extract vanilla and proceed to freeze. If the cream is heavy this amount will make one gallon when frozen, but if the cream is not thick a greater quantity will be required.

FUDGE.

3 Cups of granulated sugar.
1 cup of rice milk.
1 piece of butter, the size of a large nut.
1-4 cake of Baker's chocolate.

Grate or cut the chocolate into fine pieces. Add to the sugar milk and butter. Cook the mixture until upon being dropped in cold water it forms a soft ball. Just before taking from the stove, add a teaspoonful of vanilla extract. Then immediately remove the pan from the fire and set it in another pan containing cold water. Beat well until very thick. Pour into buttered plates and cut when cold.

GRAVY SOUP.

One good sized beefsteak, one large onion, two tablespoonfuls browned flour, one can tomatoes, chopped fine; three turnips, chopped fine; two carrots, chopped fine; four hard boiled eggs, chopped fine; one small teaspoonful ground cloves, two small teaspoonfuls salt, one small teaspoonful mace. Boil the steak, then chop it fine; chop the onion with the flour, add to the steak and fry brown with a lump of butter the size of an egg, stirring all the time. Put in the soup pot and pour over it a teakettle of boiling water and add the tomatoes. Before serving, add the eggs and spice. Pour in your soup tureen a half tumblre of claret and a lemon cut in small pieces. If you like, a little chopped parsley and thyme may be put in.

Pot-Pourri.

Thirty bright yellow stamens, a branching, aggressive pistil and a round place for them to grow upon, and you have the centre of the latest thing in ribbon flowers.

They tried at first making them wholly out of gathered ribbons, but that only produced roses in bud form.

Then the ribbon flower bloomed anew into great, flaring, bright eyed beauties, that make the windows of shops mightily attractive.

Ribbons used to be thought capable of being worn in just one way—as ribbons.

Now they have grown into a dozen uses entirely distinct and apart from that.

First they were employed as "couch" work on fancy things that women made and after a while they even left the field of sash and tie and became "draw strings" in the underskirts.

Now, in the general outburst in the use of ribbons, they are no longer knotted or bowed or wired into loops for hat trimmings, but are shirred over wire loops and form butterflies, from which depend myriads of tiny bows.

The roses, buds and leaves are so cunningly devised that as they rise from blue or pink stems they have a quasi-natural appearance, and often adorn a corsage in lieu of real flowers.

The pink and red and yellow and white "single roses" for the hair are made in satin ribbons, and nestle back of the ear like those in old fashioned miniatures, only these are fadeless.

Ruffles of ribbon are worn, and ribbon forms insertions in dress goods, is made into stocks and used as puffings on the edges of various useful articles. It is made into garters and into numberless articles of fancy bags, the opera glass cases and eyeglass holders.

Ribbons have been found useful because they lend themselves to so many purposes in their natural form. They have a finished edge when a selvage is wanted, and they can be twisted into a bow when all other things fail. They are useful substitutes for aigrettes in the coiffure, and nothing so good for a belt has been found. They make the daintiest of ruffs for a cushion, and the flowers into which they are formed this year suggest confetti time.

The great diamond named after ex-President Paul Kruger, of the Transvaal, has had a most tragic history.

The diamond originally belonged to Meshesh, a Basuto chief, from whom it was deported by Cetewayo, the Zulu king. Cetewayo's brother killed him and stole the stone. The brother came to grief, and the gem passed into the possession of a Zulu chief who soon afterwards was assassinated. The natives say that no less than sixteen of the successive possessors of the diamond either were killed or driven out of the country for the sake of the gem. The diamond then was seen by white men, who set out to possess it. A party of whites attacked the natives who had the stone in their possession and a fierce fight ensued, in which 200 lives, mostly natives, were lost.

Memela, a native chief, took the gem and concealed it in a wound which he had received in battle. Afterward Memela was caught by the Boers and set to work as a slave. Kruger, hearing his story, released him, and in gratitude Memela gave the stone to his liberator. Some years passed, and then Kruger shared the fate which had overtaken all the former possessors of the diamond who had not been killed—he was driven from power and forced to leave his native country. Where the fatal diamond is now is not certain, though it is certain that the ex-President of the Transvaal has parted with it. Some say it is in the coffers of the Vatican, and some that it was sold to the Emperor of Austria, and is now among the crown jewels of Vienna.

The stone is said to be 200 carats in weight, but is not perfect. Its history is one which would not recommend it as a talisman to any one of a superstitious turn of mind, no matter if it was the largest and finest diamond in the world.

When the Empress of Austria was murdered various portraits of her were shown, but the last of these was at least 20 years old. Two reasons were given for her refusal to be photographed in later life. One was that she feared a too general knowledge of her features would destroy her incognito; a second was that the loss of her beauty was too great a mortification for her to tolerate the transfer of that to a picture. The change in the Empress's appearance was caused by her grief and not by age. Her beautiful chestnut hair was free from any trace of gray to the last.

AN OUTSIDE VIEW.

The Furniture World, of New York, has this to say of Mr. W. Henry Bell's new stores, on St. Catherine Street. As the World is one of the leading trade journals of the United States, the comment is certainly a pleasing one, and the artistic and attractive appearance of the stores, with their double front finished in Pompeiian Verde Antique Bronze well deserves the compliment. The profusion of rich goods and the hundreds of odd pieces specially designed for holiday trade makes Bell's a veritable Mecca for buyers of good taste and judgment—

"There are few stores in the States, "and none in Canada, as unique and "quaint as that of the New York Decorating Company, of Montreal. Mr. "W. Henry Bell is one of the few really "artistic furniture men; unending "study and personal visits to all parts "of the old and new worlds, combined "with exquisite taste, have fitted him "for his work. His store is a combina- "tion of two houses, and the decora- "tions, combined with the artistic care- "lessness in the way the goods are "strewn about the various rooms, "makes the whole a bower of beauty. "One novel feature is a gentleman's "reception-room, where, while his wife "is spending his money, he can retire "and enjoy himself in luxurious chairs, "and regale himself with eatables, "drinkables and smokables. Others "might copy to good advantage."

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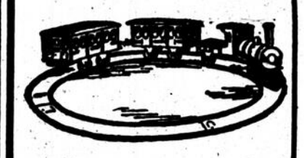
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Dolls' Bureaus..5c to $4.20
Dolls' Beds....12c to $1.35

Dolls' Chairs....12c to 35c
Magic Lanterns 22c to $5.60
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For Love of a Lady.

BY ALICE MAUD MEADOWS.

CHAPTER XXVI.

It has been proved over and over again that there is nothing so antagonistic to the unravelling of a mystery as a very reasonable and strong suspicion of one person, something that goes a good bit short of proof, but yet looks life truth.

A woman whom Philip Gilchrist acknowledged he had once loved had been found murdered in his rooms, and he had disappeared; there certainly seemed no need for the police to look beyond the man who had run away for the murderer, and they did not do so. They would run him to earth some day, and then they would hang him—or, at all events, the law would.

And they could scarcely be blamed for not having wider suspicions. An innocent man does not run away, and Philip apparently had. Mr. Hewitt, the photographer, had returned to his village home, where every night he enlarged upon the coroner's inquiry, and the part he had taken in it, to a large audience in the village inn. He hoped, and believed, Philip would be caught and tried. He would then have another chance of running up to London, and he liked town life.

It was six o'clock in the evening. The light was took bad to take photographs had anyone wished to be taken. Mr. Hewitt was just tidying up, when there came a loud ring at the studio bell. He crossed the room, opened the door, and a lady stepped in.

"Good evening," she said. "Mr. Hewitt, I believe?"

He bowed gracefully.

"That is my name," he answered. "Have you come to be photographed? I'm afraid"—he looked at the girl before him, and thought her an altogether uninteresting subject—the light is too bad to get a really satisfactory picture. To-morrow morning, at ten, I could manage it."

The girl sat down.

"But I don't want my photograph taken," she answered. "I've come about this Park View affair. I want you to tell me all you know about that poor murdered girl. Won't you sit down too? Has anyone else come to you from"—she hesitated a moment—"Scotland Yard?"

"No one," he answered, and he looked wonderfully pleased, as indeed he was. He would have more than ever how to tell his pals. "What do you want to know about the poor girl?"

"Everything you can tell me. How long she lived here. How long ago it is since she first came here. What she did to keep herself. And when she went away. Perhaps you won't mind if I take a few notes? You will, of course, be recompensed for your loss of time."

Mr. Hewitt smiled, and, certainly nothing loth, told all he knew.

As far as he could say, Carline had come there about six months ago—he did hear, from a village called Neston, about twenty miles away. People—he did not know why—had fought rather shy of the girl, she had been quiet enough, had kept herself to herself, and was certainly poor; she had been very particular about the photograph he had taken of her, and he felt sure it was for a lover—that was really all he knew.

"And you took it only in the one position?" the girl asked.

"I took three or four," the photographer answered, "and had a rough proof of each. I should fancy she sent them all to the man, before she made up her mind which she would have. I think so because she was several days deciding."

"She didn't tell you anything?"

"Oh, no; she wasn't that sort of woman, and, so far as I can make out, she never, what you might call, talked to anyone. Once or twice, some of the people say, they saw her walking with a man in the woods, in the evening, but no one seems to have seen his face."

"And no one knows what her life was at Neston?"

"So far as I can make out, no one. My opinion is that she lived there, and her husband, or lover—the man who mungered her, and who has run away now—visited her off and on, until he deserted her. Then she came on here, and took the one room she lived in, but, of course, it's pure supposition."

"Did she call herself Miss or Mrs.?"

"Mrs. Mrs. Carline—Carline, being, of course, her Christian name."

"And how can I get to Neston?"

"You can take the train, and if you want to learn anything, you'd best go to the general store in the village. Mrs. Smith has lived there all her life, and knows all the ins and outs of the village. If she can't tell you anything about the woman who probably called herself Mrs. Carline there also, no one can."

Maria Bloor, who certainly seemed to have done strange things since she came to England, laid a sovereign on the table.

"One question more," she said. "Do you think the woman was married? Did she give you that idea? A young married woman generally, somehow, impresses one as married. A sort of pride, dignity—I don't quite know what you call it—comes to her."

The photographer shook his head.

"I don't know," he answered. "It certainly did not occur to me that she was a married woman, but if she were married, it was a secret marriage, and the pride, dignity—call it what you like, miss—would not be there. A woman secretly married generally suspects that the world believes she has a lover, and that is what she feels like herself. You can't get much pride or dignity out of a state of affairs which makes you think the world is turning up its nose at you, and cold-shouldering you."

"Poor girl!" Maria said. "Poor, unhappy girl! What a life to have lived! And, oh, what a brute—what a beast!" —speaking passionately — "the man must have been to make her lead it! He would deserve no pity—none at all —even if he had not murdered her, and I," she clenched her dark, beautifully-shaped hands—"I will have no pity on him!"

CHAPTER XXVII.

Late to bed and early to rise was the motto of Mrs. Smith. When one kept a general store it was suicidal, so far as business was concerned, to shut one's shop early. Folk might want anything in a hurry, from a bottle of unsweetened gin to a baby's comforter. And the same in the morning. Folk didn't all keep stores o' everything in the house. Mrs. Smith felt it her duty to have the shutters up as short a time as possible, and acted accordingly.

It was seven o'clock. The carrier had just called, and, after wishing the worthy lady good morning, had deposited several wooden boxes in the shop.

"Fish, I think," he said. "I seemed to detect the aroma."

"Addicks," Mrs. Smith answered. "It's not long since I introduced them, but they are going down well. Mr. Sykes (Mr. Simes was the village fishmonger) will think I'm doing him a bad turn, but I can't help it; filthy was the only word to be applied to his dried fish, and the fresh ain't much better. Would you feel like a fresh-dried finnin (that was Mrs. Smith's way of pronouncing it) yourself, Mr. Carter? If so, I'll just whip open this case, and you're very welcome."

The carrier drew his hand across his lips, and smacked them loudly.

"It ain't an offer to be refused, Mrs. Smith," he said, "and glad I am, and glad others is; that you've taken the fish in hand. Nature requires fish. Phosphorus is necessary to the human constitution, but nature also requires that the fish should be wholesome. Let me do that little job for you. No? Well, you always was a woman to do everything for yourself, and no one—let him be whom he may—the King upon his throne, for that matter—could do it better."

Mrs. Smith had opened one box, selected a haddock of a golden orange hue, that spoke to her of a good rich full flavor, and was just wrapping it in a piece of newspaper, when someone entered the shop. She looked at the carrier and smiled.

"If I got up at cockcrow," she said, "I should have customers. And what"—she turned to the girl who had entered—"can I do for you, my dear? If it's breakfast you're thinking about, I can recommend one of these"—and she pointed to the haddocks.

"I'm sorry it's not breakfast," Maria Bloor said, and her pretty lips smiled beneath her ugly goggle glasses. "I've come to see you, if you are Mrs. Smith."

"If!" the proprietor of the general stores answered. "You don't come from these parts, my dear, or you wouldn't have to ask."

"I am from London," Maria answered. If Mrs. Bloor had been there, she would certainly have wondered that the girl did not say "I am from Australia." It would have seemed more natural, though last impressions are certainly sometimes strongest. "And I want to know whether you can tell me anything about Mrs. Carline?"

The carrier paused in the doorway, and wished Mrs. Smith good morning; then she turned to Maria.

"The woman's been murdered, hasn't she?" she said. "I've not said a word to anyone—I don't talk—but I saw the case in the paper, and the photographer's evidence, and supposed it was the same."

"Yes," Maria said. "She's been murdered—cruelly murdered. I want to find out by whom. Did you ever see her with a man here?"

Mrs. Smith busied herself taking the haddocks from the box, sorting them into threepenny, fourpenny, fivepenny, and sixpenny ones.

"Never," she answered; "though I've heard some folk caught a flying glimpse of one here and there; not enough to recognize him, you may be sure. Oh, such men are careful, but it's pretty clear who killed her, isn't it?"

(To Be Continued.)

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HEROIC RESCUE OF A CANADIAN CREW

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Halifax, Dec. 17. — The schooner Grenada was abandoned off this port on Monday, and the captain and crew were landed here last night and left for Lunenburg by the steamer Lunenburg. The Grenada is 93 tons, and was built in 1886, and is owned at La Have. She was bound here with coal.

A passenger on the steamer Lake Megantic, which sailed Sunday from St. John for Avonmouth, sent a letter ashore directed t. . A. S. DeWolf & Son, agents of the Elder-Dempster line, in which he describes the rescue. He writes that Captain Taylor, of the steamer, sighted the schooner fifty miles east of Sambro yesterday. The Grenada was disabled, full of water, and had all her sails blown away by a heavy easterly gale. The water was washing her decks and she looked in a sorry plight.

The steamer immediately lowered a boat and in about an hour the schooner's crew of five men were brought on board the Megantic in a very distressed condition, having left the schooner with only what clothing they stood in, and consequently saved nothing. The rescued men were well attended to, and Captain Taylor ordered everything possible for their immediate comfort, they being both famished and sore.

WAS A GALLANT RESCUE.

The writer of the letter, who is a Canadian, says the rescue was a gallant one, effected at great risk to the boat and the lives of its crew, as a very heavy sea was running at the time. Great praise is due the boat's crew and the officers in charge, and also Captain Taylor for the able manner in which he handled the steamer while the rescue was being effected. The weather was most intensely cold at the time and the boat was iced from stem to stern. The writer of the letter thought the matter should be properly placed before the Canadian Government, as the rescuers were deserving of recognition in saving the lives of Canadians.

It is possible that with the moderate weather to-day the Grenada may be picked up and towed into some harbor. The Lake Megantic after rescuing the men, headed for Halifax, and came in far enough to put the Grenada's crew on board No. 1 pilot boat, which in turn put them on board Captain Nash's schooner, which landed them here.

WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU.

Few People Realize the Importance of Good Digestion Until it is Lost.

Many people suffer from dyspepsia and do not know it. They feel mean, out of sorts, peevish, do not sleep well, do not have a good keen appetite, do not have the inclination and energy for physical or mental work they once had, but at the same time do not feel any particular pain or distress in the stomach. Yet all this is the result of poor digestion, an insidious form of Dyspepsia which can only be cured by a remedy specially intended to cure it and make the digestive organs act naturally and properly digest the food eaten. Bitters, after dinner pills and nerve tonics will never help the trouble; they don't reach it. The new medical discovery does. It is called Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and is a specific for dyspepsia and indigestion. It cures because it thoroughly digests all wholesome food taken into the stomach, whether the stomach is in good working order or not.

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When you are nervous, run down and sleepless, don't make the common mistake of supposing your nervous system needs treatment and fill your stomach with powerful nerve tonics which make you feel good for a little while only to fall back farther than ever.

Your nerves are all right but they are starved, they want food.

Nourish them with wholesome every day food and plenty of it, well digested, and you can laugh at nerve tonics and medicine.

But the nerves will not be nourished from a weak, abused stomach, but when the digestion has been made perfect by the use of this remedy all nervous symptoms disappear.

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Good digestion means a strong nervous system, abundance of energy and capacity to enjoy the good things of life.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will certainly set your stomach and digestive organs right; they can't help but do it because they nourish the body by digesting the food eaten, and rest the stomach.

You get nourishment and rest at one and the same time, and that is all the worn out dyspeptic needs to build him up and give new life to every organ and an added zest to every pleasure.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are a God send to the army of men and women with weak stomachs, weak nerves and justly merits the claim of being one of the most worthy medical discoveries of the time.

ARE THE YUKON INDIANS OUT ON THE WARPATH?

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Neither the Indian Department or the Mounted Police Department have any information about Indians being on the war path in the Yukon district. The officials consider that this is a very unlikely time of the year for Indians going on the war path. Enquiries are being made into the report, which comes through Seattle.

THE WHITE HORSE STORY.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 17.—A special from Dawson says: "Much excitement and apprehension prevails at White Horse and various points along the line of the new Government trail over the report that a band of Hiuako Indians have taken the war path in the region between the Little Salmon and Petty rivers. A store is reported to have been looted and burned, the storekeeper killed and another man fatally injured. It is stated that 150 to 200 Indians are in the hostile party. A motive for the outbreak is furnished by the hanging of three of their number at the Dawson barracks in 1899 for the murder of a prospector on the Little Salmon.

NEXT PALMA TROPHY MATCH.

Ottawa, December 17.—The Militia Department has received the following letter from the secretary of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain in reference to the competition netx year at Bisley for the Palma trophy:—

The Palma trophy, which was won by the British team at Ottawa September 13th in competition with teams from the United States and Canada, will be shot for at Bisley in 1903. The date fixed for the match is Saturday, 11th July. (The general conditions of the match are as before.) The entrance fee is £3 5s per team. The council of the National Rifle Association hopes that as many nationalities as possible will take part in the match, and they cordially invite Canada to send a team. They will be happy to place long range accommodation at Bisley at the disposal of the competing teams before the match, for practice, and will do their best to forward all arrangements for their convenience and comfort. The secretary of the National Rifle Association will be glad to answer any enquiries and to give any further information in his power. E. R. Crome, Lt.-Col., secretary N.R.A.

SHOULD SELL TO ALL ALIKE

Citizens Protest Against Coal Dealers Selling Only to Their Customers—Some Expedients Used.

There are some phases of the coal situation which are exciting discussion not only among the poorer people, who are the greatest sufferers from the scarcity, but among business people of a benevolent disposition, who see an injustice in the method that some coal dealers are adopting in disposing of the supplies they have.

If a citizen goes to a coal merchant's office on St. James Street and asks for coal, the first question he is asked is, "are you a customer?"

If you happen to be fortunate to come within that category you may have what you require at from $7 to $8 per ton. If you are not you are told that they have a small quantity of Welsh anthracite, but that they cannot let you have it for less than $10 a ton.

If you happen to live in the suburbs, anywhere in the northern part of the city, say on Park Avenue, you are told they cannot supply you, because they have no teams to cart it out.

If you go to the coal dealer from whom you have purchased coal in former years, he informs you that you may have coal—a dollar's worth at a time. He does it out in such quantities that you speedily find you are paying at the rate of from $15 to $20 per ton, somewhere in the neighborhood of a dollar a hundredweight.

Some of the more ingenious and resourceful have discovered a method of overcoming the conditions of the St. James Street coal merchants, who seem to be not averse to their method of evasion. They say "No, I have not been a customer of yours in the past; I have been a customer of somebody else, from whom I ordered my coal in the spring, but he has failed me. If you can let me have some coal now you can book my order for next year." This method has been known to succeed.

It was adopted on a somewhat extensive scale, by some schools and other institutions belonging to the Roman Catholic Church in St. Henri. A request was made for 30 tons of coal for immediate use, and with it was given an order for the whole of the coal required by those establishments next year, amounting to from 70 to 100 tons. Thirty tons at the present time is considered a large order even under these tempting conditions, and the authorities found some difficulty in finding a merchant that would accede to it.

A Herald representative in discussing these facts with a number of people to-day, some poor, some rich, some engaged in business and some on the railways, found a practically unanimous expression of opinion that in view of the dearth of coal—a situation which may develop into a coal famine—the coal merchants ought to allow all classes, irrespective of whether they are customers or not, to have it at the same price. Under the present conditions people who are well-to-do can get coal at a reasonable figure, while the poor are compelled to pay prices which mean practical ruin to them or to starve.

SEEK REFUGE FROM COLD IN POLICE STATIONS

During the recent cold spell the police stations throughout the city are nightly filled with men and women seeking protection. Some ask for it themselves, others are taken to the stations by policemen. On Saturday nights the number of protections is greater than at any other time of the week. It is not only the homeless, however, who are thus sheltered from the cold. Many people with fairly comfortable firesides, but who have imbibed too copiously, find protection in the police stations. Last Saturday night there were sixty protections in the stations. Monday night there were thirty. Tuesday 27. Wednesday 31. Thursday 25. The average is about 250 a week. An officer who has had long experience in the force said to-day that it was usually the same people who went to the stations for a night's shelter. They were allowed to sleep in the cells of the station and if no charge were brought against them they were allowed to go free next morning. All stations are not equally busy in this connection. The principal stations called upon by "protectionists" are Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7. It is perhaps because these stations are in the centre of the city.

There has been little change in the number of people looking to the police station for protection during the past few years. A fair average during the entire year is as has been said about 250 a week. During the winter months however, the number increases. Last year according to the annual report of the superintendent of police there were 3,290 protections given of which 3,076 were to men and 214 to women.

There is a marked difference, however, between these figures and those shown by the police reports of ten years ago. At that time, said the police official referred to, it was not extraordinary to see 400 or 500 people looking for protection during a week. Now there is less poverty and the people are better educated.

RAILWAY NEWS

It is not to be wondered at that here and there in the great Northwest where the large yield of an unprecedented harvest taxed the resources of the Canadian Pacific to their utmost, notwithstanding the enlargement of their equipment, there should be disappointment that finds voice in complaint. It is said that because the railway company could not move more wheat in the few short months between the beginning of harvesting operations and the close of the lake navigation, grain buyers availed themselves of the opportunity to squeeze prices. This entails loss to the farmers. The farmers of Wolseley, Assa., met and discussed the situation and drafted a letter to the Prime Minister of the Dominion, in which they complained that the Canadian Pacific were not moving grain fast enough to meet their requirements. They claimed these Wolseley people to have grown a million bushels of wheat this year, while the Canadian Pacific had shipped only about 70,000 bushels of it.

WHAT SIR THOMAS ADVISES.

The complaint of the Wolseley farmers was forwarded by the Premier to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, who frankly admitted in the reply he sent that there had been a demand for cars beyond the company's ability to supply them. But the company was not wholly to blame. Up to the time of the big harvest of 1901 the company's rolling stock was reasonably sufficient to cope with all the demands made upon it. But the increase in the crops was greater than the company could meet. Sir Thomas points out that the company has, during the past eighteen months, purchased every possible locomotive car without special reference to the cost. But with a great many other railways making the same effort to meet the demand for increased equipment the company has been unable to secure all it desired. Sir Thomas is hopeful that, with the additional rolling stock under contract, or to be delivered before next July, the company will be in a much better position to meet the exigencies of the situation.

As for the complaint that farmers are squeezed by the buyers, Sir Thomas draws attention to the fact that the practice of farmers loading direct to the cars means that the company cannot secure the full use of its rolling stock, for a car cannot be loaded as quickly in this way as direct from an elevator. Still, if, by so loading, the farmers an enabled to protect themselves in the matter of prices, fault cannot be found with it until some method is found of establishing daily a price at every one of the company's stations based upon the market at Fort William or Duluth, the freight rate and reasonable buying charge.

C.P.R. WESTERN POLICY.

Since his return to Winnipeg from his latest visit to Montreal, Mr. William Whyte, assistant to the President of the C.P.R. has given an exposition of the company's policy in the Northwest and West, which embraces some details that had not previously been published.

"West of Moosejaw," said Mr. Whyte, "the line to the Coast, you might say, is to be almost all rebuilt. That is, the line is to be more or less changed to straighten out curves and lessen grades. The expenditure will be considerable. The early spring will see a start of the work.

"The biggest construction scheme that has been decided upon," continued Mr. Whyte, "is a new line that will be built from a point on the main line between Yukon and Prince Albert westerly and northwesterly to a point on the North Saskatchewan River in the vicinity of Battleford, and from there to Wetaskiwin on the Calgary and Edmonton line. A line will also be constructed by the C.P.R. from a point near Church Bridge to a point to connect with the branch to Pheasant Hills."

The C.P.R. is now turning a great deal of attention to the bringing in of fuel, and Mr. Whyte said that now that the rush of the grain was over there should before long be a complete relief from the fuel scarcity in the West.

"The traffic this year," said Mr. Whyte, "has been enormous. The road has been taxed to its utmost capacity, and in the last two or three years has grown greater by 200 or 300 per cent."

Reserve Force

When a great general goes into battle he holds back part of his army for reserve to use in case of need at any point where the fighting line weakens and the enemy threatens to break through.

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WOKE TO FIND THEMSELVES SUNK.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special).—When the crew of the steamer Glengarry arose yesterday they were astonished to find that the steamer was sunk and lying on a soft mud bottom near the Montreal Transportation Company's wharf. She had gone down so smoothly that the accident was not known. It was found that a sea cock had been left open. It will be plugged and the vessel will then be easily pumped out.

REAL ESTATE BOOM EXPECTED.

Indications Are That There Will be Great Activity in the Spring.

Real estate men anticipate a big business in the spring. The forecast is founded upon the number of inquiries which are being made regarding sales for the future and actual number of transfers which are being made at the present time.

In the month of November the Real Estate Record says a fairly large assortment of minor transactions were recorded, and the first four months of 1903 promise to be a season of unusual interest and importance.

To-day there is more of a demand for business and residential space by persons who desire to rent than there has been for years.

The sales in the suburban municipalities amount to $172,044, as follows:—Maisonneuve, $29,740; DeLorimier, $18,250; Mile End, $34,882; Outremont, $17,067; Cote des Neiges, $4,125; Notre Dame de Grace, $8,494; Cote St. Paul, $1,420; Montreal West, Junction, $4,889; Verdun, $5,400; St. Henri, $35,589; and Ste. Cunegonde, $14,688.

One hundred and fifty-four real estate transfers in the city wards and town of Westmount were recorded, amounting to $604,142, against 131 transfers aggregating $584,351 a year ago.

St. Antoine Ward	12	$ 89,229
St. Ann's Ward	9	19,396
St. James' Ward	19	122,361
St. Louis Ward	18	56,202
St. Lawrence Ward	3	20,910
St. Mary's Ward	18	56,149
East Ward	2	20,000
St. Jean Baptiste Ward	11	26,237
St. Denis Ward	32	59,954
St. Gabriel Ward	6	30,675
Hochelaga Ward	15	20,919
Westmount	14	82,110

REALTY MORTGAGE LOANS.

The real estate mortgage loans recorded in the registration division of Montreal West amount to $140,836. In Montreal East the loans amount to $152,413.

As regards mortgage loans, the general financial conditions are favorable to a building movement of the right kind. There is no lack of money at reasonable rates when the security is good and the borrower favorably known, but none of the usual money lenders are anxious to lend, and all applications are closely scrutinized. It would be difficult just now for irresponsible builders to secure the loans they used to get in times gone by, and the market is all the better for the present conservative tendency in money-lending on real estate.

Forty-five building permits were issued, and the stated aggregate cost of the work is $155,110. This includes twenty-six permits amounting to $61,300. There were nineteen permits for alterations, amounting to $93,810.

BAER DENOUNCING WICKED OPERATORS

New York, December 17.—The Board of Aldermen has voted $250,000 to buy coal for the poor of the city. The resolution passed last week voting $100,000 for this purpose was recalled.

President Baer, of the Reading road, made a statement deprecating the course pursued by the independent coal operators, who, it is alleged, have forced the price for their coal to $11.50 a ton to dealers, equal to $14 to the consumer. "Unfortunately there seems to be no way to compel them to sell down to the level fixed by the railroads," said Mr. Baer. "If their sense of obligation to the people cannot deter them from asking prohibitive prices, nothing the public or the railroads can do would be of any effect. The railroads cannot refuse to transport their coal; the law regulating the business of all public carriers oppose it. The charge that the railroads are selling railroad coal to independents for disposal in the open market is absolutely false. We are doing everything in our power to keep down the price of coal and to get it to market quickly."

MINES FLOODED.

Tamaqua, Pa., December 17.—Nearly all the mines in this section are flooded as the result of the heavy rain storm which has prevailed in this section. On this account, it is believed the shipments to the market from this section between now and the first of the new year will be small.

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THE STANLEY CUP CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

Trustees Give Winnipeg Vics Dates in January or March—President Chitty Adheres to League's Decision.

The position of the trustees and the clubs in regard to the challenge of the Winnipeg Victorias to the Montreal Club to play for the Stanley Cup is fully explained in the following correspondence :—

[Copy.]

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16th, 1902.

F. M. McRobie, Esq.,
Honorary Sec'y.-Treas. Can. Amateur Hockey League,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir,—The trustees of the Stanley Cup beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., stating that the champions of the C.A.H.L. will not be allowed to defend the Stanley Cup until the end of the season, and that by ending the season by February 28th you are "shortening the season one week in order to enable the champions to play for the Stanley Cup."

May we venture to point out that the league season is not really shortened, as it ended last year by March 1st, and in 1900 on March 2nd.

The C.A.H.L. has hardly, therefore, practically shortened the end of the league season, while your letter makes no reference to the suggestion the trustees made to also allow Stanley Cup matches to be played in the week before the opening of the league season.

The latter suggestion was specially made in order to allow of the disposal of the present challenge from the Winnipeg Victorias, and we informed the Montreal Club that if the league would allow this challenge to be accepted for the first week in January, the trustees would agree that all future Stanley Cup matches in the east must be played at the end of the season.

Evidently the league has not felt able to comply, much to the regret of the trustees, who as custodians of the interests of all the hockey associations are obliged to give equally friendly weight to every legitimate challenge, and feel themselves now compelled to offer the Winnipeg Victorias the option of a date in January. We enclose copies of the trustees' communications of this date to the Winnipeg and Montreal Clubs. We have asked the Winnipeg Club to accept March if possible. We, on the other hand, would ask that should Winnipeg refuse, the C.A.H.L. would reconsider its decision not to allow the Montreal Club to play in January.

If the C.A.H.L. will allow the January match, the trustees hereby agree to require all future challenges to the C.A.H.L. to be played at the close of the season, provided that it shall not be later than February 28th.

On behalf of the trustees, I am,
Respectfully,
P. D. ROSS.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 16th, 1902.

C. C. Chitty, Esq.,
President Montreal Hockey Club,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sir,—The trustees of the Stanley Cup have accepted the challenge of the Victoria Hockey Club of Winnipeg for the cup, and have offered to the Victorias the option of the following dates, namely the second week in January (running into the third week if necessary), or the first week in March.

In case of January, the choice of days will be left to the Montreal Club should the contest take place.

I enclose copy of letter to the C.A.H.L. on this subject.

On behalf of the trustees, I am,
Respectfully,
P. D. ROSS.

J. C. Waugh, Esq.,
Victoria Hockey Club,
Winnipeg, Man.

Dear Sir,—The trustees of the Stanley Cup hereby accept challenge of the Victoria Hockey Club for matches in January, and offer option of the following dates :—Second week in January (running into third week if necessary) or first week in March.

Please decide at once and wire reply.

The trustees understand that the Montreal Club are compelled to default if January is chosen and hope earnestly that you can accept March.

On behalf of the trustees,
Respectfully,
P. D. ROSS.

PRESIDENT CHITTY ADHERES TO LEAGUE'S RULING.

President C. C. Chitty, of the Montreal Club, gave his opinion of the situation as follows:

"I don't feel like asking the league to re-open the question after putting themselves on record twice against playing these matches during the league season. The Montreal Club, when the challenge came in, asked the clubs in the C.A.H.L. for their opinion. All were opposed to our playing in January and as our club was the mover in having the rule introduced, I don't see how we can ask the league to give us permission to play. I feel personally like standing by the ruling the league has given.

"There will be a meeting of our club tomorrow evening, when this matter will be discussed and the future action of the club decided on."

PRESIDENT TRIHEY FAVORS UPHOLDING RULE.

Mr. Harry J. Trihey, president of the C.A.H.L., said this morning in regard to the decision of the trustees, that the league by a unanimous vote had put itself on record as opposed to any break in the league schedule, and he did not see how they could do anything else than line up to the opinion they had expressed. This principle was affirmed two years ago and was endorsed by a full meeting of the league on Saturday last. He thought the league should line up to the stand they had taken.

No meeting of the C.A.H.L. will be called till Winnipeg is heard from and then if they accept the March date, none will be necessary. If they insist on January a meeting will have to be called if Montreal Club requests it.

Ottawa Stronger.

Ottawa, Ont., December 17.—(Special.)—Suddle and Billy Gilmour and Edgar Dey turned out with the Ottawa hockeyists last night, so that finally disposes of any doubts as to what team they will play with this winter. It was a rattling good practice, and seventeen or eighteen men participated in it. Hutton, Westwick, Spittal, Fraser, Steele, Chambers brothers and Wallace and Gorman were amongst those who chased the puck. Gorman and Wallace played hockey last year with the University of Pennsylvania team. The practice was of such a nature as to please the enthusiasts who were in attendance.

Pulford will be out to-morrow night. Merrill, who played with Queen's for several years, is in the city, and will turn out with the Ottawas in the course of a few days.

Frontenacs Elect Officers.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 17.—The annual meeting of Frontenac Hockey Club was held last night. These officers were elected: Hon. presidents, Hon. Mr. Harty, M. P., and Edward J. B. Pense, M.P.P.; Hon. vice-presidents, Dr. C. K. Clarke and J. Morgan Shaw; president, J. McD. Mowat; first vice-president, W. Harty, jr.; second vice-president, D. J. McDermott; third vice-president, W. F. Nickle; secretary-treasurer, W. Y. Mills; manager, Jas. T. Sutherland. The prospects for a strong senior team are not at present very bright, but the Frontenacs will try and place a fairly good team upon the ice in that O. H. A. series, rather than drop to the intermediate.

The Beavers Are Anxious.

The Beaver Hockey Club of St. Henri have secured the White Star rink for one hour every Saturday evening for the season, and judging from the appearances of the practices the team will be much stronger than in former years. It is the intention of the Beavers to form a league, and they would like to hear from other junior teams whose players are 16 and under, and they are also open to any challenges for practice matches. Address all communications to F. Dufty, 197 Coursol Street, Ste. Cunegonde.

The Quinte League.

A meeting of the Quinte District Hockey League will be held at the Public Library, Napanee, Ont., on Saturday, 20th inst., for the purpose of arranging the schedule. Representatives of the different clubs in the league will attend. Clubs desirous of entering the league should advise the secretary-treasurer, Dr. McClow, Deseronto, Ont., and send an accredited representative to the meeting.

Metropolitan Hockey League.

The president hereby notifies the delegates of the Metropolitan Hockey League that a meeting will be held Friday, December 19th, at 8 p.m. sharp, in the Victoria skating rink, Drummond Street, and requests all representatives of clubs in the league to be present.

Caught in the Goal Nets.

The first practice of the season of the members of the Westmount and Montreal ladies' hockey teams was held yesterday at the Arena auditorium.

The Victoria Club of Cowansville has elected these officers :—Hon. president, W. F. Vilas; hon. vice-presidents, Hon. J. C. McCorkill, K.C., E. Buzzell, Dr. F. H. Pickel, Dr. C. L. Cotton, H. F. Williams and J. Smith; president, Dr. J. Lauder; secretary-treasurer, P. C. DuBoyce; captain, J. Irving McCabe; executive, Dr. Geo. F. L. Fuller, W. K. McKeown, L. D. Von Iffland and T. Boydell.

Ottawa has one of the princes of Canadian cover-points in Merrill, who played with Queen's for the past six year. His peer at that position has yet to be found. Merrill is now a doctor and at present at his home in the Capital, where, no doubt, he will be seen on the ice this winter.—Kingston Exchange.

Roy D. Schooley, the Toronto referee, has refused an offer to referee this season in Pittsburg.

Mat and Ring.

McInerney and Jenkins.

Cleveland, Ohio, December 17.—Tom Jenkins own the first and third falls from Tom McInerney last night. The first fall was obtained by Jenkins in thirty-five minutes by a double Nelson; the second by McInerney in two minutes, by a half-Nelson, and the third by Jenkins in nine minutes, with a half-Nelson, holding. The contest was advertised to be for $1,500. McInerney was the aggressor during most of the contest and roughed it with Jenkins constantly. Two thousand spectators saw the contest.

Haslip Arrives To-Morrow.

George Kennedy, who has been training conscientiously ever since his match was made with Haslip, will finish hard work to-day. He is down as fine as he cares to be and will rest to-morrow, so that he ought to be in good fettle on Friday night. Reports from Buffalo state that Haslip is all right, too, and that he will be a hard proposition for the local champion. Haslip is due to arrive in Montreal on Thursday morning.

Ex-Champion Knocked Out.

South Bond, Ind., December 16.—Eddie Dwyer, former amateur champion was knocked out here to-night by Morris B. Rauch, of Chicago, after one minute of fighting. Rauch put Dwyer to the mat three times. The knock-out blow was a left upper-cut to the jaw.

Almost Racked to Pieces.

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LACROSSE TAKING IN ENGLAND

An Article in the Badminton Magazine Tells of Present Status as a Game.

An interesting feature of the December number of The Badminton Magazine is an article by Mr. W. Stepney Rawson on Lacrosse in England. Though the Canadian game always claimed a high position, physically and mentally, two events of the past season, he says, have materially improved its standing in England. Its recognition by the authorities of Lord's ground and the tour of the Toronto Lacrosse Club in England and Ireland have brought lacrosse to be considered "worthy to rank with the best of our national games." Lord Harris said at the Hotel Cecil banquet that until that day he had no conception of what a fine game lacrosse was, and that it might well be taken up by the schools. Going back to the visit of the Torontos a dozen years ago, Mr. Rawson says: "Since that time one of the most brilliant of the Canadian team, Mr. J. W. Drynan, has lived for two years in England, and joining the West London Lacrosse Club did much to develop the best type of play, both in his own club and among lacrosse players in the south." The article goes on:—

"Looking back now, one cannot fail to recognize the interesting way in which the visitors were opposed to teams of constantly increased strength, so that their capabilities were brought more into prominence on each successive occasion with a skilfully managed crescendo, and the danger of an anti-climax was entirely avoided. It was tacitly agreed that as the Torontos came over as a club team, and not as a Canadian team representing the whole body of Canadian players, the title of Canada vs. England should be avoided in the list of fixtures. But it is only fair to say that in one or two matches they were opposed to the best team this country could put into the field, and, as is well known, they did not fail to win every match in which they played. . . .

"Playing an average of three matches a wek for six weeks was hard work, and unless the men had kept in good condition they must have shown signs of staleness towards the close. These signs were never perceptible, and great credit is due to their manager, Mr. J. M. Macdonald, and to Mr. F. Killer, Vice-President of the Toronto Club, who had previous experience of a football trip in this country, for the able way in which the players were handled. . . .

"It will be seen by what has been said that the game played by the Torontos demands assiduous practice, great physical adroitness and first-rate condition. They were as a matter of fact young men of about the same age as a 'Varsity football team, and, as the writer had ample opportunity of observing, led a most temperate and even abstemious life. We may confidently look forward to our university teams to produce just such a type of play, for with the opportunity of frequent practice and constant exercise, coupled with rational training, there should be no difficulty in acquiring the necessary dexterity, after which a judicious blending of Canadian and English styles will evolve a class of play which may be trusted to hold its own with the best that Canada can produce. No capable judge can deny that the game is worthy of the best efforts that we can spend upon it, and for years to come we shall always have exponents on the other side who will be only too anxious to uphold the honor of their national game."

Yachting

Old Yacht Puritan Sold.

Boston, December 17.—The old centreboard cup defender Puritan, owned by Commodore John O. Shaw, jr., was sold to-day to C. H. W. Foster. Although originally a sloop, the Puritan is now schooner rigged, and Mr. Foster intends to further alter her by installing a twenty-horse power gasoline engine.

The Puritan was the successful cup defender in 1885 against the Genesta. She was owned by J. Malcolm-Forbes.

Skating

Winnipeg Send Three.

Winnipeg, December 16.—Winnipeg will be well represented at the championship races in Montreal during February. Jack McCullough, the former amateur champion, will enter as professional if sufficient inducements are held out, and will be ready to meet all comers. James Boswell and Belleveuille, a former Rat Portage man, and the Canadian eight-mile champion, will represent the city in the amateur events.

Miscellaneous

Old Tuque Bleue.

The Montreal Snowshoe Club will hold its weekly tramp this evening, starting from the club rooms, on Mansfield street, at 8 o'clock. A large attendance of members is requested as an enjoyable outing is anticipated.

The Bobs' Trophy.

The last scheduled match for the "Bobs'" trophy was shot off on Saturday afternoon, with the thermometer below zero and a gale blowing of at least twenty miles an hour. It was won by Mr. Galbraith, after a very close and exciting contest with Mr. Murdoch. It now leaves Mr. Lewis and Mr. Galbraith with three wins each, tied for first place.

Kingston Ice-Yachting.

The annual meeting of the Kingston Ice Yacht Association was held on Monday evening, at the yacht club house. These officers were elected:—Commodore, Major E. V. O. Hewitt; vice-commodore, R. Mackenzie; secretary-treasurer, W. C. Kent; measurer, Dr. D. Allan Black. The regatta committee will consist of Major Hewitt, Dr. Black, J. C. Strange, James Dix, F. H. Macnee, James F. Allen, F. Strange, and Capt. Symons.

The committee was authorized to arrange for a series of races for cash prizes and a trophy. These races will be open to all organized clubs on Lake Ontario, Bay of Quinte, and River St. Lawrence.—Kingston Whig.

ODDS AND ENDS OF ALL SPORTS

Sir J. Blemdell Maple will hold his annual sale at New York this year instead of in France.

Manager Ed. Barrow has signed Outfielder Golden of the Georgetown University, and Pitcher John McNeil, formerly with the Homestead team and Pittsburg.

One of the most valuable stakes ever decided in California will be the feature of the programme at Inglesides on Saturday, the 20th instant. The event is the California Jockey Club futurity stakes, with $8,750 added, and it will be worth about $12,000.

Queen's Rugby Football Club has elected these officers: Honorary president, Dr. W. T. Connell; president, G. B. McLennan; vice-president, W. T. Pannell; captain of first team, M. E. Branscombe; captain of second team, A. E. Mahood; secretary-treasurer, F. Nicolle.

TWO JOCKEYS BADLY THROWN

Another is Suspended Indefinitely—Only One Favorite Won.

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—Rowdy G. fell in the third race here to-day and broke Jockey Leblanc's shoulder.

Prince Blazes was cut off in the last race, stumbled and fell, throwing Jockey Treanor. The horse showed lame after the accident.

After the last race the stewards sent for Jockey Hicks, whose recent ride on Latson, War Cry, and Moabina, and other horses is under suspension. After questioning the boy the stewards decided to suspend him pending further investigation. They also suspended the filly Moabina, and her owners, Hatfield and Canby.

Scorpio was the one winning favorite. Weather fine; track heavy. Summary:—

First race, selling, 7 furlongs—Flora Levy, 15 to 1; Marco, 16 to 5; Pirate, 5 to 1. Time, 1.58.

Second race, 5 furlongs—Alice, 15 to 1; Crescent City, 5 to 1; Lady Brockway, 2 to 1. Time, 1.04 4-5.

Third race, selling, 1 mile—Dutch Carter, 12 to 1; Miss Snanley, 10 to 1; Lissome, 4 to 1. Time 1.52 4-5.

Fourth race, selling, 7 furlongs—Welcome Light, 20 to 1; Tom Mabin, 3 to 1; Floyd K., 20 to 1. Time, 1.37.

Fifth race, 5 furlongs—Scorpio, 3 to 2; Golden Rule, 2 to 1; Whiskey King, 10 to 1. Time, 1.04 4-5.

Sixth race, selling, 1 mile—Joe Lesser, 6 to 1; Mosketo, 15 to 1; Georgie Gardner, 3 to 1. Time, 1.52 1-5.

American Horse-Breeder.

The Christmas number of the American Horse Breeder of Boston has just arrived and it is a handsome number. It comprises a hundred pages of reading and pictorial matter, and every page is interesting.

The article by "Hark Comstock," (Peter C. Kellogg), on "Ancestral Influence," is one of the ablest and most scientific contributions to the literature of breeding that has appeared for some time. Mr. Kellogg has long been recognized as a pedigree expert of the first rank, and his knowledge of blood lines and their successful blending in the great trotters of the past has enabled him to write an article that will take high rank with the best of the most thoughtful contributions to turf literature.

An interesting article is that of H. B. Gentry, whose theme is "Animal Training." Mr. Gentry began his career as an exhibitor of animals at the age of sixteen years. He then had eight trained ponies. He is now at the head of the Gentry Brothers' Combination of Trained Animal Shows that comprise one thousand head of animals, and he is recognized as one of the most successful and expert animal trainers in the world. It is clear, in every line of his writing that he is in love with the animal kingdom.

Joseph Cairn Simpson, the veteran writer, contributes an article on "The Tractability of the Thoroughbred as Compared With the Trotter." It is an article that will interest the lover of the runner as well as the devotee of the trotter.

H. K. Devereux, the leading amateur driver of America, writes on the amateur feature of the sport.

Delorimier Park Dates.

De Lorimier Park has claimed the following dates for the opening winter meeting: January 27, 28, 29, 30. The programme has not yet been definitely arranged; but one thing is decided, and that is that $2,700 will be hung out in purses. This ought to ensure a good entry list.

Kingston Rink Opens.

Kingston, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The curling rink was opened on Monday night, and with fine ice as a beginning. Archibald Strachan is of opinion that the club, this year, will be the strongest organization for ten years past. "Curling is booming," he said, "and chiefly because of the intended visit of the Scotchmen during January and February. We are sure to get them and we want to give them a good time and very hot games."

C.P.R. HAS ADDED 140 LOCOMOTIVES

A despatch from Glasgow states that Messrs. Nelson, Reid & Company, of that city, have secured a contract for the construction of a large number of locomotives for the Canadian Pacific. This is the order that the company, as announced in The Herald, placed about a fortnight ago.

The Canadian and American builders were, the telegram adds, in keen competition for the contract, but Nelson, Reed & Co. secured it because they promised quicker delivery of the engines.

This telegram does not state the case correctly. There was no competition between British and American firms for the contract, which was for twenty passenger engines, but the order went to Glasgow because the company wanted the engines promptly and American establishments are so full that they could not meet the C.P.R. conditions.

The Canadian Pacific have during the past season felt the shortage of locomotives more than the shortage of cars, and this is what they have felt the most in moving the record crop out of the West. They are anxious to fortify themselves as far as possible for next season's traffic.

The present order makes altogether thirty engines that the company have ordered from Scotland.

It makes a total of about 140 engines that have been added, actually or prospectively, to their stock during the past year. In January there was one order for three switching engines to the American Locomotive Company at Schenectady. In February an order for ten freight engines was given to the same company and for two freight engines to the Canadian Locomotive Company at Kingston. In April another order for two freight engines was given to the same company and for twenty freight engines to the American Locomotive Company. In May an order for four freight engines was given to the Rogers Locomotive Company at Paterson, N.J. In June, an order for fifteen switching engines was placed in the C.P.R. shops on Delorimier Avenue. In August the company secured two passenger engines from the Rutland Railway. In September an order for ten passenger engines was given to the Nelson, Reid & Company, Glasgow. In November an order for twelve passenger engine sand thirty-eight freight engines was given to the American Locomotive Company.

ST. JOHN DISGUSTED AT THE THAW.

St. John, N.B., December 17.—(Special.)—Yesterday afternoon and last night's terrific rain-storm and wind had the effect of making great gaps miles long in the St. John River, making the chances for ice-travelling and Christmas markets very poor. St. John city is almost bare and wheels have been brought out again. There is general disappointment.

IT WAS TRINITY'S PASSING THAT WON

The Comment of the English and Irish Press is Complimentary.

Dublin, December 16. — Commenting on yesterday's match in this city between the Canadian footballers and the Dublin University team, the Irish Times to-day says : "Trinity's brilliant play showed up the faults of the Canadians in an unmistakable manner."

The Daily Express says : "It was Trinity's passing that beat the Canadians."

The Irish Independent says : "The Canadians certainly did not play with the dash they displayed in Saturday's game with the Ulster men."

ENGLISH COMMENT.

Toronto, December 16.—The Evening Telegram's special cable says :—

London, December 16.—Referring to the football match on Saturday in which the all-Canadian team defeated the men of Ulster, the Sportsman says : "If the Canadians do as well over here as their brothers-in-arms did in the South African war they will return to Canada covered with a like glory."

The Yorkshire Post says : "It was a fortunate augury that the Canadian team should open their programme with a victory over Ulster. The Canadians are good, strong runners and no novices at the handling of the game."

Curling.

St. Lawrence Ladies.

The lady members of the St. Lawrence Curling Club held a largely attended meeting the other afternoon for the purpose of arranging for the opening of the season, in so far as the ladies' club is concerned.

It was decided to play every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons, and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Following is a list of the officials of the club, and members registered to date:—

President—Mrs. W. L. Chipchase.
Vice-president—Mrs. J. Y. Roy.
Hon. Secretary—Mrs. E. A. Riepert.
Treasurer—Mrs. H. Bott.
Committee—Mesdames J. F. Riepert, Wm. Cairns, J. Hodgson, W. Kearns, F. Kearns, D. Guthrie, R. Walsh, A. E. Harvey, Wm. Tector, W. Smyth, J. B. Spencer, J. Stewart, Misses Ross, Bremner, Metcalfe, Milne, Robertson, V. Robertson, Riley, Ross, Studer and Meldrum.

A Close Game at St. Lawrence.

A very close match between two rinks was played at the St. Lawrence last evening. It was supposed to be for twelve ends. At the close of the twelfth end the score was tied : the lucky thirteenth, however, settled matters, as the score will show :—

J. Learch	Laz. Rubenstein
J. C. Walsh	H. Fortier
D. Bethune	A. Bremner
D. Anderson	W. Kearns
(skip)—17	(skip)—16

FUNERAL OF THE REV. DR. MACVICAR

The funeral services in connection with the interment of Rev. Principal MacVicar to-morrow afternoon will be most impressive.

The remains will be on view in the David Morrice Hall from one to two o'clock, and a service will then be held for the family and intimate friends of the deceased. It will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell, senior professor of the college, and addresses will be delivered by Rev. Professor Clark Murray and Rev. Prof. Coussirat of McGill.

The cortege will then be followed to Crescent Street Church by the staff and students of the college, the city clergy, the school commissioners and others in procession, and there the public memorial service will be held at three o'clock. The pastor of the church, Rev. John Mackay, will preside, and the service will be simple in character. Among those taking part will be Very Rev. Dean Evans, Rev. Dr. Barclay, Rev. Dr. Shaw, Rev. Dr. Robert Campbell and Rev. Dr. Warden of Toronto, and addresses will be delivered by Rev. Professor Scrimger and Rev. Dr. Shaw. The body will afterward be taken to Mount Royal Cemetery for interment.

At a meeting of the Protestant School Commissioners held last night to discuss the representation of the schools at Dr. MacVicar's funeral it was decided that a number of the senior boys from each school should assemble with the principals and assistants in the High School building and with the representation of the pupils of the High School of Montreal, form double lines in Peel Street from Sherbrooke to St. Catherine Streets, through which the funeral procession will pass; that they should then fall in at the rear of the procession and follow to the church. The commissioners will meet in the High School at an earlier hour, and proceed to the David Morrice Hall.

The Board of Commissioners also adopted the following resolution :—

"Resolved, that the Protestant Board of School Commissioners, in meeting assembled, on this the nineteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord Christ, one thousand nine hundred and two, do now place upon record our sense of the immeasurable loss which the work of education in this city has sustained in the death of our late and esteemed chairman and beloved colleague, Rev. Donald Harvey MacVicar, D.D., LL.D., and we would furthermore express our unfeigned admiration for his learning, excellence of character and devotion to duty, as ever exemplified in the administration of the important duties of this board, each member of which sorrowfully realizes that, in his removal, he has suffered a personal and lasting loss.

"The members of the board would most respectfully tender their deep and sincere sympathy to Mrs. MacVicar and the members of his family."

At a meeting of the board of governors of the Wesleyan Theological College, held last evening, a resolution expressive of sympathy with the Montreal Presbyterian College on the decease of Principal MacVicar was adopted.

AT THE WASHTUB, ONTARIO WOMAN HEARS OF FORTUNE.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Grand Rapids, Mich., December 17.—Mrs. Sarah Morley, of Alpena, who with her four children has been in almost destitute circumstances for several years, while at her daily task over the washtub, received a letter from Dublin, Ontario, conveying the information that her father, who disappeared suddenly thirty-two years ago, when she was but seven years of age, was alive and the possessor of a fortune of $375,000, which he amassed in the West.

Mrs. Morley had long believed her father dead.

She and her children will go at once to Dublin to join him. He wrote that he would provide munificently for them.

Dr. Case A. Wood, of Chicago, a graduate of Bishop's, will be entertained on Monday night, at the Windsor by the professors and lecturers.

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HON. MR. BLAIR ASKED TO COME TO CITY'S AID

Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, has been asked, through the medium of a resolution passed at the meeting of the City Council yesterday afternoon, "to aid this council in its endeavors to provide fuel for the poorer classes during the present winter, by arranging for the free transportation to Montreal of coal which the city shall order for this purpose, via the Intercolonial Railway System."

Prior to the meeting of Council the fuel committee held a short session.

It was decided to ask Messrs. J. & R. McLea for additional information regarding an offer to sell the city 4,500 tons of Welsh coal, delivered in town, at prices to be agreed on. The reservation contained the vital point.

Ald. Robertson denied that there was any truth in the statement made at the meeting of Council on Monday that the large dealers are discriminating in coal delivery, and are even holding it back, as they had soft coal on hand, which they wished to sell.

Ald. L. A. Lapointe made this charge, but yesterday he said he only repeated what was told on the streets.

Ald. Robertson, who is a coal dealer, assured his colleague that the story was pure invention. He declared that there was not enough soft coal in the city to last thirty days. That was proof enough that the dealers were not going to make money on that. It was moreover a fact, that the people in Montreal were better off than they were in Boston and New York. There was a general shortage everywhere, as was well known, and Montreal could not expect to be an exception.

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Gossip of The "Street"

Brokers Have Money.

Said a leading Montreal broker to-day: "Of course money is very tight just now, and the banks are lending little or nothing, but I do not hesitate to say that nearly every broker in Montreal has a good loan balance on hand and a few more stocks might be bought if there was a disposition among the brokers to trade up to the limit of their funds. But there is a general disposition to sit and nurse this money. I should think that the brokers in all have at least $1,000,000 on hand."

\$ \$ \$

Strength of Steel.

The strength shown by Dominion Steel in the face of a weak declining market has been a surprise to the majority of onlookers. There is no doubt but that the recent decline in the stock below the 50 mark shook out a lot of the weak holders, and there seems every reason to believe that this stock has gone into stronger hands.

For some time now Boston has been a consistent seller of Steel, while Montreal has been a steady buyer, many expressing the belief that Mr. James Ross and his friends are responsible for the strong support.

The rumor that the company intends to issue another large amount of common stock at 60 has gained considerable circulation, and in this event the idea would naturally be to force the stock up to 70.

This is the only way the late strength in the stock can be accounted for.

\$ \$ \$

Money here is about 6 to 6½ per cent. on call, with very little doing.

\$ \$ \$

Clergue's Stock.

The following are the highest and lowest sales of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company on the Toronto Stock Exchange:

	High.	Low.	Sales.
May	34	28⅜	8,720
June	30⅝	29	3,619
July	30	26¼	2,310
August	28½	23⅜	4,270
September	26½	23¼	2,805
October	24⅝	21⅜	1,685
November	24⅜	19½	693

\$ \$ \$

While definite announcement is withheld until officially promulgated, there is good reason for saying that those savings banks of this city who have been maintaining their interest rates on a 4 per cent. yearly basis will, beginning on January 1, go on a 3½ per cent. basis. This action is not unexpected, as there has been for some time a tendency among the banks toward a lower basis.—New York Journal of Commerce.

\$ \$ \$

The liquidation has been going on for several weeks past. The market is therefore constantly getting into a stronger position.

\$ \$ \$

Detroit Earnings.

The Detroit United Railway reports these comparative operations for November and 11 months:

November.	1902.	Increase.
Earnings	$290,750	$55,943
Expenses and taxes	167,494	18,812
Net	$123,256	$17,131
From Jan. 1.		
Earnings	$3,171,835	$404,105
Expenses and taxes	1,791,318	260,270
Net	$1,380,517	$143,835

\$ \$ \$

Toronto and Western interests have been steady sellers of Twins, Toronto, Nova Scotia and Richelieu. There has been a lot of forced liquidation up there.

\$ \$ \$

J. J. Hill's Views.

President J. J. Hill repudiates the interview in which he was made to say that business was at its crest, and would decline henceforth, but he admits almost as much, if he says, as reported: "The business of the country is undergoing a readjustment to meet changing conditions. The most alarming thing is the decrease in our exports. We are importing much more than we export. It is hoped that some adjustment will be made to meet the conditions. There is too much speculation now, too much boom. Just how it will come out, I do not know."

Mr. Hill telegraphed to a New York paper to-day, saying: "We have evidently passed the summit of prosperity. This will not affect agricultural communities, but it is making itself felt in many manufacturing districts. The heavy liquidation of the past few weeks must have a wholesome effect as soon as the country adjusts itself to the change."

\$ \$ \$

New York has engaged $250,000 gold to come from Paris.

\$ \$ \$

Not for Wall Street.

Bankers connected with the syndicate took pains to-day to emphasize the fact that not a cent of the money would be available for purposes of Wall Street speculation. One of the interests pointed out that the banks could easily expand their loan account $60,000,000 without inconvenience if they chose to take advantage of the Treasury ruling doing away with the necessity of keeping a reserve on public deposits. If, it was said further, the banks decided to encroach upon the surplus so that they retained only 20 per cent. instead of 25 per cent. reserve (as a syndicate banker thought they had a perfect right to do under existing circumstances) they would be in possession of a very much greater amount for investment. Money loaned freely on call at 5 per cent. to-day. That was after a great deal had been put out for 6 per cent. and after the large banks had marked down outstanding loans to that figure. It was also noted that time money was in less demand than yesterday as a result of the pool offer. —New York Post.

PRICES FOR ORANGES

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—The Co-operative Marketing Agency have made the following prices for prompt shipment on oranges and lemons: Extra fancy navels, Redlands and Highlands, $2 per box; Riverside navels, 1.90, and other districts $1.75. Orchard run, all districts, 15c per box less, and choice grades 25c less. Fancy lemons, $.50 per box f.o.b.

DRESSED HOGS

There was a fairly good demand from butchers for small lots, and the market is active with sales of frozen stock at $7.75 per 100 lbs. and car lots were quoted at $7.50 to $7.75. Fresh killed abattoir stock sold in a jobbing way at $8.25 to 8.50 per 100 lbs.

INVESTORS

The decline in the U. S. Steel shares has been precipitated by the formation of new competitive companies and the consolidation of important outside companies. The banks were also responsible for the decline in these issues, as they called in loans on the stocks peremptorily.

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MARGINS GET SLIM, SELLING KEEPS UP

Wall Street Was Better To-day, But Montreal Was Depressed on Steady Liquidation and Lack of Support.

Wall Street was inclined to do better to-day, and there was a pretty general rally amidst the blue ruin talk that continues to permeate the financial atmosphere.

Things in Montreal were a little worse, if anything.

The liquidation continues, and although it is not large it is steady enough to depress a market that is practically devoid of buying orders or support.

\$ \$ \$

"The market," as a broker said this morning, "is not difficult to understand. First and foremost, we have tight money, which is successfully choking off buyers who would otherwise certainly be pretty active at these prices. And with this support gone, the forced liquidation, due to timidity and short margins, is putting things down. People are selling stocks that there is a little market for, and hence we see business confined chiefly to properties like Steel, Pacific and Power. There is practically no market for Toronto, Twins or Cotton, and they are extremely difficult to sell without a sacrifice."

\$ \$ \$

The West was again a seller this morning, and it looks as if people up there were steadily being wiped out.

There has been some talk of the banks calling loans, and this has also tended to increase the general apprehension and help the selling movement along.

\$ \$ \$

Pacific was stiffer in Wall Street, and sold up to 126 5-8, but 126 3-8 was the best here.

Power weakened still further on selling, and went to 86, while Steel, although appearing to get a little support, moved off to 55 and then braced to 55 1-8. Nova Scotia went to 99, and on a couple of sales Richelieu weakened another fraction and landed at 90. The 6 per cent. stocks seem to be going the way of the rest of them.

\$ \$ \$

L. J. Forget & Co.'s London cable to-day quoted Grand Trunk first at 107, second at 93 1-2, third at 43 1-4, Canadian Pacific at 129, Hudson Bay at 36, and Anaconda at 4 1-4.

\$ \$ \$

Mr. C. D. Monk's messages said:—Americans in London mostly higher. Secretary Hay again presses arbitration on European allies. No change in our naval plans. Pennsylvania Tunnel franchise bill passed by Board of Aldermen. United States Steel has acquired control of the Union Steel Company, owning the Union and Sharon Steel plants. Forty-five million in bonds will be issued in payment. B. & O., November, gross increase, $86,991, for five months, gross increase $1,746,617. Sterling easier. Coal trade Journal reports urgent demand for full anthracite output. It considers advances in bituminous coal unwise, but production in soft fuel is fully absorbed. The Venezuelan situation is likely to be used from time to time as a market factor, otherwise conditions especially as regards the money market are rather improved, but as yet do not permit buoyant bull speculation. The best policy appears to be to buy only on the weak spots and then for quick turns. The market advanced steadily from the opening to the noon hour. There was an absence of the disquieting rumors of yesterday. Money continues to show a tendency to improve, and although stocks will no doubt have their reactions, the buying was of a more confident and stronger character. Money, 6 per cent. on call.

\$ \$ \$

The strength in the market was attributed to the belief that reaction yesterday had been on exaggerated rumors and traders' short selling. A much more tranquil view of Venezuelan situation helps matters also. Insiders said to be discouraging raids. Buying in Atchison is considered good.

\$ \$ \$

Pennsylvania Tunnel work will be pushed at once. Atchison earnings to date show 8 per cent. on common after sinking funds for serial bonds. It is believed that car foundry insiders are opposed to the increasing of the dividend. The rumored advance in New York Central dividend is not confirmed in the best informed quarters. Railroads will not proceed hastily in the matter of increasing freight rates in view of adjustment of local difficulties.

\$ \$ \$

London, Dec. 17—3 p.m.—Americans have become strong and active. Money, 6 per cent.

\$ \$ \$

Robert Meredith & Co. received the following over their private wire from Zimmerman & Forshay, of New York: The opening of the market showed some irregularity chiefly on account of slightly lower quotations for Rock Island and Copper, but the majority of the list was stronger, in striking contrast with the lower London prices. St. Paul opened one per cent. up and made a further gain, Missouri Pacific over one point from the closing yesterday, Readings, Southern Pacific, and one or two other issues also opening higher. Sugar was extremely strong. Steels opened dull and flat, but soon became active and made a substantial gain, both the preferred and common. The Bond market was quiet. Shorts were supposed to be responsible for the rise in Steels, but there was very little stock offered. It is considered that if the market improves Steels will advance rapidly. London did very little to-day, Atchison being strong in that market. The United States position in the Venezuelan affair is now made plain, and no trouble in that direction is to be feared in future. Great Britain is willing to arbitrate, but is kept back by her English, it is up to Germany and that power will think twice before antagonizing the United States. Market conditions were less strained this morning and call money loaned at six per cent. London took advantage of the sharp advances to sell here immediately covering operations profitably at home market as the market abroad did not advance as quickly as ours so that on balance arbitrage sold about 20,000 shares. Slight recessions from top prices at noon were due to profit-taking sales, but the market holds well. Sales to noon were 349,000 shares. Canadian Pacific closed at 129 3-4 in London.

\$ \$ \$

325 Canadian Pacific at 126.
350 Canadian Pacific at 126 1-4.
100 Canadian Pacific at 126 3-8.
10 Dominion Coal common at 127.
25 Commercial Cable at 175 1-8.
36 Dominion Coal preferred at 118 1-2.
15 Molsons Bank at 215.
25 Dominion Iron common at 55 3-4.
75 Dominion Iron common at 55 1-2.
75 Dominion Iron common at 55 3-4.
25 Dominion Iron common at 55 7-8.
60 Dominion Iron common at 56.
25 Dominion Iron common at 55 1-4.
25 Dominion Iron common at 55.
125 Dominion Iron common at 55 1-8.
200 Toledo Railway at 30.
25 Toledo Railway at 30.
5 Dominion Cotton at 50.
83 Montreal Power at 87.
50 Montreal Power at 86 3-4.
25 Montreal Power at 86 1-2.
100 Montreal Power at 86 3-4.
125 Montreal Power at 86.
50 Toronto Railway at 110 5-8.
50 Toronto Railway at 110 1-2.
25 Nova Scotia at 99.
20 Nova Scotia at 99.
25 Detroit Railway at 82.
3 Detroit Railway at 83.
20 Dominion Steel preferred at 92 1-2.
5 Dominion Steel preferred at 92 1-4.
300 Dominion Steel preferred at 92.
50 Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co. at 90 1-2.
50 Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co. at 90.

APPLE SHIPMENTS FROM ALL PORTS

Following are the total apple shipments (in barrels) to European ports during the week ending Dec. 13:

From	To Liverpool	London	Glasgow	Total.
Boston	10,066	5,135	...	15,201
New York	5,433	4,533	941	*18,735
Portland	19,815	12,199	...	32,005
Halifax	580	1,200	...	1,780
St. John	1,027	...	...	1,037
Ttl for w'k.	36,931	23,108	941	68,758
Same, 1901	5,346	2,749	839	9,466

*Includes 7,778 to various ports.

SINCE SEASON OPENED.

From	1902.	1901.
Boston	561,288	99,603
New York	458,363	30,803
Portland	99,755	36,063
Montreal	476,756	122,406
Halifax	37,791	138,740
St. John	9,903	899
Totals	1,335,946	488,019

COTTON PRICES

The cotton market in New York opened from about 1 up to 1 down, as compared with yesterday's close. The various options at the opening were quoted as follows:—Jan., 8.55; Feb., 8.29; March, 8.31; April, 8.32-33; May, 8.35; June, 8.35; July, 8.35; Aug., 8.21; Sept., 7.93 and 8.01; Dec., 8.55.

Advices to Mr. D. M. Sexton from Atwood, Violett & Co. said: The leading feature in to-day's cotton market was the strong undertone. The bulls are very confident, and shorts nervous, there being a tendency of the latter to fly to cover on the slightest pretext. Were it not for the unsettled condition of the money market, prices to-day would be ruling probably 25 points higher.

Liverpool opened 3 to 4 down, and was 2 to 2 1-2 down at 12.30.

Spot market was 2 down, with sales 10,000 bales.

Port receipts, 40,000, against 46,170 this day last week, and 49,372 this date last year.

Options at 12.30 were as follows:—Jan., 8.54; Feb., 8.28; March, 8.35; May, 8.36; June, 8.35; July, 8.35; Aug., 8.14; Sept., 7.95; Dec., 8.52.

RECEIPTS IN MONTREAL

Receipts in Montreal to-day by railroad were as follows:—

	G.T.R.	C.P.R.
Wheat	7578	—
Peas	—	2034
Oats	3567	1000
Barley	—	1041
Flaxseed	—	2000
Flour	1241	250
Meal	—	1
Eggs	50	—
Butter	246	249
Cheese	424	107
Lard	1	—
Beef	—	4
Meats	—	384
Hams and bacons	—	2
Tallow	—	27
Leather	7	71
Raw hides	—	59
Whiskey and high wines	—	60
Tobacco	3	62
Dressed hogs	—	403
Apples	29	10

THE WHEAT AREA

C. A. King & Co. say: "Is there an increase in wheat area? We doubt it. State reports do not indicate it. The difference between the Government and the State reports is very large. The difference in five of the principal winter wheat States amounts to about 1,600,000 acres, or nearly as much as the total reported increase in the entire winter wheat belt. The reports compare as follows:

	—State Report— Area.	Condition	—Government— Area.	Condition
Missouri	90	96	111	95
Kansas	96	—?—	108	95
Ohio	95	91	99	98
Michigan	80	88	90	92
Illinois	Dec.	..	106	101

Missouri difference is 21 per cent. Kansas with 6,250,000 acres shows 12 per cent. difference; Michigan 10 per cent. Ohio 4 and Illinois fully 10 per cent. The State report there said some decrease, but did not give exact figures. The Government figures are also high on condition."

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GRAIN IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17.—Wheat—69c bid for No. 2 red and white east and middle freights. Some holders asking 70c. Goose, 65c for No. 2 east. Spring wheat, 68c for ... 1 east. Manitoba wheat, 88c No. 1 hard, and 86c for No. 1 northern, grinding in transit 2c less; all rail to North Bay.

Flour—$2.70 bid, 90 per cent. patents buyers' bags east or middle freights, $2.75 asked. Choice brands, 15c to 20c higher. Manitoba flour, $4.20 for cars of Hungarian patents, $3.90, strong bakers' bags included on track Toronto.

Millfeed—$16 cars of shorts, $14 bran bulk east or middle freights. Manitoba millfeed $19 cars of short, $17 bran, sacks included, Toronto freights.

Barley—No. 3 extra sold east today, 45c. No. 3 quoted 42c, east or middle freights.

Buckwheat—52c for No. east, 50c; high freights west, 51c middle freights.

Rye—50c for No. 2 east, 49c middle freights.

Corn—Canada nominal, yellow 46c west, and old yellow 58c west. American, 55c for new No. 3 yellow, 66c to 67c; old No. 3 yellow, car lots on track Toronto.

Oats—No. 1 white, 31c to 31 1-2c east; No. 2 white, 30 1-2c, east middle freights.

Oatmeal—$4.10 cars bags, $4.25 barrels on track Toronto, 25c more for broken lots.

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A SLUMP IN CORN TO-DAY

December wheat opened in Chicago at 74 1-8, and at 12.30 the price was 74 1-4. May wheat opened at 77 1-8, and the 12.30 price was 77, while July opened at 74 1-8 and at 12.30 was 74.

December wheat opened at 52 3-4, and dropped to 50, afterwards recovering to 51 1-4. May corn opened at 43 1-2, and at 12.30 was 43 3-8.

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The H. D. Metcalfe Company, Limited, received the following despatch from their Winnipeg office, giving the closing prices of No. 1 hard Manitoba wheat, at 77c, and No. 1 northern at 69c, in store, December.

FEATURES OF THE MONTREAL MARKETS

GRAIN.—There continues to be a fairly good demand for No. 2 white oats for export account, and late yesterday a sale of a round lot was made, and to-day another sale of 20,000 bushels consumption was slow, and business was reported. The demand for local consumption was slow, and business was quiet at 35c to 35 1-2c ex store, in car lots, and they were quoted at 30 1-4c high freights, and at 31 1-4c east. In peas business was quiet, with prices unchanged at 74c high freights. The demand for buckwheat was slow at 52c east on the Grand Trunk.

FLOUR.—There was no important change in the condition of the flour market. A fair volume of business is passing in a small way at steady prices. Choice Manitoba spring wheat patents, $4.20; seconds, $3.90; strong bakers', $3.50; winter wheat patents, $3.75 to $4; straight rollers, $3.60 to $3.70; do. in bags, $1.67 1-2 to $1.72 1-2; extras, 1.55 to $1.60.

MEAL.—The demand for rolled oats is only fair, and prices are unchanged at $4.25 to $4.30 per barrel, and at $2 to $2.05 per bag.

FEED.—The tone of the market for millfeed remains firm under a good demand. Manitoba bran in bags, $18; Manitoba shorts, $20; Ontario bran, in bulk, $17 to $18; shorts, $19 to $20, and mouille, $23 to $30, as to quality.

HAY.—A fairly active trade continues to be done in baled hay, there being a good demand from local and American buyers. No. 1, $9 to $10; No. 2, $8 to $8.75; clover, $6.50 to $7 per ton in car lots.

CHEESE.—The cheese market was dull and unchanged again to-day. Sellers seem quite content to bide their time, and prices nominally range from 12 1-4c to 12 3-8c.

BUTTER.—The butter market remains firm, with business in finest creamery at 23c on domestic jobbing account, and exporters buyers at 22c to 22 1-2c. Fine dairy stock is quoted steady at 18c.

EGGS.—Strictly fresh continue scarce for which there is a good demand, and sales of small lots were made at 28c to 30c per dozen. The demand for other grades is fairly good at firm prices. We quote: Selected, 25c; candled stock, 19 1-2c to 20c; Montreal limed, 18c in a jobbing way; straight receipts, 18 1-2c to 19c; Montreal limed, 17 1-2; cold storage stock, 17 1-2c, and western limed 16 1-2c to 17c per dozen in round lots.

POULTRY.—In spite of the great change in the weather there was an active demand again to-day for poultry; in consequence, all offerings of suitable stock met with a ready sale at firm prices. Choice turkeys sold at 13 1-2c to 14c; ordinary at 12 1-2c to 13c; choice chickens, 10 1-2c to 11c; common, 8c to 10c; ducks, 10c to 12c; and geese, 7c to 9c per lb.

BEANS.—The trade in beans continues quiet, and chiefly of a jobbing nature at $2.05 to $2.10 per bushel for primes, and car lots are quoted at $2.

MAPLE PRODUCT.—Business in maple product was slow, and prices are nominally unchanged. We quote: Syrup, in large tins, at 70c to 80c; in small tins, at 80c to 60c; and in wood, at 5c to 5 1-2c per lb. Sugar, 8 1-2c to 10c per lb.

HONEY.—There was no improvement in the demand for honey, but the tone of the market remains steady. White clover, in comb, is quoted at 11c to 11 1-2c, and white strained, at 8c to 8 1-2c per lb.

POTATOES.—The demand for potatoes was good at firm prices. Sales of car lots of choice varieties were made at 75c to 80c, and ordinary stock at 68c to 72c per bag, and in a jobbing way they are selling at 95c to $1.

ASHES.—The tone of the market for potash is steady, but the demand is slow and offerings small. We quote: Firsts, $4.35 to $4.40; seconds, $3.60; and pearls, $6.25 per 100 lbs.

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THE NEW FREIGHT TRAFFIC MANAGER

The new appointments in the Canadian Pacific freight department are of importance to the public, because it is only by maintaining the highest efficiency in this—the largest sphere of the operations of the railway—that the company can carry on its work in a way that can give general satisfaction.

Mr. G. M. Bosworth, the fourth vice-president of the company, made some interesting remarks to-day about the kind of experience combined with ability that qualified, as exemplified by these latest appointments, for offices of distinction in the company's service. Some people might think that because Mr. MacInnes is a son of the late Senator MacInnes his elevation may be due to influence, but as a matter of fact it had nothing whatever to do with it.

Mr. MacInnes becomes freight traffic manager because he is an extremely bright and able railway man. He began in the general offices here at $12 a month some eighteen years ago, and stepped up the ladder until he became chief clerk to the general manager when that office was filled by Mr. Auld. Then he went to Chicago as general agent, and from Chicago he went to Winnipeg as assistant freight traffic manager. In Chicago he was in touch with the railroading in the American West and was familiar with the most approved methods of fostering and gathering traffic. At Winnipeg he became familiar with all the conditions governing the freight traffic in the Canadian Northwest, and he brings his accumulated knowledge of conditions at remote parts of the system to bear upon the central management.

The position of freight traffic manager has really been filled by Mr. Bosworth since his advancement to the fourth vice-presidency, but nominally it has been vacant.

The fourth vice-president having been relieved to an extent of the direction of the machinery of the freight department, becomes a court of appeal from both the freight and passenger departments—in other other words, both the freight and passenger traffic managers report to him, and thus, as Mr. Bosworth remarked to-day, the various vice-presidencies become rounded off.

For the benefit of those who may be interested in trying to work out the relations that age bears to these appointments, it may be mentioned that Mr. MacInnes is thirty-six years old.

Mr. Peters, who succeeds Mr. MacInnes at Winnipeg in the capacity of assistant freight traffic manager of western lines, has had charge of the freight department at Vancouver, the company's western terminus, and thus he, too, brings a peculiar and valuable experience to bear upon the position at Winnipeg. Mr. Greer, who will now take the principal control of the Coast and British Columbia traffic, has done highly meritorious service in the mining districts of that province, and Mr. Kirkpatrick, who leaves the general offices, where he has been chief clerk to Mr. Bosworth, will carry with him many good wishes when he takes up the position of assistant general freight agent at Vancouver.

ALD. GALLERY HOPES TO GET LOW FREIGHTS ON COAL

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Ald. Gallery, of Montreal, saw the Minister of Railways this morning in connection with the reduction of freight rates over the Intercolonial for Montreal coal.

Ald. Gallery asked that the coal be transported free, but the Minister did not see his way clear to do so much as that.

Ald. Gallery hopes, however, before he leaves the city to get a substantial reduction in the rate to Montreal.

MUST PAY THE ANNUITY.

In the Superior Court this morning, Chief Justice Tait gave judgment in the case of Frank Wilder et al vs. J. E. Wilder et al esqual. The plaintiffs in this case, who are the children of the late Edward A. Wilder, sue the testamentary executors of their uncle Henry A. Wilder, in connection with his administration of the estate.

By his will the late Henry G. Wilder left to his brother or his brother's children the sum of $3,000 or an annuity of $250 according as one of the trustees, J. E. Wilder, the defendant in the present suit, might think proper. The defendant paid the first instalment of $250 to the plaintiffs and then intimated that this was a payment on the $3,000. They declined to accept it as such and when he refused to pay the second annuity, brought action against him. The court held that by paying the first annuity of $250, he had elected this method of administering the estate and was bound to pay the defendants $250 a year.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN'S PASSENGERS

Messrs. Elder, Dempster & Co., received a telegram from their St. John office advising that the Lake Champlain's first and second cabin passengers will be landed there this afternoon and proceed by the regular Canadian Pacific and Intercolonial trains.

Following is a list of her first cabin passengers—Mr. W. H. Huntley, Mr. J. V. Martin, Miss F. P. Reynolds, Miss J. Reynolds, Miss Roy, Mr. G. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. St. Geo. Boswell, Miss Gertrude M. Rennison, Miss Steane, Mr. Peter Ferighel, Mr. A. C. Haddock, Mr. John Cowdry, Mr. Edward Banipere, Mr. P. N. Gray.

WANTED IN WASHINGTON.

Last evening Detective Trudel went to the St. James Hotel and arrested a man named E. A. Liefeld, who is wanted in Washington, D.C., on the charge of theft. It is alleged that he stole a lot of jewellery while employed with a firm in that city.

He and his wife came here yesterday and registered at the hotel. He gave his name as Von Wallock and says he was formerly a lieutenant in the German army, and that he did service in China during the Boxer troubles. He also says that he circled the globe on a bicycle. He denied his identity when arrested, but afterwards admitted to his real name.

It is said that during the day he endeavored to dispose of some of the goods in local pawnshops. His wife accompanies him, and at her request was allowed to remain at the detective headquarters all night, but there is no charge against her. They have been married but a short time. The Washington police have been notified, but in all probability he will go back without extradition.

RABBI WILLBE HERE.

Rev. Mr. Abramavitz, of New York, elective rabbi of the McGill College Avenue Synagogue, will be in Montreal next week for the festival.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

The following quotations were furnished by W. H. Weir & Son:—

DESCRIPTION.	Dec. 16. Ak.	Bd.	Dec. 17. Ak.	Bd.
Canadian Pacific Railway	126½	126	126⅜	126¼
Detroit Electric	83	82⅝	82¼	81
Duluth com	...	...	...	...
Toledo Railway	31	30	30¼	29
M.S.R.	275	273	280	275
Do Bonds	107	105	107	105
Toronto Street Ry	111¼	110¾	110⅝	109⅞
Halifax Elec Tram Co	105	100	104½	100
Do do Bonds	...	...	...	...
St John Electric Ry	130	113	120	113½
Twin City Transit	114	113	113	112
Rich & Ont Nav Co	90½	89¼	91	90
Commercial Cable Co xd	176	175	176	175
Do Coupon Bonds	...	...	...	...
Do Reg Bonds	...	...	...	...
Montreal Telegraph Co	170	165	170	164
Bell Telephone Co	170	160	170	163
Dom Iron & Steel com	56½	56	55¾	55
Do do pref	93	92	95	90
Do do Bonds	89	88	89	88
Mont Heat, Light & Pr	90	87	87¾	85¾
Nova Scotia Steel	100	99	99	95
Ogilvie Milling pfd	135	130	135	...
Lake of Woods	...	...	180	165
Laurentide Pulp Co	190	92	97½	92½
Do do Bonds	107	106	107½	106
Montreal Cotton Co	125	121½	125	121¾
Dominion Cotton Co	52	49	52	47½
Canada Colored Cotton Co	...	49	...	47½
Do do Bonds	...	...	...	...
Merchants Cotton	...	...	...	...
War Eagle	...	...	...	...
Dom. Coal Common	127	126	127	126
Do pfd	...	117½	...	117½
Do Bonds	...	...	...	...
Bank of Montreal	275	267½	275	269
Ontario Bank	...	...	...	...
Molsons Bank	216	...	216	...
Bank of Toronto	...	...	...	...
Bank of British N A	...	...	...	...
Merchants	...	160	...	...
Royal	250	210	...	210
Bank of Nova Scotia	...	261	...	...
Eastern Townships	...	161	...	161
Quebec	...	...	...	...
Union	128	125½	...	...
Commerce	...	...	...	...
Hochelaga	140	...	...	...
North West Land pfd	...	...	...	...

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS BOARD MEETING

An interesting meeting of the Board of Catholic School Commissioners was held last evening, with Mgr. Racicot in the chair. The secretary, Mr. W. E. Archambault, mentioned that he had received the last annual report of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners. It showed that $154,503.65 had been received from the city. The Catholic schools received during the same period $180,988.16.

The average attendance per month in the Catholic schools was 16,122 pupils while in the Protestant schools it was 8,609, so that the former had only $10.23 for the year per pupils, while the latter had considerably more, $18.

The question of supplying fuel was discussed at length and Mr. Archambault was instructed to use his discretion in purchasing coal and wood in sufficient quantities.

A complaint was considered regarding the system of heating at St. Bridget's school. Mr. Charles Dastler, the manager, stated that the apparatus placed in the school was out of order and defective in many points. The matter was referred to the committee on works.

A resolution of condolence was passed upon the death of Rev. Dr. MacVicar, principal of the Presbyterian College. The members expressed in turn their high esteem for the deceased principal and their appreciation of his educational work.

A resolution was also adopted congratulating Hon. Raymond Prefontaine formerly a member of the Board upon his re-election and his entry into the Cabinet as Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

HON. MR. MORIN LEAVES FOR HOME.

Hon. A. B. Moran, the leader of the Opposition in Newfoundland, left Montreal for home to-day. Before leaving he expressed the opinion that the terms of the new Bond-Hay treaty were favorable for the Colony of Newfoundland. The admission free to the United States of green fish, crude ores and slate of Newfoundland origin would be of great benefit to the island. "In fact, I think that the terms of the treaty are so favorable that the United States Senate will not hesitate a moment about refusing to ratify it," he said. "I should be very much surprised indeed if the treaty ever becomes a law."

BAGGAGEMEN STOLE A BOX OF CIGARS.

Henry O'Dowd and Daniel McKercher, two baggagemen at the Windsor Station, were arrested yesterday by C. P. R. constable Johnston on the charge of stealing a box of cigars from the box of a railway news agent. They were found guilty in Judge Lafontaine's court to-day and sentence was suspended.

CLAIM BY-LAW IS ULTRA VIRES.

Messrs. Beaudin, Cardinal, Loranger and St. Germain, acting for the Rodier estate made application to Judge Curran in Practice Court this morning for a writ of certiorari in connection with the recent decision of Mr. Recorder Weir imposing a fine of $10 for failure to comply with the civic by-law requiring the abolition of all privy pits.

The ground of the appeal is that the by-law is ultra vires and retroactive.

DAMAGES FOR BROKEN LEG.

Charles Deschamps, a workman, made application to Mr. Justice Curran to be permitted to proceed in forma pauperis against Alex. Jeffrey & Co., contractors for $1,950 damages for a broken leg which he claims we received while in their employe, and through the fault of their foreman, on November 18 last. Deschamps alleges that he was working at the bottom of an excavation in connection with the construction of the Grand Trunk elevator at the foot of Prince Street, when some of his fellow workmen loosened the earth about him, causing it to cave in and break his leg.

SUES TOWN OF WESTMOUNT.

The Montreal Water & Power Company, has entered suit against the town of Westmount to recover the sum of $16,827, claimed to be due for the rent of hydrants.

A VICTIM OF EPILEPSY.

Alphonsine Cadieux was seized with an epileptic fit at No. 9 Bleury street, this morning, and was taken to the General Hospital. The unfortunate young woman is very frequently seized with these fits, and in four days, not long ago, she was taken five times to the General Hospital as the result of the attacks.

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Province of Quebec, District of Montreal.
SUPERIOR COURT.—NO. 136.

The Canadian Forwarding & Export Company, Limited, a body politic and corporate, incorporated by letters patent of the Dominion of Canada, and having its head office and chief place of business in the City and District of Montreal, Respondents.

A winding-up order has been granted in this matter, and a meeting of the creditors, shareholders and contributories of the said company is hereby called for the TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF DECEMBER INSTANT, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, in the Court Room No. 31 in the Court House, at the said City of Montreal, to appoint a final liquidator to the said company.

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Victoria to Hamilton, Ont.	2,500
Hamilton to Chicago	500
Chicago to Fort Worth	1,100
Total	5,200

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 17.—More than 5,000 miles, almost across the entire Dominion of Canada and half way across the United States, is the trip Miss Minnie A. Cobly, of Hamilton, Ont., made in order to become Mrs. Edward J. Watkins, of this city.

On her arrival here she was met by her lover and the two went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Duvall, in North Fort Worth, where they were married.

The marriage was the culmination of a romance that began in the Klondike gold fields three years ago.

Watkins is the son of a well-to-do ranchman, who lives at Kolar, Tex. Three years ago, when but 21 years of age, he grew tired of ranch life, and, hearing of the chances for a fortune in Alaska, sold his outfit and then started for Dawson City.

He had many troubles before he reached his goal and on his arrival at Dawson was nearly "broke."

He met "Jim" Cobly, who had more experience and who generously took the Texan into partnership, "staking" him for his share of the equipment necessary to working a claim.

At Cobly's "shack" Watkins was introduced to his partner's sister, Minnie, then 18 years old.

Cobly explained that their parents were both dead and that, having no one to support but themselves, they had left their home in Hamilton, Ontario, and gone to the gold fields to seek their fortune.

The partnership formed by the trio lasted till this summer, when, tiring of the life in Alaska, all three decided to come back to civilization.

Watkins reached Texas Nov. 6, and hearing of good business opportunities at Fort Worth, came here to invest his savings in a store. After doing this he wrote to Miss Cobly, to whom he had previously become engaged, and she started on her long trip. She had gone from Dawson to Victoria when Watkins' letter reached her. Thence she went to her old home in Hamilton and from there to this city.

ARCHITECTS DISCUSS L'ART NOUVEAU.

"L'Art Nouveau" was subject for discussion at the regular monthly meeting of the Architects' Association held last night. Mr. Philip Hebert was the guest of the evening. Other guests present were Messrs. St. Charles, Franchere, Deliosse, painters, and Messrs. Hill and Carli, sculptors.

The general concensus of opinion as brought out in the discussion, was the "l'Art Nouveau." While achieving great success in decorative art, such as jewellery and figure, sculpture, when subordinated to decoration, was in architecture chiefly remarkable for restlessness and extravagance of design; its denial of constructive form led to utter lack of architectural dignity in composition. In steel construction, however, and metal-work, it seemed to offer valuable suggestions toward progress in design.

MR. MAGGS' RESIGNATION HAS BEEN ACCEPTED.

The resignation of Rev. J. T. L. Maggs as principal of the Wesleyan Theological College was accepted last night at a meeting of the board of governors. The board expressed its appreciation of the retiring principal in the following resolution:—

"That we have heard with deep regret the resolution now submitted to us by Rev. J. T. L. Maggs, D.D., as principal of this institution. During the three years he has occupied this office he has endeared himself to us by his courteous, gentlemanly and Christian spirit. We have regarded with pride his recognized position as a thorough scholar and most successful instructor, as well as the influence he has wielded by his able pulpit ministrations, which have been marked by breadth of view, highest culture and practical spirituality.

"We consider his removal will be to Canadian Methodism a most serious loss. We greatly regret the family sickness which necessitated his resignation, which we hereby most reluctantly accept, to take effect on August 1st next, and we beg to assure Dr. and Mrs. Maggs on their return to England that we will cherish the remembrance of their residence in Canada as a pleasant memory.

"And we pray that with the eminent endowment with which God has favored him his ministerial service in the great parent body of British Wesleyan Methodism may for many years be blessed and honored by the head of the Church."

THE PREMIERS' MEETING.

Col. Prior Cannot Get to Quebec in Time, But Both He and Hon. G. W. Ross Concur.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Quebec, December 17.—The news from Toronto relating to the meeting of provincial Premiers here on Thursday caused quite a good deal of discussion.

Premier Parent, when seen yesterday afternoon, confirmed the despatch and added that he had convened the meeting with a view to the establishment of the provincial subsidies on a more modern basis. The census of 1861 is scarcely the proper basis for calculation, and hence the provincial Premiers will urge the Federal authorities to award the subsidies on the census of 1901.

The meeting will be attended by Hon. G. H. Murray, Premier, and Hon. J. W. Longley, Attorney-General of Nova Scotia; Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Premier, and Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Attorney-General of New Brunswick; Hon. R. P. Roblin, Premier of Manitoba; Hon. Mr. Peters, Premier of Prince Edward Island.

Hon. G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario, will not be present, but concurs in the objects of the meeting, and has sent a memorandum which will be read at the conference.

Hon. Mr. Prior, the newly-elected Premier of British Columbia, will also be absent, but this is because he is unable to reach here in time. He has sent a letter and telegram of concurrence.

CHILD BURNT TO DEATH IN PORTNEUF.

Quebec, December 17.—(Special.) — Dr. A. G. Belleau, City and District Coroner, received a despatch from Grondines, county Portneuf, yesterday, stating that a child, the two-year-old son of Mr. Louis Archambault, farmer and cheese manufacturer, had been burned to death. It appears that a fire broke out in the residence of Mr. Archambault the night previous, at eight o'clock, and spread with such rapidity that the building and its entire contents were consumed, including the child, who was asleep at the time and could not be rescued. Dr. Jolicoeur, deputy coroner, left last night to hold an inquest on the remains of the child.

MANY CUSTOMS APPOINTMENTS.

Ottawa, December 17. — (Special.) — Mr. John Head, clerk in the customs at Toronto, has been appointed assistant appraiser in the express department at that city.

Mr. R. M. Perce, of the statistical branch of the customs at Ottawa, has been transferred to Toronto.

Messrs. P. J. Slattery and John Kidd have been appointed packers in the Toronto customs house.

Mr. E. H. Small has been appointed sub-collector of customs at Cranbrook, B.C., vice McDermott resigned.

Mr. John H. Ker has been appointed acting chief clerk in the long room of the customs house at Vancouver, B.C.

RUSSIAN TOWN BLOTTED OUT BY AN EARTHQUAKE.

Askabad, Rusian Turkestan, December 16.—The town of Andijan, Ferghana Government, was totally destroyed by an earthquake to-day. The number of fatalities is not yet ascertained. The population is threatened with starvation. Shocks were felt in New Marghelan and surrounding villages and a railway at Andijan was destroyed for a considerable distance. Food and clothing is being sent to Andijan.

ORDERED RESTORED IN HAYTI.

Port au Prince, Hayti, December 17.—Order has been re-established here.

During the fighting yesterday a number of persons were wounded, including two Italians, who were seriously injured.

Two men accused of committing crimes were executed during the day without trial.

The U. S. legation is protected by troops.

CANADIAN HONEY LIKED IN ENGLAND.

Barrie, Ont., December 17.—(Special.) — At a meeting of Ontario beekeepers yesterday, a report was received from W. D. Scott, commissioner for Canada at Wolverhampton Fair, in which he stated:—"The exhibit of Canadian honey which you sent me through the Manufacturers' Association, is answering the purpose admirably. I have many experts try samples of the honey in the exhibition, and they all consider the Canadian honey equal to the best English. I think a stock of Canadian honey in England would sell well and in large quantities."



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CUSTOMS MINISTER TO VISIT MONTREAL

(Special to The Montreal Herald.)

Ottawa, December 17.—The Minister of Customs will pay an official visit to the port of Montreal on Monday and Tuesday of next week for the purpose of meeting business men who wish to discuss matters relative to the Customs Department. He will be at the Customs House in Montreal from Monday at noon until Tuesday evening. Hon. Mr. Paterson has accepted an invitation to attend the annual banquet of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association, which takes place in Montreal on Monday evening next.

"LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR" AT MONUMENT NATIONAL.

"Lucie de Lammermoor," or an abbreviated version of the opera, was given at the Monument National last night. Perhaps because it has been heard here recently, the audience was not so large as it should have been, but they received Donizetti's masterpiece enthusiastically.

Professor Goulet was wise enough to curtail the opera, for there are many passages that are rather beyond his company, and he was so far successful in his work that a very creditable performance was given. The choruses are, of course, the weak spot. Their selection, the feminine part of them at any rate,—was more for scenic purposes than any musical ability they possess, but they made a picturesque background for the principals, who were sufficiently good to carry even the heavier choruses, with substantial support from the orchestra. A little drilling and a little more attention to the grouping, which is sometimes aimless, would work wonders with the piece.

M. Guille, as Edward of Ravenswood, did the best work he has done in any opera in this city. He has considerable dramatic fire, and made the most of it in the wedding scene and the finale in the graveyard, and the only fault that could be found with him was that his head notes were sometimes a shade off. Mr. Occellier has a voice of rare volume and richness of tone, and his work merits particular commendation.

The role of Lucie is a trying one, especially so in the mad scene, which is something in the nature of Ophelia's madness set to music, but Mme. Freda Ricci sang it beautifully, and while sufficiently dramatic, never overdid the part.

The sextette, which is one of the finest things in good opera, was cut to a quartette, leaving out one tenor and one contralto, but they acquitted themselves so splendidly that they were recalled for an encore. The costumes are quaint and pretty, though incongruous, and whatever minor defects the performance may possess, its merits quite outweigh them, and it is greatly superior to many much loudly heralded operas that have visited Montreal.

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MAY: Emerald—Grace.
When May unveiled her lovely face
The earth enchanted cried,
The Emerald shall give all her race
A lover or a bride.

JUNE: Catseye—Prescience.
June wears upon her royal hand
The Catseye's watchful light;
An amulet that for her band
Insures health, wealth and might.

JULY: Ruby—Love.
If radiant July gave thee birth,
The glowing Ruby choose;
Then shall thy life be filled with mirth,
And love its doubts shall lose.

AUGUST: Moonstone—Watch-Care.
Lone shall August's children be,
Shunned alike by friend and foe
Unless the evil eye shall see
The spirit of the Moonstone glow.

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