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## CHURCH AND STATE.

### Detailed Summary of Vatican Protest Against French Course.

(See also Page 14.)

Rome, Dec. 21.—The following is a detailed summary of the note issued by the Vatican as a protest against the course of the French Government, and forwarded to all the papal representatives abroad:

The note protests primarily that the rights of religion have been outraged by the French Government's action in preventing the head of the Church from communicating spiritually with the French hierarchy by the expulsion from France of Mgr. Montagnini, secretary of the Papal Nunciature at Paris. The question of the inviolability of the archives of the Nunciature, is not touched upon, it being pointed out that the authorities on international law do not agree upon what constitutes the duty of a state in the matter of documents left behind by the representative of a foreign power with which relations had been broken when the interests of this power had not been entrusted to a third friendly power.

Continuing, the note says: 'The representatives of the Holy See abroad have also received a circular in which are set forth the motives for the action of the Vatican regarding the application of the Church and State Separation Law of 1905.' These motives are so grave that it is evidently impossible to accuse the Holy See of intransigence or of unjust hostility to the French Government in condemning the cultural associations which disregard essential rights which the Church has given her constitution such as maintaining a necclesiastical hierarchy established by her divine founder as the basis of the organization of the Church. In fact, the law conferred on the cultural associations rights which are solely belong exclusively to the ecclesiastical authorities in the practice of worship and in possessing and administering ecclesiastical property, but the associations were rendered independent of the ecclesiastical hierarchy and instead were placed under the jurisdiction of the lay authorities. The Holy See could not approve of such associations without being lax in his duty toward of the Church and without violating upon the fundamental doctrine principles of the Church. The same can be said of M. Briand's circular. The Holy See could not admit unjust and intolerable conditions which the circular imposed upon the clergy in the exercise of their duties. All this evidently shows that the Holy See merely fulfilled its duty strictly in giving instructions on the subject to the French clergy. If the French Government was animated by calmer sentiments it could create for the Church in France a situation which at least would not injure the essential rights of the Holy See which might even, without admitting the principle of the separation of Church and state, tolerate such a situation in order to avoid worse evils, as it did in the case of other countries.'

## GREAT ROCK SLIDE

### THOUSANDS OF TONS COVER THE TRACKS OF THE WEST SHORE NEAR PEEKSKILL, N.Y.

New York, Dec. 21.—The 'World' to-day says:

Just before midnight last night thousands of tons of rock slipped from the side of Dunkerberg mountain, opposite Peekskill, and covered the West Shore railroad tracks completely. From present indications it will be at least a week before the tracks can be cleared.

### LEG WAS FRACTURED.

Last evening, while Mrs. Cunningham, wife of Mr. Henry Cunningham, of 16 Bloom street, was walking along St. Urbain street, she fell on the sidewalk, near the corner of Ontario, and sustained a fracture of the leg. She decided not to go to the hospital, and was taken to her home in a sleigh.

### A.O.U.W. ELECTION.

At a regular meeting held last evening by Ledge, No. 16, A.O.U.W., the officers for next year as follows: M.W., A. J. Bowden; N.W., W. J. Foreman; H. S. Atkinson; F. J. Shanahan; recorder, M. Cameron; F. H. Skelcher; receiver; A. Lovell; guide, W. Mains; I.W., M. W. Hindle; O.W., [illegible]; trustees, J. Hughes.

## MOROCCAN SITUATION.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 21. The Moorish minister of War, Mohammed el Mokri, with a thousand cavalry and infantry from Fez, has reached Arzila, twelve miles from Tangier.

## ENTOMBED MINER SAVED.

Cripple Creek, Col., Dec. 21.—Hicks, the miner who has been entombed in the Portland mine for thirteen days, was taken from his prisoners at one a.m., when it was announced that he would be speedily rescued. His rescuers were talking to him when they passed to him a basin of water with which to bathe his face.

## IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

### Prorogation Takes Place This Afternoon.

MUCH BITTERNESS EXISTS OVER DEFEAT OF THE EDUCATION BILL.

London, Dec. 21.—The cabinet held a special session to-day preliminary to the prorogation of parliament for the holidays, which will occur this afternoon when the King's proroguing message is read.

Unusual bitterness exists in parliamentary circles over the defeat of the Education bill. The announcement of the appointment of Mr. James Bryce to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand as British ambassador at Washington, is imminent and it will be followed by a considerable re-adjustment of the cabinet with the view of presenting an aggressive front when the parliamentary session is resumed in February.

## TERRORISTS EXECUTED.

### Ten Men Were Members of a Band of Robbers and Murderers.

SENTRIES AT SEBASTOPOL ORDERED TO SHOOT SUSPECTS WITHOUT CHALLENGE.

Riga, Dec. 21.—Ten terrorists were executed here at sunrise to-day. They belonged to a band guilty of a series of robberies, bomb outrages and murders, extending for months, and were also concerned in a plot to kill Baron Moeller-Sakomelsky, Governor-General of the Baltic Provinces, which was frustrated by the arrest of two of the leaders.

Sebastopol, Dec. 21.—In consequence of fears of attempts by terrorists to assassinate the naval commanders and possibly blow up a magazine, Admiral Skrydloff, commander of the Black Sea fleet, has instructed the sentries between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. to shoot any suspects without challenge.

## NEW ORGAN OPENED.

RECITAL BY PROF. DETHIER LAST EVENING A SPLENDID SUCCESS.

The inauguration of the new organ of St. James's Catholic Church, St. Denis street, by Mr. Gaston Dethier, organist of St. Francois Xavier Church, New York, last evening, was an event of considerable importance. Mr. Dethier's record throughout the whole of the United States, and the impression which he made in Montreal on the occasion of a previous visit are so well known that reference to his special style and method may be dispensed with. Many organists both of the city and the surrounding towns gathered to hear the talented composer and player.

The programme included the works of authors of different schools, selected so as to give the artist an opportunity to show to the best possible advantage all the qualities of the splendid instrument which was built by the Messrs. Cazavant. Mr. Dethier's own compositions were among those most admired, and the close attention with which the different numbers were listened to testified to the power of the artist over an appreciative audience.

Two selections of vocal music, rendered by the church choir, assisted by the leading members of other choirs, were also well received.

There was a short sermon by the Rev. Abbé R. Labelle, who, after mentioning the important place filled by the organ in Christian worship, drew a lesson showing that man's actions must be in harmony with the divine will in the same manner as the notes of the organ respond to the command of the artist in producing a concert of praise.

Archbishop Bruchesi presided, surrounded by a large number of the clergy, and His Grace opened the proceedings by the dedication of the new organ.

### CONCERT AT VERDUN.

The amusement hall at Verdun Hospital, Lower Lachine road, was well filled last evening, which, owing to the kindness of Dr. A. F. Ibbotson and Professor Reichling, a concert was given for the benefit of the patients. The numbers were well chosen, the songs being particularly bright and catchy. The orchestra, in the selections rendered under Mr. Reichling's direction, scored a marked success. Among those taking part were the Misses Reichling, Mrs. Boult, Miss Baillie, Miss Forbes, Miss Leech, Messrs. Barrow and Douglas, Master Willie Baillie and Prof. Reichling.

### SCHOOL ROOF ON FIRE.

Fire broke out yesterday afternoon in the Protestant School at 1135 Huntley street, St. Denis Boulevard. The fire caught in the roof of the caretaker's apartments over the school, and caused considerable excitement among the children, who were at their lessons, but there was no panic. The men from No. 18 fire station succeeded in extinguishing the blaze before any serious damage was done.

### VISITING GOVERNORS.

The visiting governors to the Montreal General Hospital next week will be Messrs. Geo. E. Drummond, Leslie H. Gault, Jonathan Brown, and Thos. Forde.

## OUTREMONT

### Three Councillors will be Elected on January 21.

MAIL DELIVERY STARTS AND THE POST-OFFICE IS TO BE CLOSED.

A special meeting of the Council of Outremont was held last night, Mayor Joyce presiding. The councillors present were Messrs. Robinson, Beaubien, Valliere, Arthur and Robson.

Councillors Robinson and Beaubien were appointed revisors of the list of voters in municipal elections, with Councillor Robinson as chairman. The revisors having examined the list and added one name it was homologated by the council. The number of voters on the list is now 579. The list of voters in parliamentary elections was sent to Ottawa a few days ago; it is the same as for municipal elections.

The mail delivery by letter carriers has commenced. Postal matter is delivered twice a day, by two carriers, from the post-office in the town of St. Louis, and the post-office in Outremont will be closed on Dec. 31. Letter boxes are to be placed at convenient places throughout the town of Outremont for mailing letters etc. For information, or other business with the department, the reference will be to the post-office in St. Louis or to the Montreal post-office.

There will be an election next month of three councillors; the nomination takes place on Jan. 14 and the voting on Jan. 21. The councillors are elected for three years and the mayor is elected annually by the council. The retiring members of the council in January will be Councillor Robson, Arthur and Lamoureux.

## AUSTRIAN POST-OFFICE EMPLOYEES.

'PASSIVE RESISTANCE' STRIKE OF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND MEN AND WOMEN BEGAN TO-DAY

Vienna, Dec. 21.—'A passive resistance' strike involving all the post-offices of Austria and twenty-five thousand employees, men and women, began to-day, as a protest against the conditions under which they are compelled to labor. The strike consists of absolute obedience to the strict letter of the antiquated regulations which are quite inapplicable to modern requirements.

The employees are thus enabled to paralyze the mail service without contravention of the rules. Negotiations are expected to be resumed with a view to arranging a compromise. The men have been agitating for years to secure an increase of their inadequate pay which begins at about forty-five cents per day and rises to a maximum of ninety cents after forty or fifty years' service.

## A NEGRO LYNCHED.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 21.—Henry Davis, alias Henry Chambers, colored, who committed a felonious assault on Mrs. John Reid, of Brownsville, five miles from Annapolis, last Friday, and who had confessed his crime, was taken from the jail here this morning by a mob of about sixty masked men, and lynched. He was strung up and his body riddled with bullets.

### A JURY TRIAL.

A jury trial was commenced before Mr. Justice Archibald yesterday in the case of John Ryan vs. the city of Montreal, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, defendant in warranty. Mr. Ryan, who is a cattledealer, claims $5,300 damages, alleging that on Oct. 4 last year his right foot slipped into a hole in the flooring of one of the cattle sheds at the East End market, with the result that he fractured his ankle. He ascribes the accident to negligence on the part of the city, which owns the shed, in allowing the floor to remain in such a bad condition. As the shed was leased to the Canadian Pacific Railway at the time, the city has called the company in warranty. The contention of the defence is that Ryan sustained the injuries not by slipping into the hole, but by being kicked by one of the cattle in the shed.

## FIRE RECORD.

Cobourg, Ont., Dec. 20.—A fire broke out in the large elevator belonging to Mr. George Thompson, grain merchant, between eleven and twelve o'clock, and it was feared at first that the building would be a total loss. The prompt action of the brigade, however, confined it principally to the engine room, and the bulk of the damage elsewhere is due to water and smoke. The building belongs to the estate of the late Judge G. W. Clarke, and is insured in the Queen's. The contents are insured in the Royal. The cause of the fire is unknown.

### STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Tracy Crist, 17 years old, was killed; Rachel Shaffer, 16 years old, was seriously injured, and five other young persons had narrow escapes last evening at Windber, Pa., when the party was run down by a Pennsylvania train. The party was on its way to Windber to buy a Christmas present for their teacher.

### A CHILIAN 'JACK THE RIPPER.'

Santiago, Chili, Dec. 21.—Emilio Dubois, termed the 'Chilian Jack the Ripper,' who is known to have murdered five persons, yesterday was condemned to death.

## WILL COST MILLIONS.

### New Hotel on Dominion Square to be the Largest in Canada.

AMERICAN SYNDICATE DETERMINED TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT.

The capitalists from the United States who are negotiating for the purchase of several valuable properties on Dominion square, on which to erect a large and modern hotel, are sanguine that their efforts to secure such a central location will be successful.

A representative of the syndicate was in the city yesterday and in speaking of the hotel project, said that the gentlemen who are behind the enterprise are determined to carry it out.

'I expect,' he said, 'that within a very short time we shall be in a position to announce the purchase of the different sites we are endeavoring to secure as we consider that the erection of a large and up-to-date hotel in Montreal will prove a paying investment.'

According to the same gentleman, the proposed hotel will be the largest and finest of its kind in Canada. It will cover a large area, and it is the intention to spend between two and three million dollars before the whole project is carried out.

## INSURANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

THREE LARGE NEW YORK COMPANIES TO DROP THE MUTUAL PLAN.

New York, Dec. 21.— Announcement was made yesterday that the Washington Life, the Provident Savings Life and the United States Life Insurance Companies which have been operating in part on a mutual plan will write only non-participating insurance after Jan. 1. The new insurance law forbids an insurance company, after the first of the year, to write both participating and non-participating insurance. This change was intended to do away with the claims of members, who in the words of an ex-president, 'are possessed only of a trading card and a lead pencil.'

The vote showed that there was little hope to give creditors a chance to collect out of the memberships of debtors, for 580 voted against the change, while only 123 favored it.

Then another amendment by which members out of town would be permitted to vote by proxy instead of in person went the same way, the vote on this proposition being 636 against and 75 for.

The two votes showed that the local traders were in absolute control of the board and were certain to elect their officers at the election now close at hand. For the first time in several months the members showed some unanimity and it was all against the strong private wire houses and elevator men.

## MOUNT VESUVIUS ACTIVE

Naples, Dec. 20.—Another portion of the crater of Mount Vesuvius fell today and caused a great eruption of ashes, cinders and sand. There were no detonations or earth shocks. Later a rather heavy rain of ashes fell over Naples for twenty minutes, and another portion of the crater on the side toward Pompeii fell in. The rain of ashes created considerable alarm in the more populous quarters of the city. The rain of ashes did not last long, and calm was soon restored. Ashes continued to fall this evening, however, over Porticia, Torre Del Greco, Resina and Torre Annunziata.

### THE LATE MR. LAVIOLETTE.

The funeral of the late Mr. Dumont Laviolette, which took place yesterday, testified to the esteem in which he was held by the large number of citizens present. The chief mourners were:—Messrs. Lambert, Godfrey and Alex. Laviolette, sons; Mr. Severe Laviolette, Dr. Camille Laviolette, his brothers; Messrs. Rodolphe Forget, M.P., Dr. Joseph Pommonville and Henry Dorion, brothers-in-law. Amongst those present were Sir Alex. Lacoste, Justices Taschereau, Loranger, Robidoux and Mathieu, ex-Judge J. A. Ouimet, Judge Sicotte, the Hon. R. Dandurand, Speaker of the Senate; Senators Beique, L. J. Forget, J. P. B. Casgrain, the Hon. L. O. Taillon, the Hon. H. Archambault, Judge Carrier, the Hon. Alphonse Desjardine, Mr. P. E. Leblanc, M.P.P.; A. Bergevin, M.P.P.; H. B. Rainville, G. A. Nantel, Dr. Louis Frechette, F. D. Monk, M.P.; J. G. H. Bergeron, M.P.; T. C. Casgrain, ex-M.P.; Arthur Dansereau, Lieut.-Colonel Labelle, Lieut.-Colonel Mackay, P. B. Mignault, A. Girard, M.P.P., and Dr. N. Duchesnois.

The service was held in St. James Cathedral, the Rev. Canon Martin officiating, with the Rev. Abbés J. Piette and A. Martin as deacon and sub-deacon. After the service, the remains were conveyed to the Cote des Neiges Cemetery for interment.

### NEW BOATS FOR THE C. P. R.

A Victoria despatch says that in addition to the passenger boats of the Princess type, a new boat for the west coast, a new tug for towing purposes, and a new barge. The C. P. R. during the coming summer will still further extend operations by building what Captain Troup, marine superintendent, calls 'a big otter,' in other words, a large freighter of a thousand tons' carrying capacity. She will be designed, principally, to clear congestion in getting freight forwarded in the spring, but will also be useful for the present freighting business.

## BRITISH CABINET

### Mr. Augustine Birrell Favored for Chief Secretary for Ireland.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL GETS LUKEWARM SUPPORT FROM NATIONALISTS.

London, Dec. 21.—In well informed parliamentary circles Augustine Birrell, President of the Board of Education, is now regarded as first favorite for the post of Chief Secretary for Ireland, which will become vacant when Mr. James Bryce is transferred to the British embassy at Washington. In this event Dr. N. C. McNamara probably will be the new Minister of Education. It appears that the contemplated appointment of Mr. Winston Churchill to the Irish Secretaryship is getting but a lukewarm reception from the Nationalist members of the House, who desire a man with a longer parliamentary record. Furthermore, there is some doubt about the safety of Mr. Churchill's seat in the House from Manchester, where he would have a formidable opponent in Mr. Balfour. It is believed that the Nationalists would warmly welcome Mr. Birrell as a successor to Mr. Bryce. It was noticed during yesterday's debate in the House that the references of Mr. John Redmond, the Irish leader, to Mr. Birrell were particularly effusive.

## BREAK IN THE COLORADO RIVER.

THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION MAY SAVE MILLIONS IN PROPERTY LOSS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt is exerting his efforts to have the break in the Colorado river, in Mexico, repaired as soon as possible by the California Development Company, which, he declares, is ultimately responsible for it. With this end in view he to-day addressed a telegram to Mr. E. H. Harriman, at New York, reciting the conditions as they now exist, and the inability to secure action by Congress because of the adjournment for the Christmas holidays.

The president told Mr. Harriman that it is incumbent upon him to close the break again, and that action should be taken without an hour's delay.

Mr. Harriman replied, saying the Southern Pacific had no control over the California Development Company, but he would authorize the Southern Pacific officers to try to repair the break, trusting Congress to take action later to assist with the burden. The President assured him he would make recommendation to Congress to this end. President Roosevelt's decision in the matter followed a conference at the White House, in which the President, Senator Flint (Cal.), C. D. Walcott, the director of the Geological Survey, and Frederick H. Newell, the chief engineer in charge of the reclamation service, participated. It has been repeatedly asserted that unless the break in the river is promptly repaired, the losses in the Imperial Valley, which already are enormous, will, at a conservative estimate, reach a total loss of $13,000,000.

## CANADIAN CABLES.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 20.—A prominent Suffolk farmer, W. S. Wilson, was fined at Ipswich for wrecking with a crowbar a Mormon temple. His daughter left home in consequence of a mission. His counsel said he was afraid she would be sent to the United States, Canada, or Australia.

London, Dec. 21.—Colonel Lamb, of the Salvation Army, in an interview, expressed the opinion that there was much over-speculation in land in Canada. Companies that are holding lands just now for a rise, he says, will be hard hit when a reaction sets in.

London, Dec. 21.—Colonel Hutchison, the Canadian exhibition commissioner, speaking to the Canadian Associated Press, said the location of the Canadian pavilion at the Dublin Exhibition was one of the best on record. Mr. Hutchison says there will be no gold medals or other awards, except ordinary diplomas.

## THIEVES CAPTURED.

SERVANTS OF MR. C. V. STEIN, OF NEW YORK, ARRESTED AT UTICA, N.Y.

Syracuse, N.Y., Dec. 21.—Aboard eastbound No. 30, on its arrival in this city at 1.30 this morning, the local police found the trunk that is supposed to contain all the diamonds and jewellery stolen from the residence of C. V. Stein, in Chicago, by two of the family servants, Frank and Mrs. Hallberg. It was taken from the train and is in charge of the police. The Hallbergs in some way managed to give the detectives the slip, but were captured when the train reached Utica.

### HISTORICAL CHURCH BURNED.

Glasgow, Scotland, Dec. 21.—The parish church at Baldernock, where President Roosevelt's maternal ancestors, the Stobos and Bullocks, worshipped in bygone days, was burned down this morning. This small pre-reformation church, six miles north of Glasgow, was a unique construction, with an outside stair leading to the loft and watch towers, in which guards were posted to watch over the dead in the resurrectionist times.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

The deadly sleeping sickness is said in the past four years to have reduced the population of the Sesse Islands, in the Victoria Nyanza, from 30,000 to 1,200.

Lord Delamere, at one time prominent in English society, has been committed for trial at Mombasa, East Central Africa, on charge of fraud.

A rain of ashes from Vesuvius yesterday again sent the poor people of the district into a panic for fear of an eruption, but it proved only the dust from the caving in of a bit of a crater.

'Passive resistance' has reached the Post-Office department in Austria, and twenty-five thousand men and women employees have decided to block the mail by implicit obedience to the letter of laws long obsolete until their very inadequate wages are raised to a living point.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in announcing yesterday that the Government would withdraw the Education Bill, said: 'It was intolerable that the upper chamber should be able to so thwart and distort the policy approved by the electors. It might be necessary to submit for the moment, but the time would surely come when the will of the people expressed through their elected representatives in the House of Commons would be made to prevail.'

The appointment of Mr. James Bryce, late Chief Secretary to Ireland, to be ambassador at Washington in succession to Sir Mortimer Durand, is now admitted by Mr. Bryce himself.

The Imperial Parliament was prorogued this afternoon.

Sir Felix Schuster, at a meeting of the Bankers' Institute in London yesterday, read an important paper on the need of increasing Britain's gold reserve, and Mr. Asquith, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, it is reported, intends to follow his suggestions.

Mr. A. J. Balfour is confined to the house with influenza.

President Roosevelt has ordered the Southern Pacific Railway to close at once the break in the dam on the Colorado river, promising that he will send a recommendation that Congress assist with the cost.

Judge Cutting, of Chicago, had a narrow escape from a murderer to-day.

Three large insurance companies in New York, the Washington, the Provident Savings Life, and the United States Life Insurance, have decided to drop the mutual plan.

Fuel trains in the North-West have now precedence over all but passenger and perishable freight.

The Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, at the Commercial Travellers' banquet last night, announced that if he gets the necessary support in Parliament, there will be before many months an 'intellectual preference' in the shape of cheap postage on British periodicals. He also advocated a shilling cable to all parts of the empire.

The Chief of Police has entered strong protest against the request of the poolrooms for a by-law authorizing them to keep open until two in the morning. It is in these places, Chief Campeau says, that crime is planned and criminals hide. Midnight, he thinks, is surely late enough for these places to have the protection of the law. Parents all over the city have begged him almost on their knees to have such places closed altogether. Archbishop Bruchesi has also written to the Council congratulating them on the present by-law, and expressing his confidence that it will not be weakened.

Mr. Gouin, at the Travellers' banquet last night, announced that the tax on commercial travellers would be repealed at the next meeting of the Legislature.

## WINDS AND COLDER

Old friends, old hopes for Christmas,
And the dreams of days gone by!
Hark, how the bells are clanging,
Beneath the frosty sky;
The world is full of gladness,
Greeting and clasp and song;
And in our hearts a music wakes
That has been silent long.

Old ways, old words for Christmas,
And the love that knows no bar;
Though some true hearts are near us,
And some are scattered far;
The world is full of partings,—
But space and time are vain
To him the glass that memory holds
When Yule-tide comes again.
—Elizabeth Roberts MacDonald.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Victoria, 46, 40; Calgary, 34, 8; Edmonton, 18, 10; Prince Albert, 2, 4 below; Qu'Appelle, 14, 10; Winnipeg, 22, 18 below; Port Arthur, 32, 24; Parry Sound, 24, 18; Toronto, 34, 29; Ottawa, 24, 20; Montreal, 28, 12; Quebec, 26, 18; St. John, 40, 34; Halifax, 38, 22.

Cloudy, with light snow falls. Saturday, north-westerly winds, fair and colder.

Light snow is falling in Ontario and Quebec and rain in the Maritime Provinces. The weather is fairly cold this morning in Manitoba with 16 below zero in Winnipeg, but further west it is quite moderate.

1640-2 Notre Dame street, Montreal, Dec. 21, 1906.—Readings by Hearn & Harrison's Standard Barometer at noon:

Yesterday, 29.05; 11 a.m. to-day, 29.39

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## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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

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

### BIRTHS.

COLE.—On Dec. 17, 1906, at 45 Bruce ave., Westmount, to Mr. and Mrs. George Maitland Cole, a son.

CALHOUN.—On Dec. 17, 1906, at 39 Fort street, to Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Calhoun, a son.

### MARRIED.

CLARKE—FEE.—At the residence of the bride's father, Toronto, on Dec. 19, 1906, by the Rev. Prof. James Ballantyne, D.D., uncle of the bride, Margery Workman Clarke, second daughter of C. K. Clarke, M.D., LL.D., to Thomas J. Fee, of Cobalt.

DUMBLE — CAMPBELL—At 448 Qu'Appelle street, Winnipeg, on Dec. 17, 1906, by the Rev. Dr. Hart, Thomas Harold, third son of D. W. Dumble, Esq., K.C., of Peterborough, Ont., to Flora Isabella, youngest daughter of the late Hon. Charles J. Campbell, of Baddeck, Cape Breton.

GEIKIE — PEDLAR — On Dec. 15, 1906, at the home of the bride's father, Oshawa, by the Rev. J. H. Talbot, Rural Dean, Miss Grace B. Pedlar, youngest daughter of Geo. H. Pedlar, Esq., to Walter Reginald Geikie, of the Dominion Bank, Orillia.

HILL—JOHNSON.—At the manse, Avonmore, Ont., on Dec. 19, 1906, by the Rev. Dr. Maclean, William Hill, to Adaline Johnson, both of Monkland, Ont.

### DIED.

BROWNING — On th morning of Dec. 20, instant, 1906, at 121 Bishop street, J. M. Browning, formerly of Beauharnois, in his 81st year.
Funeral strictly private. Please omit flowers.

CHERRY.—At Chicago, on Dec. 18, 1906, Robert James Cherry second son of the late Robert Cherry, aged 31 years and 7 months.
Funeral from his mother's residence, 36 Union ave., on Sunday, Dec. 23, 1906, at 2.00 p.m., thence to Cote des Neiges Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances and members of Knights of Columbus and C.M.B.A. invited to attend.
Quebec, Vancouver and Liverpool, Eng. papers please copy.

FAIRBAIRN — At Chicago, on Dec. 18, 1906, Jane Roger, widow of the late T. M. Fairbairn, M.P.P., of Peterborough, Ont., in the 65th year of her age.

HOLMES.—At the residence of her brother-in-law, O. P. St. John, 246 Shaw street, Toronto, on Dec. 19, 1906, Frances M., second daughter of the late Rev. A. T. Holmes, late of Brampton.

MACKENZIE — At his residence, Milton, Ont., on Dec. 18, 1906, the Rev. Canon William James Mackenzie, late rector of Chippewa, in his 90th year.

MACDONNELL.— At the manse, Russeltown, Que., on Dec. 17, 1906, Margaret Elizabeth, infant daughter of the Rev. Logie Macdonnell, M.A., of Vernon, B.C.

MILLICHAMP.—At Pittsburg, Pa., on Dec. 19, 1906, Joseph C. Millichamp, formerly of Toronto, Ont., aged 41 years.

McMANNIS — On Dec. 13, 1906, Mrs. Thos. McMannis, aged 82 years and 11 months.

MOFFAT — At Pembroke, Ont., on Dec. 16, 1906, at his residence, Wm. Moffat, Sheriff of the County of Renfrew, aged 81 years.

NOBLE — In this city, on Dec. 19, 1906, Jessie Robinson, widow of the late John Noble, in her 74th year.
Funeral private.

STODART.—On Dec. 11, 1906, at Ardsley, N.Y., Henrietta H. Stodart, aged 46, daughter of the late David R. Stodart, and grand-daughter of the late Josephine Sheppard, of Quebec.

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

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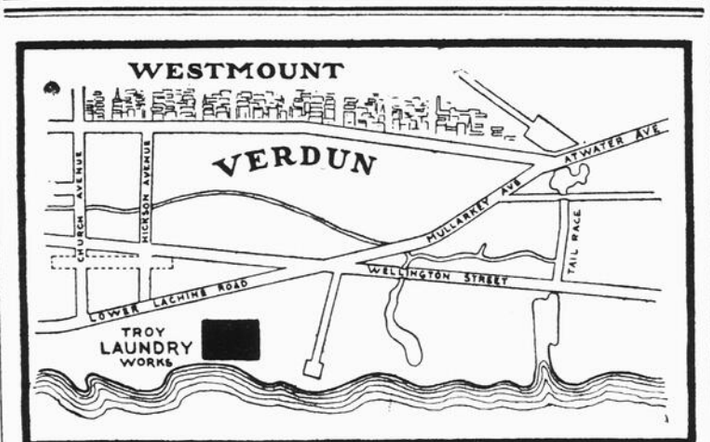


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### SNOWSHOEING.

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All the secretaries of the snowshoe clubs of Canada are requested to send the names and addresses of their president and secretary to the general secretary, Mr. T. R. Fulton, M.A.A.A., Montreal, Que., that they may receive an invitation to the Congress of Snowshoers for the championship of the world, which are to be held at Montreal, on Feb. 9, 1907.


**The Daily Witness.**

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 21.


## DOES REGICIDE PAY?

### CURIOUS FACTS ABOUT SERVIA'S TRADE WITH ENGLAND.

The capriciousness of the imagination is invariably revealed by travel. I had felt this particularly during my journey from Bucharest to Belgrade. It was terribly hot, but both Servian and Rumanian are able to content themselves during heat waves. My Near Eastern companions smoked and smiled, only exhibiting national traits as we steamed into Belgrade.

My bag, as usual, had gone astray. A porter was summoned, the bag described, the station-master interviewed, the guard found, and finally the bag. From a crowd near the exit a hand was pushed forward; it was that of my host, M. P——.

At dinner my Servian friend grew hilariously joyful, and the truth was borne upon me that some vital change had taken place.

Wandering afterward into the thoroughfares—Belgradians are fond of promenading—watching carefully the quaintly garbed pedestrians, listening to the almost mournful pealing of a solitary bell set in a solitary church, something of the subtle spirit of the place came to me. Three years ago I had stood in the self-same street watching the mad frenzy of a race venting itself in multitudinous forms. Even the thought of that eventful year caused a shudder to pass over me. The shudder did not escape my friend, who instantly demanded the cause of it. It was all so grewsome, so tragic, so disastrous, that it was riveted in my memory. We passed into a café.

'Do not shudder, dear young friend,' said the professor, 'the crisis is over now, and we are friends with England, and this is why I am so very happy.' He grasped my hand, and we drank to Servia's prosperity. Quietly the news had been passed round that an Englishman was present, and I was literally bombarded with invitations to join friends at table, and drink with them. The band was pounding out some romantic national song, and the entire throng caught the true time of each movement, and rocked themselves into a passion. Again we stood and clinked glasses. Then came a pause.

I noticed a well set military man, evidently some one of importance, enter, and slowly make his way to the centre of the room. Passion instantly passed away into pathos. The conductor struggled with the antagonistic forces which filled the air when Colonel M—— entered, but finding evil stronger than good, gave it up, and broke into a rhapsodic Hungarian air.

It was a presence one feels, and of such a nature as to transform a crowd. Why did he publicly thrust himself upon the crowd at a moment of a new born joy? 'The Regicide!' many muttered, and dark scowls wandered in his direction.

My friend touched my arm again. I listened. Wine had made him communicative, and I was glad. 'England is the one great moral educator of the Balkans.' My gladness increased, but I checked myself, realizing England's responsibility.

'Now England must re-open commercial relationship and send correspondents.'

The measure of English commercial interest in these restless nationalities will, indeed, be the measure of Balkan peace, and the individual salvation of each country.

During the year before the murder of Alexander and Draga in the Konak the Servian exports to England were valued at £44,446, an amount which fell in the year of the tragedy to some £10,000, while in the year following the diplomatic rupture only a paltry £100 figures on the returns. Touch the exchequer of the individual or the state, and the reasoning qualities at once become active. It was a just punishment. Ministry after ministry fell, trade dwindled, dispute after dispute enshrouded the nation. Servia is now awake to her needs, and, realizing that one of the most powerful factors for progress and reform is the presence of a British minister at Belgrade, is naturally exultant and optimistic.—Budapest Correspondence 'Pall Mall Gazette.'

### SPICES AND INDIGESTION.

Although the use of spices for the purpose of heightening the flavor of food is almost universal, it is generally recognized that their influence on digestion is detrimental. Some experiments recently carried out tend to prove that while spices stimulate the motor functions of the stomach, they progressively impair the secretory functions, and in the long run inhibit the production of hydrochloric acid. On the whole, therefore, the ingestion of spices hinders rather than accelerates digestion, though an exception may be made in respect of persons in whom slowness of digestion is due to a deficiency of muscular activity on the part of the stomach, and also possibly of the victims of hyperacidity. — Boston 'Budget.'


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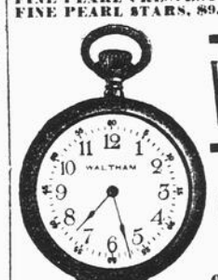

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MONTAIGNE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

Anniversary service for the late Reginald Montaigne will be held in St. James Church, St. Denis street, to-morrow morning, at 7.45 o'clock.

GEORGE H. WEST.

Dec. 19, Mr. George H. Monk and West, barristers, this morning, after four weeks' illness.

## THE McGILL CASE.

COURTS TO BE ASKED TO COMPEL NEW YORK BROKERS TO TESTIFY.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The examination of New York brokers in connection with the prosecution of Charles McGill, former general manager of the Ontario Bank, may be indefinitely delayed by the refusal of one-half the brokers concerned to give voluntary testimony or allow their books to be examined. The courts of New York State will be asked to step in and compel these Wall street men to testify.

## MR. GABOURY'S APPOINTMENT.

Mr. A. Gaboury has been confirmed in his appointment as superintendent of the Montreal Street Railway and operating lines in an official circular just issued by Mr. McDonald, the manager. Mr. Gaboury has been practically in charge of the department since last May owing to the serious illness of Mr. L. Trudeau, the late superintendent. Mr. Gaboury, in addition to having charge of the ordinary lines of the Montreal Street Railway, is also to look after the Terminal.

## G. T. R. AND COBOURG.

FERRY TO MAKE TWO TRIPS DAILY TO AND FROM THE PLACE.

The Mayor of Cobourg, Mr. Ewing, and the town solicitor, Mr. H. F. Holland, have had a conference with G. T. R. officials at the head offices this week, and as a result it is now announced that Cobourg will be made the terminal point of the G. T. R. ferry on the north shore. The ferry will make two trips daily between Cobourg and Charlotte, N.Y. The town is a very popular summer resort for wealthy Americans, who will appreciate this boat service.

## ELECTION REFORM.

GOVERNMENT BILL READY FOR PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The government bill for the reform of the Dominion Election Act will be ready for presentation to parliament immediately after the Christmas holidays, and will provide, among its other features, that any qualified voter who neglects, without good excuse, to exercise the franchise at a parliamentary election shall be disqualified from voting for six years thereafter.

Legislation in this direction has been recommended by two special committees of the House in recent years. The government measure will impose severe penalties for any one under this disqualification who attempts to vote. No one will lose his rights, however, who has been prevented from voting through illness or any other good and sufficient reason, and in such cases an application to the local judge will save any one from the penalty that his non-attendance at the polls would otherwise incur.

These proposals are made as a means of impressing Canadian electors with a better appreciation of the responsibilities of citizenship, and also to meet the case of the man who hangs around the poll on voting day waiting for a five-dollar bill before depositing his ballot.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. H. Bergeron will spend Christmas in Ottawa.

Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier will spend Christmas at Arthabaskaville.

Sir Louis and Lady Jetté have returned to Quebec from their visit to this city.

Miss Larmonth is spending the Christmas holidays with her aunt, Mrs. William Larmonth, in Ottawa.

Miss Jeannie Chapleau, who has been visiting her aunt, Lady Chapleau, returns to Ottawa to-morrow.

Mrs. J. E. Hardman is in Ottawa for Christmas, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. MacCarthy.

Miss Eileen O'Meara, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. W. Cook, on Elm avenue, returns to Quebec this week.

Sir John Madden, K.C.M.G., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Victoria, Australia, who is visiting this city, went to Quebec for the day yesterday, by private car, accompanied by Lady Madden and the Misses Madden.

The engagement is announced in Ottawa of Miss Honor Clayton, only daughter of Mr. J. A. Clayton, of the Finance Department, and Mrs. Clayton, to Mr. Victor Gerrish Gray, of the Montreal Stock Exchange.

Mr. D. W. Rusack, of St. Andrews, Scotland, who has been visiting his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. James Morison, 60 Park avenue, left yesterday for Boston, and will visit New York, Florida and other centres before returning home.

Miss Julia Morrison, University street, gave a young people's lunch yesterday, covers being laid for ten. The guest of honor was Miss Blanche Prevost, who will be married to Mr. Paul Turgeon next Wednesday. The table decorations were of white roses and miniature wedding bells. Among the guests were Miss Prevost, Miss Eugenie Ouimet, Miss Marie Ouimet, Miss Caroline Beique, Miss Cecile Masson, Miss Juliette Leblanc, Miss Stephenie Cadieux, Miss H. Gervais and Miss Cecile Leclaire.

The following ladies and gentlemen had the honor of being invited to dinner at Government House, Ottawa, on Wednesday:—The Rt. Rev. Bishop and Mrs. Hamilton, the Hon. A. B. and Mrs. Aylesworth, the Hon. Rodolphe and Mrs. Lemieux, the Hon. A. G. and Mrs. Blair, Justice and Mrs. Girouard, Justice and Mrs. Maclennan, Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P., and Mrs. Smith, Colonel and Mrs. Vidal, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boulton, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fortescue, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Fauquier, Mr. and Mrs. McGiverin, Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Powell, Miss Powell, Miss Kingsford, Sir Sandford Fleming, K.C.M.G., Col. S. Hughes, M.P., Mr. W. Northrup, M.P.

THE CHARITY BALL.

Yesterday afternoon, at the Mount Royal Club, a meeting was held for the purpose of selecting a committee to take charge of the arrangements in connection with the Charity Ball, to be held in the Royal Scots armory, on January 15 next. The Charity Ball has always been a most popular social event, and Montrealers interested in charitable work will no doubt rally to the support of the committee in their efforts to break previous records with this ball, the proceeds of which will go to the Montreal Maternity Hospital. Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Grey have already accepted an invitation to be present.

Speaking at yesterday's meeting, Mr. Peers Davidson, who acted as chairman, stated that the condition of the armory floor on the night of St. Andrew's ball, had come in for some amount of adverse criticism on account of it not being sufficiently smooth. The committee would take every precaution to assure a good dancing surface in time for the Charity Ball, by having the floor planed and thoroughly gone over.

planed and gone over, and will do all in their power to have the armory decorated as appropriately and as attractively as possible. Guests who prefer a quiet form of recreation will find it in the special room, which will be reserved for bridge. This innovation is expected to make the event more popular than ever among those who do not care for dancing.

Among those present at the meeting were Mrs. Yates, Mrs. W. R. Miller, Mrs. Fayette Brown, Mrs. R. Reford, Mrs. G. Ross, Mrs. Wigmore, Mrs. Stone, and Mrs. Landeman, secretary; Messrs. George Hooper, Guy oss, Stikeman, Peers Davidson, B. M. Humbel, F. Budden, M. Burke, Royal Ewing, and Dr. Bovey.

DAY NURSERY DANCE.

The committee of young people assisting the ladies of the Day Nursery with their dance on Jan. 3, in the Stanley Hall, is composed as follows:—The Misses Stanley Bagg, Miss Maude Baker, Miss Irene Cains, Miss Nancy Dawes, Miss Annie Ewan, Miss Muriel Fetherstonhaugh, Miss Hebden, Miss Hays, Miss Gertrude Hanlon, the Misses Kinghan, the Misses McLennan, Miss Margery Macpherson, Miss Amy Mathewson, Miss Elsie Macfarlane, Miss Nora Prentice, Miss Isbal Piers, Miss G. Robidoux, Miss M. Root, Miss La Rocque, Miss M. Shorey, Miss G. Symonds, Miss Muriel Thompson; Messrs. Maurice Burke, Wm. O'Brien, Percival Campbell, Stanley Coristine, Errie McCuaig, Allan McGee, Basil Hingston, Errol Hale, Holton Learmont, David Robertson, Ross Sims, Fred Shaughnessy, Kenneth Turnbull, Alex. Wilson.

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

## DR. J. HENDERSON KILLED.

STRUCK BY G. T. R. EASTBOUND MONTREAL EXPRESS.

Cobourg, Ont., Dec. 21.—While returning from a visit to one of his patients last night, Dr. James Henderson was struck and instantly killed by the Grand Trunk midnight eastbound express. The fatality occurred at the William street crossing.

## THE KING'S SPEECH.

**His Majesty Refers to Treaty for Liquor Traffic in Africa.**

NO MENTION MADE OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND FISHERIES DISPUTE.

London, Dec. 21.—The King's message, proroguing parliament, was read in the House of Lords this afternoon before the members of both Houses. It was a colorless recitation, detailing the principal international agreements to which Great Britain had subscribed during the past two months, from the Algeciras Convention to the treaty for the restriction of the liquor traffic in Africa. It mentioned the Transvaal and Orange River constitutions, expressing the hope that they will secure peace and prosperity in both colonies and contribute to the federation of South Africa.

Dealing with the legislative enactments of the House of Commons, the message expressed regret at the unsettled difficulties surrounding the education question.

After the reading of the King's message the members of both Houses of Parliament separated until Feb. 2.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 21.—In the King's speech this afternoon proroguing parliament, no mention was made of the Newfoundland fisheries dispute.

## BURGLARS IN SHOE STORE.

MONEY AND SHOES STOLEN FROM A. LECOMPTE.

Burglars broke into the shoe store of A. Lecompte, at 521 St. Catherine street east, last night, and stole $40 from the cash drawer and several sacks of boots. This morning twenty pairs of the stolen boots were found in a sack in a neighboring yard, where the thieves presumably overburdened with their plunder, deposited them. The actual extent of the robbery in goods is not yet known.

HON. A. R. ANGERS ILL.

The friends of the Hon. A. R. Angers, K.C., ex-Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, will regret to learn that he has been laid up with an attack of pneumonia for the last two days.

RELIEF FOR THE POOR.

A meeting of the outdoor relief committee was held at the Protestant House of Refuge, Dorchester street, yesterday, at which applications for relief were received from 109 persons, representing in the neighborhood of 450 persons of all ages. Distributions were made as follows: 99 packages of provisions; 66 quarter tons of coal, and 47 quarter cords of hardwood, cut and split. The distribution will be continued weekly until the spring. Applications for relief must be made from 9 to 11 a.m. On Christmas Day the forty-third annual dinner to the poor will be given. Contributions both in money and kind are much needed for this purpose, as well as for the work of outdoor relief.

## TARIFF REVISION

WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CABINET DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—During the recess the the House of Commons has taken over Christmas and New Year's the cabinet will consider the representations that have been made to it on the subject of the recent tariff revision, so that any corrections or modifications that the Finance Minister has to make may be submitted to the House as soon as it reassembles. The government is anxious to get the question of the tariff disposed of and by the time the members return to Ottawa it is thought that all necessary information will be available in regard to the working of the new schedules to warrant their adoption.

THANKS TO THE W. C. T. U.

(To the Editor of the 'Witness.')

Sir,—Bethel Lodge of Good Templars, in this village, desires to make public its gratitude to the ladies of the W. C. T. U. for their practical sympathy with the aggressive work being done by the lodge in enforcing our prohibition of the liquor traffic. On Thursday last a cheque for $30.50 was sent in and also $5.00 from a gentleman resident in this parish, who is thus helping on the cause of law and order.

J. A. BAZIN.

Ormstown, Dec. 19.


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Band will play 8.00 to 8.30 and at half time.
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22.

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YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.
SATURDAY NIGHT, 8 o'lock.
Mr. A. N. MACKAY, Speaker.
SUNDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS
3 to 4 o'clock. Mr. D. A. BUDGE, Leader.
SUNDAY AFTERNOON MEN'S MEETING
4 o'clock. Mr. JOHN F. MOORE, R. R. Secretary Inter. Com. Y.M.C.A., will give an address 'FACING THE FACTS.'
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| Dec. | | | |
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| 18 | 9.30 a.m. | Baltic, White Star. | |
| 21 | 9.30 a.m. | Lucania, Cunard. | |
| *21 | 6.00 p.m. | Supplementary. | |
| **21 | 10.30 a.m. | Ionian, Allan. | |
| 25 | 9.30 a.m. | Majestic, White Star. | |
| *25 | 6.00 p.m. | Supplementary. | |
| 28 | 9.30 a.m. | Umbria, Cunard Line. | |
| *28 | 6.00 p.m. | Supplementary. | |
| **28 | 10.30 a.m. | Empress of Ireland, Can. Pacific. | |

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MR. McNICOLL'S NEPHEW ILL.

News was received at the C. P. R. offices yesterday that Mr. David Halstead, nephew of Mr. David McNicoll, the general manager, is ill at Kamloops, B.C. Mr. Halstead was formerly on the staff of the district passenger agent at Toronto, and is now travelling passenger agent at Kamloops.

C. A. A. U. SKATING MEET WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH C. S. A. RACES.

An official of the Canadian Skating Association stated this morning that the skating meet to be held by the C. A. A. U. in Toronto would not interfere in any way with the championship meet of the C. S. A. to be held here in February. Surprise was expressed that the C. A. A. A. should have taken hold of skating at all since the same body refused to do so prior to the formation of the C. S. A.

COMMODORE OF THE N. Y. Y. C.

New York, Dec. 20.—At the annual meeting of the New York Yacht Club to-night, Cornelius Vanderbilt was elected commodore.

NEW YORK PITCHER FOR ROYALS.

New York, Dec. 20.—One of last season's New York American pitchers, 'Doc' Newton, has been turned over to the Montreal Eastern League team.

NOTES AND NOTICES.

Solid Silver Necklets, with Hearts complete, 80c upwards. R. Hemsley, 255 St. James street, Montreal.

## BOWLING

JUNIOR LEAGUE MATCH LAST NIGHT.

The R.R.Y.M.C.A. bowlers defeated the Ste. Cunegonde team last night in a Junior Bowling League match by a majority of 148 pins.

Summary:

| R.R.Y.M.C.A. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jackson | 153 | 159 | 154—486 |
| J. Harrower | 166 | 180 | 145—491 |
| E. J. Foote | 154 | 157 | 147—458 |
| J. Carmichael | 163 | 155 | 196—514 |
| George Massey | 131 | 171 | 139—441 |
| W. S. Sims | 145 | 153 | 174—472 |
| Totals | | | 2,862 |
| STE. CUNEGONDE. | | | |
| S. Evans | 198 | 180 | 177—555 |
| N. Paquette | 136 | 149 | 146—431 |
| M. Egan | 141 | 120 | 145—406 |
| E. Brisebois | 118 | 148 | 112—378 |
| R. Guerare | 169 | 164 | 194—527 |
| B. Guerare | 139 | 140 | 143—417 |
| Total | | | 2,714 |

Majority for R.R.Y.M.C.A. ... ... 148

## AMERICAN OARSMEN AND HENLEY

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AMATEUR OARSMEN WILL FALL IN WITH HENLEY STEWARDS.

New York, Dec. 20.—Apropos of the announcement that the Henley stewards will not accept any entries from oarsmen to their regatta unless the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen signs an agreement to conform to the Henley rules, it is pointed out by men who are familiar with these matters that such a rule is now in force. It is an oral agreement, to be sure, and is the result of efforts by F. R. Fortmeyer, secretary of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, made immediately after Ten Eyck won the Henley championship, there being much criticism of the Worcester man, largely on account of his professional affiliations.

The executive committee of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, it was said yesterday, will undoubtedly enter into any written agreement that the Henley stewards desire. They are animated solely by the desire to keep the sport on true amateur lines, and if the Vesper crew crossed the Rubicon of amateurism it could not, it is said, be laid at the doors of the national organization, for the committee had the word of the Vesper Club, one of the oldest rowing organizations in the country, that its men were all right, and could not do otherwise than endorse them.

## C.A.A.U. AND THE STANLEY CUP

NEW GLASGOWS WILL BE PROFESSIONALS IF THEY PLAY WANDERERS, SAYS MR. CROW.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The Maritime Province A. A. have wired Secretary Crow, of the C. A. A. U., enquiring the status of the Montreal Wanderer Hockey Club, and asking whether, in the event of their competing for the Stanley cup, the New Glasgow team would endanger their amateur status by playing against the Wanderers. The reply given was that the Wanderers were professionals, and that the New Glasgow team could not play them without themselves being declared professionals.

The C. A. A. U. will control the game of basketball, and look after the players, and also have a supervision over the Canadian championships in the following sports, Skating, fencing, boxing, wrestling, gymnastics, indoor and outdoor athletics, and swimming. The skating championships will be held in Toronto this winter.

# SPORTING INTELLIGENCE

HOCKEY.—E. C. H. L. adjourned the decision of the 'Glass' dispute until Dec. 28, and ordered amendments to constitution to be printed and distributed. 'Hod' Stewart rumors said to be groundless. C. A. A. U. declares Wanderers pros.

CURLING. — Caledonia curlers drew eleven points ahead of St. Lawrence last night. President's prize competition at the Heather Rink. Matches between St. Lawrence and Heather, and Montreal and Caledonia.

SKATING.—St. John men to skate at C. S. A. championship in Montreal.

BOWLING.—Junior League match won last night by R. R. Y. M. C. A.

GOLF.—Four pairs of golf players in British matches aggregate 673 years of age.

BASEBALL. — New York American pitcher, and Brown, of Newark, to play with the Royals next year.

## MUCH CRY—LITTLE WOOL.

E. C. H. L. MET LAST NIGHT, ADJOURNED DISCUSSION OF GLASS MATTER TILL DEC. 28.

Last night's meeting of the Eastern Canadian Hockey League, called at the instance of the Montreal Club, was a fiasco. Many charges and counter-charges were made by the representatives present, and some of the comments thereon were more forcible than polite. After much discussion it was finally decided to adjourn the meeting until Dec. 28, the amendments to the constitution made at the annual meeting being printed and distributed among the clubs of the league in the meantime. The case of 'Pud' Glass, which was the ostensible cause of the meeting, was also postponed to the adjourned session.

The president, Mr. F. McRobie, of the Victorias, was in the chair, and there were present at the opening of the meeting Messrs. Bramley (Montreal), Blair Russell (Victorias), James Strachan (Wanderers), and Emmett Quinn (Shamrocks), the secretary. After the meeting had been opened, Harry McLaughlin, of the Shambrocks, turned up, and was permitted to represent that club at the meeting. Ottawa and Quebec were not represented.

The Montreal representative opened the ball by stating his club's case against 'Pud' Glass, and based his right to call the meeting on a section of the by-laws which provides for the summoning of a meeting to consider complaints against clubs and players. He read the agreement made between himself and Frank Glass, in which the latter expressed the purpose of playing with the Montreal Club this season, and followed this by reading an extract from a letter addressed to him by Glass. Mr. Strachan wanted the whole epistle read, and Mr. Bramley complied with the request. The letter stated that Glass had waited for some time for a direct confirmation from the Montreal Hockey Club of the agreement made with Mr. Bramley, and as this had not been forthcoming he (Glass) had signed a contract with another club.

The statement of Mr. Bramley's case brought from Mr. Strachan the reply that the arrangement with Glass was merely a personal agreement, and not a contract to play for the Montreal Hockey Club. Under the circumstances the agreement could not be considered binding.

At this point Mr. McLaughlin wanted to know by what right the executive had made changes in the constitution without notice of motion having first been given. Mr. Bramley supported the speaker, and stated that the business had been done in an illegal manner, and that under the constitution it was not lawful to allow professionals to play in that league.

Mr. Strachan questioned the regularity of Mr. Bramley's move, but the chairman ruled it in order.

Mr. McLaughlin took up the cudgels against contract-breakers, and followed up with an attack and questions on the charges that had been made. The minutes of the annual meeting were turned up, and the information required was given by the secretary.

One of the most interesting episodes of the meeting followed after the Shamrock representative had continued to insist that the changes were illegal. This was an explanation by the president of what had happened at the caucus of club representatives, from which the press was excluded, held immediately prior to the annual meeting.

At that private meeting, Mr. McRobie said, it was stated that the clubs were going to make provision for the playing of professionals, and against this the Victorias protested. To retain their place in the league, however, they were compelled to agree. They wanted the league to remain amateur, but were forced into the present position.

After a calm a breeze sprung up between Messrs. Strachan and Bramley. The former hinted that the Montreal agreement with Glass must have been drawn up by a numskull, and, later on, stated that his great confidence in the acumen and ability of Mr. Bramley had been shaken.

These remarks drew from Mr. Bramley a retort concerning the necessity of the Wanderers having to secure legal aid to draw up their contracts, to which Mr. Strachan naively replied, 'Sour grapes.'

Mr. McLaughlin chipped into the discussion at this time, and stated that the Shamrocks were not professionals. Mr. Strachan intimated that he, too, knew something about the inside of Shamrock affairs. To this gentle insinuation Mr. McLaughlin replied that any one who said that he had any facts against the Shamrocks did not speak the truth.

Later on, in answer to a remark from the Wanderers' president that his club had a binding contract, Mr. McLaughlin asserted that the Shamrocks, being the only corporate body in the league, were the only organization legally entitled to make contracts.

Another calm—then a suggestion from Mr. Bramley that a reversion to the original state of affairs would be desirable. To this Mr. Strachan held out a threat that if the Wanderers were compelled to break the contracts already made with players the parties responsible for such a step would have to pay for it. Further, it was too late now to make a change. The Wanderers had started the season, and had made contracts, which could not be broken with the players.

Things became breezy again, when Mr. Strachan stated that Montreal were disappointed at losing Glass, and further asserted that 'Montreal's agent' had offered inducements to other Wanderers' players with the additional attraction that they should play as amateurs.

This brought instant denial from Mr. Bramley, and then Mr. McLaughlin moved that the meeting adjourn until Dec. 28, and that the amendments be printed and distributed among the clubs. After some little confab among the delegates this was put to the meeting and carried.

VICS' TEAM FOR TO-MORROW.

The Victorias' team for to-morrow's opening match of the season against the St. Nicholas team, of New York, will be chosen from Fry, Lockerby, goal; Davidson, point; Howard, coverpoint; Russell Bowie, rover, and Gilbert, Hale, Russell and Eveleigh, forwards.

NOTHING IN 'HOD' STUART STORIES.

Walsh, the former Pittsburg player, who had three ribs smashed during the first practice of the Wanderers at the Arena, is out of the hospital, but will play no more hockey this season. Walsh, who, by the way, is a product of the Ottawa Victorias, is an intimate friend of 'Hod' Stuart, and he characterized all the rumors that have been going about concerning that player's visit to Montreal as sheer nonsense. Stuart had much too good a thing in Pittsburg, he said, to want to leave it this year, although if professional hockey properly materialized in eastern Canada, it was likely that more players than Stuart would return to the east. Hockey on the sticky ice which they generally have in the International League rinks, was very wearing, and eastern players, accustomed to hard ice, felt the difference keenly.

## LONGEVITY AND GOLF.

AGGREGATE AGES OF FOUR PAIRS TOTALLED 674 YEARS.

On Nov. 23 a golf match was played at Westward Ho, Devonshire, between two pairs, one Scotch and the other English, whose total age was 331 years, an average of over eighty years for each man. That such old stagers could play golf at all is a matter of wonder, and to get them together for a match was certainly a good idea on somebody's part. The two representing Scotland won by three up and one to play, from the English pair, before a gallery of two hundred enthusiasts.

A sequel to this octogenarian foursome has been provided by the arranging of a foursome by four Scottish golfers whose ages total 343 years. It was to have taken place at Musselburgh a couple of weeks ago, when Mr. R. Thompson, of Edinburgh, aged ninety, and Mr. J. Doleman, a native of Musselburgh, 81, were to meet Mr. W. Currie, eighty-seven, and Mr. James Bennett, eighty-five. Mr. Thompson, the oldest member of the quartet, started to play golf at the age of seventy.

## BASEBALL

BROWN, OF NEWARK, TO PLAY WITH THE ROYALS.

Arthur Brown, first baseman for the Newark baseball team last season, will in all probability wear a Montreal uniform next season. Mr. W. W. Burnham, manager of the Newark Club, has received a letter from Frank J. Navin, of the Detroit American League Club, which purchased Brown, stating that it had been decided not to keep the former Newark player, inasmuch as Hughey Jennings recently put through a deal, whereby the Detroit Club secures Rossman, who covered the initial bag for Cleveland last season. Navin offered to sell Brown back to Newark, stating in his letter that Mr. Kittredge, manager of the Montreal team, was anxious to get the first baseman, at the same time giving the Newark Club first call on Brown. As Sharpe, of last season's Scranton team, is booked to play this position, the offer was declined, and Brown will now probably be sold to the Montreal Club.

The Newark Club has received the signed contract of Elmer E. Zacker, the heavy-hitting outfielder of the Worcester Club last season.

## ST. JOHN SKATER TO COMPETE

IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP SKATING MEET AT THE M.A.A.A.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 21.—St. John will be represented at the championship skating meet at Montreal on Feb. 2, 1907, by Mr. Fred. Logan, the swift little bunch of energy, who already holds a premier position among fast skaters. He has not yet decided what club he will represent. Logan will compete in the 220 and 440 yards, half mile, mile and three mile events. He is already in practice, and feeling fine.

This will not be Logan's first appearance at the big international meet. He is five feet one inch in height, and 23 years of age. At Saranac Lake last February Logan put up a splendid fight in the three-mile race, and only lost by a narrow margin to Morris Wood, the international champion. The next day at the Montreal meet he captured his heat in the mile race in 2.56 2-5 minutes, and was leading up to near the finish in the final heat, when he fell. In the thre mile race he took third place among such flyers as Wood, Price, Robson, Merritt, Bellefeuille, Hasan, and others.

Shortly after the meet Logan defeated Fred. Robson, the Canadian champion, in this city in the 220, 240 and half mile events.

It is also understood that 'Billy' Merritt, one of the fastest men who ever donned a skate, will race at Montreal. Merritt is at present in St. John.

## CALEDONIA AHEAD

ST. LAWRENCE CURLERS ELEVEN POINTS DOWN ON LAST NIGHT'S PLAY.

The Caledonia curlers drew eleven points ahead of the St. Lawrence Club on the second evening's play of the fifteen rink a-side match. On Wednesday's results St. Lawrence gained a lead of eleven points, yesterday the Scotchmen doubled this, winning four games, and tieing the fifth.

The last game between rinks skipped by Dr. Harding and G. W. T. Nicholson, brought about some excellent curling.

All matches played on Caledonia ice were won by the home team, and both games on St. Lawrence ice were lost by the homesters.

A notable game was that between Skips Hughes and Drysdale, a difference of two points (13-11), being the final result. Skip Hughes received invaluable assistance from H. M. Simpson, who played No. 3.

ON ST. LAWRENCE ICE.

| St. Lawrence. | Caledonia. |
|---|---|
| Capt. Bales | W. C. Hagar |
| W. O. Roy | J. Watson |
| A. Milne | W. P. Scott |
| F. G. A. Kearns | H. R. Hutchison |
| Skip—11 | Skip—20 |
| W. G. Kent | Dr. Clin. Jack |
| Jas. Meldrum | Donald Ferguson |
| J. H. Scott | Geo. Sheppard |
| Wm. Cairns | Jas. Simpson |
| Skip— 8 | Skip—14 |
| Dr. Berwick | F. N. Finlay |
| Dr. Fisk | E. H. Brown |
| Dr. Harding | R. Scott |
| Dr. Henderson | G. W. T. Nicholson |
| Skip—11 | Skip—11 |

ON CALEDONIA ICE.

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|---|---|
| Jas. Griffin | Geo. Hamilton |
| A. Bremner | W. Morrison |
| W. H. Griffin | H. M. Simpson |
| H. Drysdale | W. R. J. Hughes |
| Skip—11 | Skip—13 |
| W. J. Gallon | C. P. O'Connor |
| J. C. Walsh | Ald. J. Ward |
| R. Allan | R. Sampson |
| John Henderson | Geo. W. Sadler |
| Skip— 7 | Skip—12 |
| Total..... 48 | Total..... 70 |

Majority for Caledonia, 22 points, eleven points net.

PRESIDENT'S CUP AT THISTLE RINK.

The finals in the first round for the President's Cup were played off last night at the Thistle Curling Club. A remarkably close game was that in which J. W. Anderson's rink defeated that skipped by Judge Archibald. No fewer than three times during the course of the game the score was tied, and up to the last end it was anybody's game. The game between Skips Smeaton White and Major Freeman was very one-sided, the former winning easily by 23 shots to 7.

The second round of the competition takes place to-morrow.

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| W. Stanway | T. B. Reith |
| Principal Peterson | R. F. Smith |
| H. G. Wills | R. Adair |
| Judge Archibald | J. W. Anderson |
| Skip—18 | Skip—20 |
| E. C. Amos | J. C. Macdiarmid |
| Dr. A. Scott Ives | Dr. J. B. Morison |
| W. C. Hodgson | C. J. Baird |
| Smeaton White | Major Freeman |
| Skip—23 | Skip— 7 |

ST. LAWRENCE VS. HEATHER.

A 21-rink match has been arranged between the St. Lawrence and Heather Clubs to take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. Seven rinks will be played each night, three on St. Lawrence ice, and four on the Heather.

PRIZES FOR WINNIPEG BONSPIEL.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The several committees of the executive of the Manitoba branch met to arrange further details as to the forthcoming bonspiel. The programme committee had two agreeable surprises. One was a letter from Lord Strathcona, enclosing his cheque for $100, to renew the four individual prizes to accompany his cup, the Royal Caledonian Tankard. The other surprise was a generous offer from C. P. Walker, a local theatrical man, to take up the international cup, just dropped a few days ago by the Alfred Dolge Company. Mr. Walker offers a handsome silver trophy, of the value of $250, to be competed for annually for a series of five years, and will give his cheque for $100 each year to procure four suitable individual prizes to accompany the trophy. Mr. Walker's offer was accepted with thanks.

ON MONTREAL ICE.

The second game in the Points' competition for the club pewter, at the Montreal Club, to-morrow evening, will start at 7.45.

A fifteen rink match has been arranged with the Caledonian Club, to take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week.

A NEW SPORTING RIFLE.

The Ross Rifle Company, after many trials with high velocity ammunition, have produced a new sporting rifle of .280 calibre, having a muzzle velocity of 2,000 feet per second. Extreme features of trajectory are claimed to be the advantages to be derived from this high muzzle velocity. It is said that it will be no longer necessary for the hunter after big game to nicely judge the distance of his quarry. As long as he is able to see his object he is sure of a hit without any sight adjustment.

VAGRANTS GO TO JAIL.

The police and detectives are keeping up their campaign against vagrants. Three of these appeared before the Recorder yesterday. They were John Benton, who was sentenced to four months in jail; H. Danberry and Albert Allard, for six months.

URGENT DEFICIENCY BILL.

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Roosevelt to-day signed the Urgent Deficiency Bill.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The House today adjourned until Jan. 3, 1907.

## INTERPROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

PROCEEDINGS READY FOR PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—[illegible] the Interprovincial Conference [illegible] here in Ottawa [illegible] printed for presentation [illegible]

The record shows [illegible] of the conference [illegible] announced his acceptance [illegible] tions in favor of increased subsidies so as to [illegible] for the support of [illegible] governments and [illegible] the subsidy of eight [illegible] able on the population [illegible] as shown in the last [illegible] until such population [illegible] and at the rate of [illegible] for any excess over [illegible] really declined, however, [illegible] the conference [illegible] increased grant toward [illegible] tion of criminal [illegible] exception also of the [illegible] should be introduced [illegible] viding for the payment [illegible] subsidies and also [illegible] cessary amendment [illegible] The resolutions, with [illegible] are substantially the same [illegible] the Quebec conference [illegible] proposed by the provinces [illegible] cepted by the Dominion as [illegible] ajustable settlement of [illegible] be paid the provinces [illegible] treasury.

The special clause of B[illegible] on which the conference [illegible] agree, Sir Wilfrid promises [illegible] his colleagues of the [illegible]

A FOOL DEVICE.

GERMAN MARRIES A GIRL TO CURE HER RELEASE FROM A HOME.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—A [illegible] of bigamy has developed [illegible] one, perhaps, without a parallel. Wank, a German aged [illegible] girl, Matilda Hayes, [illegible] of securing her release [illegible] for Friendless Women. [illegible] ture was that Wank [illegible] at the wedding as a witness [illegible] the girl was under [illegible] home for two years, [illegible] being her home. [illegible] device to help her out. After [illegible] riage she secured employment [illegible] mestic, and the Wanks [illegible] with having lured [illegible] tion came when a [illegible] and South African veteran [illegible] fair Matilda, and [illegible] wife. By some [illegible] minister heard [illegible] and refused to [illegible] were informed, and [illegible] He is on remand [illegible]

NOTICE
The Harbor Commissioners of Montreal will receive applications [illegible] noon, 24th December [illegible] stant, for Wharf [illegible] Spaces and Privileges [illegible] ing the season of [illegible] tion of 1907, after [illegible] date all the applications received will be dealt [illegible] together.
DAVID SEATH, Secretary-Treasurer.
Montreal, 8th December, 1906.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec application will be made on behalf of the purchasers for an Act to ratify and confirm two deeds of sale, passed on the 28th of December, 1902, before C. Lajoie Tartre, Notary, at Sutton, in the District of Quebec, the one from Isaac Tristram Coffin et al., to William G. Tait, K.C., V. Atkinson and G. E. A. Jones, and the other from Isaac Tristram Coffin et al. to William G. Tait, Daniel McDonald and F. V. Atkinson.
Montreal, 7th December, 1906.
COOK & McMASTER,
Solicitors for Applicants.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec at the present session by the Dissentient School Trustees of the Town of Beauharnois and the Rev. John Duncan Anderson, Minister of the Presbyterian Church, for authority to change the location of the school in the Town of Beauharnois and to sell and convey lot 185 of the Town of Beauharnois, being the former location of said school, and to acquire part of lot number 184 [illegible] Town of Beauharnois as a new location for such school, and to ratify and confirm a certain deed of exchange to be made [illegible] the same, and for other purposes.
Montreal, December 19th, 1906.
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## LEVEL CROSSINGS.

### Conference Yesterday Between Civic Committee and G. T. Officials.

QUESTION OF RAISING THE TRACKS TO ST. HENRY IS DISCUSSED.

... at the City Hall, a ... was held between Mr. W. ..., assistant to the general ... the Grand Trunk Railway ... and the comptroller of that ... and Mr. J. Hobson, chief engineer of the Grand Trunk, and the ... committee on level crossings in reference to the proposed ... the company's tracks from ... venture station to St. Henry. ... presided, and there were also present Ald. Guay, N. Lapointe, ... Bumbray, Labrecque, and Turner. ... Sadler produced the plan of the ... scheme of four years ago, ... out that it would show ... greater was the scope of the ... proposals, and how great a benefit ... had obtained from the delay. ... plan, which was prepared by ... Hobson, the company's chief ... was then laid over, and an ... discussion ensued as to de... in the course of which Ald. La... asked why the 21-foot clearance ... for the height of bridges over ... had not been observed.

Mr. Wainwright pointed out that the ... requirements over the road... was by law only 12 feet, and that ... plans had provided for heights of ... 15 feet, under the arches.

Ald. Bumbray asked why Green Ave. ... been put down on the plan as ... thoroughfare across the railway.

Ald. Nault—Do the Grand Trunk intend to leave an opening for every ... now open, or to be opened across ... tracks?

Ald. Sadler—'To be opened' as a very ... phrase. There are certain homologated Street lines, and we will have ... road department furnish a map of ... in order to see how far they are ... for by this plan.

Mr. Wainwright was then called upon ... explain the intentions of the Grand Trunk Railway. He said that it was ... a preliminary meeting. 'We ... to expose the proposed plan,' he ... 'and the location of these ... which you will see are much more ... than originally. Mr. Hays ... having our officials work out the ... which we are not at present prepared to submit. We want you to see ... study these plans of what is proposed, so as to have it in your minds ... the holiday season. When the ... committee discussed this matter the point at issue was the cost of ... work and how far the city was disposed to encourage the Grand Trunk ... Company in the undertaking. ... that occasion the committee took a ... to Philadelphia and saw what had ... done in that city, where the conditions are almost precisely similar to ... now existent in Montreal. Seeing ... committee is almost a new ... with the exception of Aldermen Turner and Sadler, it might be thought desirable for you to go to Philadelphia again. After the plan now before you has been considered by the committee and we have got out the full details and a statement of the estimated cost, Mr. Hays proposes to confer with you on the matter. It is a very expensive scheme, and may involve the undertaking of other work on the part of the company which will further add to the total expenditure. We want to deal with the whole matter at one time—not piecemeal.'

After further discussion, the committee agreed to bring the question of visiting Philadelphia before the council, and then communicate with the Grand Trunk officials after the Christmas holidays.

## JEWEL ROBBERY

VALUABLES TO EXTENT OF $15,000 STOLEN FROM A CHICAGO RESIDENCE.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Silver plate, diamonds and jewellery, valued at $15,000, were stolen yesterday from the Hinsdale residence of Mr. Charles V. Stein, of the firm of Stein Bros., wholesale liquor dealers. The booty was packed into one of Mrs. Stein's trunks and carried away. Simultaneously with its disappearance, two of the Stein servants, a man and his wife, who were engaged to work but a month ago, are said to have left hurriedly. The robbery occurred during the absence of the family, which yesterday removed to its city residence, leaving the servants in charge.

### SCHOOL CLOSING.

The midwinter closing exercises of the Sabrevois College will take place this evening at eight o'clock in the Salle l'Eglise du Redempteur. An excellent programme of songs, recitations, etc., has been prepared by the pupils, and the results of the examinations now in progress will be given out during the evening. All friends of the Sabrevois College are cordially invited to be present.


**NEW YEAR'S GIFT OF $10**

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## ST. ANTOINE STREET EXPROPRIATION.

### Roll for Third Section Completed and Signed

$313,000 COST OF THREE SECTIONS NOW DISPOSED OF BY COMMISSIONERS.

The roll for the widening of St. Antoine street, from Windsor to Mountain street, this being the third section under the St. Antoine street expropriation scheme, was completed and signed by the expropriation commissioners on Wednesday afternoon. The total amount is $102,531.98. The first and second sections amounted to $105,902.34, and $105,223.36 respectively, so that the cost of the expropriation to date has been set down at $313,657.68. Of these sums, one-half is chargeable to the city, and the other half to the proprietors on both sides of the street within the sections expropriated. There yet remain two more sections, one of which will be dealt with next year, and the last in 1908, according to the charter provisions. Following are the principal items on the roll finished on Wednesday afternoon:

Dame A. Lerroux, as proprietor, $4,581.50; Dame A. Bond, et al, ditto., $2,128.50; estate Arthur Hamilton, as proprietor and occupant, $7,492; A. Deslaurier, ditto, $14,028.60; Dame R. Dufort, ditto, $12,774.40; P. Vanier, ditto, $7,331.20; estate J. McCready, ditto, $5,132; Toronto Type Foundry Co., Ltd., ditto, $8,316.78; succession, Dame P. N. Mailloux, ditto, $10,995; L. Bureau, ditto, $1,815; Dame L. Chaput, ditto, $1,678; P. Brault, ditto, $4,951.50; Dame H. Aussem, ditto, $2,450; Dame C. Martin, ditto, $6,800.50; A. A. Lesperance, ditto, $4,123.20; W. Decarie, ditto, $3,688.80. The balance is distributed in amounts of under one thousand dollars, among the following:—P. Lloyd, P. O'Neil, H. A. Palmer, A. Leroux, Dr. A. Joyal, J. P. Dixon, and J. Cahill.

The commissioners were His Honor Mr. Recorder Weir, chairman; Mr. G. W. Parent and Mr. F. Savageau, for the proprietors; and Mr. L. J. Lamontagne and Mr. J. H. Ferns, for the city.

## AERIAL NAVIGATION

CAPT. FERBER, OF THE FRENCH ARMY, SPEAKS OF MARVELLOUS POSSIBILITIES.

Paris, Dec. 20.—So confident is the French Government that the day is only a short distance off when aerial locomotion will be practical that several commissions are at work elaborating plans for meeting, in the various branches of the public service, the solution of any new problems which the revolution will entail. Captain Ferber, of the French Army, who is devoting all his time to aerostatics, and who conducted the negotiations on behalf of his government with the Wright brothers, agrees with Santos Dumont that flying machines in a few years will be as common as automobiles to-day. In the next war he is convinced there will be battles between flotillas of airships. 'Human mastery of the air,' said he to the Associated Press, 'is virtually achieved. None of the startling achievements of the past, neither steam, electricity nor the telephone, can compare with what the future holds in store for us. Not only will the life of individuals be revolutionized, but governments will be compelled to devise in almost every department, new methods to meet the changed conditions. This change will come with amazing suddenness and France is taking the precaution to meet it. In the customs service, present methods of watching the frontiers will be obsolete. Aerial patrols will be necessary to prevent the smuggling of contraband across the border. The police of all cities will have to be provided with flying machines in order to protect the people from the new opportunities of crime which aerial locomotion will place in the power of criminals. It would seem that flying machines would enable anarchists to achieve any end by threats against not only rulers, but whole cities. With the police sailing about in the air it will be no more difficult to frustrate their plots than it is now on solid ground. In war the intelligence service will be entirely consigned to the aerostatic divisions and armed airships will guard the bivouacs of armies.'

Captain Ferber believes the solution of the problem of aerial navigation lies in the question of equilibrium as the principle of flying, that is area of aeroplane surface and speed. He contends that the domination of the air at present enjoyed by birds was only obtained as a result of a slow process of evolution comparable in a way, to slow perfection of the present means of flight.

## ZION CITY ESTATE

RECEIVER DECLARES MANY OF THE CREDITORS TO BE IN ABSOLUTE POVERTY.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of creditors in the Zion City estate last night, Mr. John C. Hately, the receiver, announced that conditions demand that immediate arrangements be made for selling the entire property. Many of the creditors, he said, are in absolute poverty. Others are borrowing to meet living expenses and are approaching financial ruin. The fact that winter has arrived makes the crisis sharper.

## ANOTHER REMBRANDT

BELGIAN BOUGHT IT AT TRIFLING PRICE—NOW OFFERED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Brussels, Dec. 20.—The usher of the Chamber of Deputies lately bought for a trifling price an old picture of priests playing cards. The newspapers say that it has now been discovered that the painting is the work of Rembrandt. The owner has been offered $60,000 for the picture.

## OBITUARY

MRS. JOHN W. TIMS.

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 20.—This afternoon Mrs. John W. Tims, of Montreal, a native of this place, passed away at the General Hospital, where she had been a patient for two months. Deceased was a daughter of the late W. H. Ellerbeck, during his life a leading lawyer of Brockville. Twenty-six years ago she was married to Mr. Tims, then a member of the staff of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal. Since then, Mr. Tims's position took the family to many places, but of recent years they have resided in Montreal. Her husband and one son, Harry, of Vancouver, B.C., survive.

MRS. H. D. TROOP.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Troop, wife of Howard D. Troop, of Troop & Sons, shipping owners, died to-day. She is survived by her husband, one son, Charles McL. Troop, of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. White, wife of Dr. Walter W. White, former mayor of St. John, and Mrs. McPherson, wife of C. E. McPherson, of the C. P. R., Winnipeg.

ZACH. WHITE.

Cobourg, Dec. 19.—Mr. Zach. White, a gentleman well-known to the travelling public on Rice and Stony Lake and adjacent waters, died in Peterborough, at the Munroe House. He was a son of the late Zach. White, of Lakefield, formerly of Cobourg, and has a brother, Mr. Chas. White, here. Deceased was the owner of the steamer 'Beaver' that was burned at Lakefield a short time ago. He was 23 years of age and unmarried.

A NONOGENARIAN.

Cornwall, Dec. 20.—One of the stalwart, brawny, vigorous, plainspoken pioneers of the township of Roxborough, Christopher McRae, has passed away this week, at the good old age of ninety years. Deceased was one of the Kintail family, of the McRae clan, which gave Canada and the United States many able men. He was born at Kintail, Scotland, in 1816, came with his parents to Dundee, Que., in 1821, and settled in Roxborough township in 1841, where he resided for sixty years, spending the past five years with his son-in-law, J. D. McDonald, ninth concession of Cornwall township. His wife died thirteen years ago, and of his three children only one survives him. The remains were interred to-day at St. Andrews.

THE REV. CANON MACKENZIE.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The Rev. Canon James Mackenzie, one of the oldest clergymen in the country, died yesterday at his home in Milton, at the age of ninety years. The deceased clergyman was ordained a deacon in the diocese of Toronto in 1868, and a priest in 1869. He was incumbent of Brighton from 1868 to 1870, and was in Mount Forest from 1870 to 1875. He then went to Milton, where he remained till 1893, when he became rector of Chippewa, and held the charge till 1902, when he retired. He was an honorary canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton.

HENRY M'CRORY.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—Henry McCrory, brother-in-law of President W. R. Corey, of the United States Steel corporation, and one of the 'junior partners' of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, died at Wilkineburg last night. Mr. McCrory was master roller of the Homestead mills at the time of the strike in 1892, later becoming connected with the first mill in the country to make armor plate. He there was associated with Mr. Corey and Mr. Charles M. Schwab, all figuring in the Congressional investigation of the furnishing of armor plate to the government in 1894. He also made several important inventions.


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F. H. MALCOLM, Managing Director and Acting Secretary, Winnipeg.

**LOCAL BOARDS:**

G. T. MARSH, Local Manager Great Northwest Land Company and C. P. R. Lands, Regina.
H. W. LAIRD, Late Mayor, City of Regina.
F. G. FORESTER, Late Mayor Town of Medicine Hat.
COL. F. L. ANSTRUTHER, Retired, Portage la Prairie.

**AUDITOR FOR THE COMPANY:** D. A. PENDER, Chartered Accountant, Winnipeg.
**BANKERS:** THE TRADERS BANK OF CANADA, Winnipeg.
**OFFICES:** Over Imperial Bank (First Floor), corner McDermott Ave. and Albert St., Winnipeg.

**EASTERN ISSUE OF 10 p.c. PREFERENCE SHARES.**

Subscriptions are invited for 2,000 Ten Per Cent. 10 p.c. Preference Shares of $100 each.

This Preference Stock shares equally in all profits and dividends of the Company in excess of the 10 per cent. minimum.

CALLS—$10 per share on application and $10 per share on allotment, and the balance in calls of $10 per share as required at intervals of not less than two months.

The Western issue having been wholly taken up by the Ranching, Farming and Commercial men of Western Canada, and more than half of the present issue have already been subscribed.

**The only packers of Beef, Pork and other Food Products of the Ranches and Farms of Western Canada.**

This Company has already about 1,000 shareholders, all of whom have paid for their shares in cash on equal terms, and shares are allotted by priority of application.

**DIRECTORS' MEETING REPORT:**

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 3rd November, inst., duly confirmed by a resolution of the Board at a meeting held on the 20th November, inst., the following report was made by the Acting Secretary:

The whole of our first issue has been subscribed in Western Canada; in fact, it was considerably over-applied for, and allotments have been made and Share Certificates issued for over $200,000 in the Capital Stock of the Company in Western Canada alone.

The Eastern issue, just made, is also going very rapidly, over $60,000 having already been subscribed, and applications for Shares are averaging over $3,000 daily.

I do not know that I can give you much further information than you already have, except to remark that the price of cattle, live weight, ranges in Western Canada from 2c to 2½c per lb., with unlimited supplies available, against much higher prices in the United States.

When in the can it is worth from 10c to 20c per lb., and costs only the fraction of the value to put it there, cans and cases included.

The present price of canned beef ranges from $9.00 to $20.00 per case of 4 dozen 2-lb. cans, 96 lbs. of beef being in each case, and as each of our Canneries will have a capacity of 2,500 cases per day, a slight calculation will demonstrate that substantial dividends may reasonably be expected.

The Company intends operating Canneries and Packing Houses in at least six of the principal cattle centres in Western Canada, two of which will be erected and equipped forthwith, and it will be observed that the Shareholders embrace a large percentage of the principal people in Western Canada, and through its membership the Company indirectly commands a large proportion of the cattle resources of Western Canada.

As considerable towns always arise in the vicinity of a large Packing and Canning industry (Packing Town, Chicago, has a population exceeding 200,000 persons, and many others have from 2,000 to 5,000 inhabitants), this company should purchase at first cost one or two whole sections containing an area of one square mile each on the line of railroad with river frontage. This should be utilized for their factories and Canneries in each centre, and a considerable portion cut up into town lots and either leased or sold; the profits from which should largely supplement the Company's capital.

Judging from the results achieved by Packing Houses elsewhere, it is probable that these shares can be subdivided within a year or so in order to avoid the appearance of excessive dividends being paid (say into 10 fully paid $100-Shares for each Share held), and it may be mentioned that one firm, amongst many others in the United States, have subdivided their stock many times, until the original capital of $100,000 is now by subdivision nominally twenty millions ($20,000,000), or, in other words, 200 Shares fully paid $100-Shares of bonus have been issued the holder of each original Share held, and for many years have paid, and are paying, substantial dividends upon that increased capitalization, and the prospects with this Company are quite equal, both in quantity of cattle available and markets, to those of the Packing Houses on the other side of the line. As an indication of the magnitude of operations involved in the meat-packing industry, it may be mentioned that one firm alone of the many operating in Chicago, and that by no means the largest, issued the following in their last annual report:—

**EXTRACT FROM REPORT JUNE 30th, 1905.**

"An interesting brochure published by Swift & Co., the Chicago packers, gives statistics of the past year's business. The total sales for the year aggregated over $200,000,000, representing shipments of 350 carloads daily. In a single day were slaughtered in the company's seven packing plants 11,875 cattle, 16,553 sheep, and 34,562 hogs.

**AUDITOR'S AND FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Mr. D. A. Pender, Chartered Accountant, now read his financial report and Statement confirming the Secretary's Report, and the Share Subscriptions, Receipts and Expenditure to date.

The following resolution was unanimously carried at a full meeting of our Board of Directors:—

**RESOLUTION:**

Moved by the Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, seconded by Mr. J. A. Banfield:

"That after hearing the report of the Company's Secretary, and of the Company's Auditor, the Directors are satisfied that ample capital has been already subscribed to justify the commencement of active operations in the direction of immediately purchasing land (from the Government or C. P. R.), and erecting and equipping the first Cannery of the Company." Carried.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, held at the Company's Offices on Friday last, the 23rd inst., Dr. J. Halpenny and Mr. J. McLaughlin, duly qualified foundation Shareholders, were elected Directors of the Company.

A Committee of three Directors was also appointed, with power to act, to inspect and investigate suitable localities for the immediate erection and equipment of the Company's Canneries and Packing Houses in Western Canada.

Plans of Cannery Buildings, with estimates of material and cost of erection, were also laid on the table.

Also details and estimates of the Plant, Machinery and Equipment for one Cannery having a capacity of 2,500 cases per day, considered by the meeting, the Managing Director stating that with what funds the Company has in hand, the next call upon the Shareholders would furnish all the capital needed for building and thoroughly equipping the first Cannery of the Company with the modern and up-to-date machinery and equipment provided for in the estimates now before the meeting.

The estimates for the Company's first building unit provide for an erection 175 feet long, 60 feet wide, two stories of 15 feet each high.

The machinery equipment will be new and modern, thoroughly up-to-date, and will cost the Company about $16,000, and it is to be ordered immediately the company's first site is chosen.

It will be thus evident that the Company is very much in earnest, and will commence active packing operations at the earliest possible moment.

NOTE.—Preference Shares in the Company may still be obtained, but they are going very rapidly, subscriptions averaging about $3,000 daily. The Shares are $100 each, payable in $10 calls at intervals of two months.

**NOTICE.**

In consequence of the great inquiry at the Company's Offices for Prospectus and Forms of Application for Shares, the Company begs to notify that Prospectus and Application Forms can be obtained upon request at any branch of "THE TRADERS BANK OF CANADA" throughout the Dominion. Also requests for same by letter or postcard will be at once despatched to applicants from the Company's Offices in Winnipeg.

**Application for 10 p. c. Preference Stock.**

To the Directors: (Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinance, 1906.)
Imperial Bank Building, First Floor, Corner McDermot Avenue and Albert Street, Winnipeg.

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for..... 10 percent Preference ... agree to "MALCOLM'S" WESTERN CANNERIES, Limited, and I agree to accept the same or any less number that may be allotted to me, subject to the Company's Deed of Incorporation, this Prospectus, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association, to which I hereby subscribe, and request my name being attached thereto, for the number of shares allotted to me.

In consideration thereof I herewith enclose the sum of

..... Dollars being the Application Deposit of Ten Dollars ($10.00) per share, payable thereon.

Name in full..... Occupation .....

Address ..... Date .....

Certificates for Shares will be Issued on Allotment.

Cheques and Post-Office Orders to be made payable to the order of the Secretary, Mr. F. H. MALCOLM, at the Company's Banking Account, The Traders Bank of Canada, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1906.

There is a curious synchronism between events in France and England. Just when the Pope is handing to the powers his repudiation of the separation law, the Education Bill is repudiated by the House of Lords, which is, in this matter, the House of Bishops. In Spain, also, there is a like impasse, the clericals and the anti-clericals being alike unwilling to budge. Is this an anti-religious wave, passing over the world, or simply an anti-clerical wave? There is no doubt that, in so far as clericalism represents religion to any of the parties, it is anti-religious. France, for the most part, knows nothing else than clerical ritualism, and the result is that France is irreligious. We have it on the authority of the Spanish ambassador at Paris, as vouched for by a Paris paper, that three-quarters of France is lost to Rome. The attitude of the people in the presence of the ejectments of their clergy seems to give proof of this. As we said, when the day of ejectment was approaching, everything depends on what France really wishes. The test proposed was a severe one. The people would need to be very greatly opposed to the clericals not to revolt at sight of the forcible ejectment of their pastors. For the most part, the officials, down to the common policemen and common soldiers, have seemed to fulfil their part with alacrity. The positive refusals would appear to have been one or two. There have not been lacking zealots, male and female, to make demonstrations, particularly in Brittany and French Flanders; but the people, for the most part, have looked on calmly, if not well pleased. Of course, in times of tension, there is no saying what a day may bring forth, or what reactions may yet take place. But events seem to be mature enough to show that the separation law is satisfactory to France, and that, in opposing it, the Church has lost ground. Present appearances are that a continuance on the line of non-possumus—the proverbial phrase of the last Pius, when a like struggle was going on in Italy—will involve a very considerable alienation on the part of the nations, if not a positive schism in the Church.

Eternal vigilance is indeed the price of safety. Vices are never killed; they are only scotched. The fight between the forces of good and evil is never quiescent; there are Augean stables in every generation which require a Hercules to cleanse them. Some time ago, Chief Campeau was instrumental in getting a by-law passed to close the pool-rooms at midnight. He had found that they were haunts of criminals and the ruining of youth. Fathers, and mothers had appealed to him almost on their knees to close such places up altogether, as they were destroying all that was good and helpful in their sons. The by-law has proved efficient; it has been, Chief Campeau says, of great service to the police, and if the pool-rooms were to be again allowed to remain open to all hours, as before, the police would be deprived of an efficient means of supervision. In spite of that, notice has been given by Alderman Gadbois to amend the by-law so as to make it legal for pool-rooms and billiard rooms to remain open until two a.m. It surely cannot be possible, however, in face of the strong and earnest protest of the chief of police, reinforced by the authority of Archbishop Bruchesi, and all decent public opinion, that council could contemplate such a step for a moment.

## THE ANNEXATION BUGABOO.

Sir Charles Tupper seems to be still laboring under his annexation nightmare, a disease which he brought upon himself, but which seems to be now incurable. As the Nestor of Canadian politics, Sir Charles deserves public respect. As one of the Fathers of Confederation, and a man who has had a long, brilliant career in the service of the Dominion he helped to create, his utterances on public questions will be listened to with attention here and in Great Britain. But as a lifelong partisan, who never conceded the possibility of the party he has always opposed doing anything worthy of commendation, his observations on Canadian affairs must be taken with reservation. In a letter to the London 'Times' he expresses apprehension that the intermediate tariff offers an opportunity for Canadian reciprocity with the United States. The synopsis of the letter given in the despatches is not quite clear, and may do Sir Charles an injustice. The point is evident, however, that he believes, or at least wants his readers to believe, that reciprocity would lead to annexation. This is the scare-crow that Sir Charles has been frantically waving before the Mother Country ever since his own negotiations with Mr. Blaine went out in ignominy. Sir Charles went to the country with the assertion that he practically had a reciprocity treaty with Mr. Blaine in his pocket. Mr. Blaine flatly denied his report of the negotiations, since which humiliation nothing has been more criminal or dangerous in the eyes of Sir Charles than anything looking to freer trade with the United States. The party that would think of it is traitorous, and has no aim but annexation. Sir Charles made this his war-cry against the reciprocity plans of the Liberal party at a time when the country was suffering grievously by the isolation into which the protectionist tariff had thrown it, and when freer trade with the United States would have been the greatest commercial blessing to the country, as, for that matter, it would still be, if there was any hope of it. The cry of annexation and absorption was naturally taken up by the protected interests.

The people of Canada were not very long fooled by it. More than half of them were Liberals, and the rest knew well enough that the Liberals were not annexationists. Where Sir Charles Tupper's outrageous misrepresentation of his country did cause a widespread scare was in England. It took the Boer war to prove to Britain's astonished eyes that there was any British sentiment in Canada. The annexation jack-o-lantern, however, did not cease to parade the British streets with a tenuous but vociferous following of Canadian protectionists. Mr. Chamberlain got hold of it wildly, and waved it when he became a protectionist for some time, and then handed it back to the representatives of the aforesaid tenuous following of Canadian protectionists, to wave about England. Sir Charles's reversion to it is a crious instance of an idée fixe. The Canadians can remember that the only annexation movement that Canada ever know was promoted by the political party to which Sir Charles belongs, and that it came to a sudden ending when the reciprocity treaty was negotiated in the time of Lord Elgin's governorship of Canada. They know now that with all the reciprocity talk in the United States, nothing that could be called reciprocity, or could be tolerated as such, has been proposed by the most advanced reciprocitarians in that country. To them the benefits that would accrue from reciprocity are obvious, but the line is sharply drawn between trade and politics. There is nothing more offensive to Canadian pride than the imputation conveyed in the apprehensions of the 'Times,' and in Sir Charles Tupper's letter, that the people of the Dominion have any thought of sacrificing their national independence and their loyalty to the British Crown.

## NEGRO CO-OPERATION.

Personal property is the foundation of civilization. It is among the earliest manifestations of human instinct. To have something of one's own is the first assertion of the principle of freedom, justice and law. It must be maintained in all the relations of life; otherwise society could not exist and progress would be impossible. If love of money is the root of all evil, still the hope to possess is the necessary incentive to exertion, and of all human passions it has done most to improve the condition of man on earth. He who acquires a competency by honest labor rises in personal dignity and becomes a better, more law-abiding citizen. These are elementary propositions, but need restatement in these days when so many wild theories are advanced concerning wealth and its distribution. The worst violation of the innate principle of human rights was the institution of slavery. The degradation of the negro race in the United States is largely owing to it, and the vices of which negro people are accused are its natural fruits. One might go further and point out that in all countries where any class or race is oppressed and made subject to exceptionally repressive laws the effect is seen in the development of contempt for law, underhand schemes for evading it, and all sorts of truculence. Such were the results on the negro character, of a race being deprived of the right of possession and even the right of marriage. These effects could not be done away with by the act which gave the negroes their freedom. Thereafter it rested with themselves to achieve their moral regeneration. With nothing in their history but a record of savagery and, later and worse, of slavery, it was not to be expected that they could rise to the full dignity of manhood without long and painful effort.

That the negro race is actually improving is the most pleasing feature of the race question in the United States. Booker Washington has shown what can be accomplished by education and training, and now co-operative societies, composed exclusively of negroes, are doing much to improve their social and financial condition. The success of the Metropolitan Mercantile and Realty Company, with a capital of one million dollars, and six thousand negro shareholders, has proved that there are men among them who have the character and ability to manage large concerns. It has opened a bank and a departmental store in New York, which, like its Mercy Hospital in Philadelphia, its hotels in other cities, and its agricultural colonies in New Jersey, has, in addition to its business purposes, philanthropic and sociological features. As an institution it aims to educate and elevate the men and women who are its stockholders and employed in its various enterprises. The scheme seems almost too idealistic for a business proposition, but it is in the highest degree to be desired that it should prove a success. Should it do so, it might offer a method by which other communities whose circumstances are depressed, or who may regard themselves as oppressed by capital, may, by co-operation, do for themselves. Were the labor unions in Canada and the United States to take hold of this plan, as many have with complete success in Great Britain, they would do more to advance their class interests than by the wasteful methods of economic warfare.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Bank of Hochelaga was held in Montreal on Wednesday, and was one of the most successful in the history of that institution. The directors and officials of the bank have every reason to be satisfied with the year's work. The interests of the shareholders were well looked after in a practical way. A few weeks ago, the rate of dividend was increased from seven percent to eight percent, and at this week's meeting the directors were authorized to increase the amount of capital from two to four million dollars. Another interesting feature in the annual report is the addition of two new members to the board of directors, Messrs. E. H. Lemay and J. M. Wilson being the gentlemen chosen. The profit and loss account for the twelve months shows that the net earnings were $347,504, or 17.30 percent on the capital stock outstanding. The bank changed the termination of its fiscal year from May to November, so that a precise comparison with the previous twelve months cannot be made. The high percentage earned on the capital will, however, be entirely satisfactory to stockholders. The amount of capital paid up is now $2,000,000, and the reserve $1,600,000, or 80 percent of the capital. Total deposits are shown at $12,300,000, compared with $10,200,000 a year ago. The current loans and discounts have also increased at a handsome rate, the returns last year being $10,400,000 contrasted with $12,558,000 in the present annual report. It is a highly satisfactory statement all round, as the figures quoted show.

In the official estimate of the Russian cereal crops, there is seen to be a marked decrease in the production of every major crop in that country. There was a loss of as much as a hundred and fifty million bushels of spring wheat in 1905, or thirty-five percent; thirty-four million bushels of barley, and two hundred and thirty-six million of oats, the latter being a decrease of nearly one-quarter. Russia's wheat yield has only averaged around ten to eleven bushels per acre in the past few years, and in 1901 this had fallen so low as about seven and a half bushels to the acre. The average yield during the period for which the latest estimate is made will be miserably small, and will reflect a considerable amount of misery in the agricultural districts. More especially will the decrease in oats production be felt, as there is thus taken from the country one of the leading sources of live stock feed. The corn crop is an exception to the general decline in averages, and that may in a measure compensate for the decrease in oats. The 1906 yield of wheat is given at about 537,000,000 bushels, and is about one hundred million bushels less than the 1905 figures, and eight millions under the average for the five years commencing 1900. The shortage in the 1906 rye crop is perhaps the most severe of all, as that particular cereal constitutes the national loaf, and the shortage is given at two hundred and twenty million bushels. That is even less than the production during the lean year of 1905, by seventy-five million bushels.

The market for American securities is dangling in the balance between immediate panic and confidence of the future. Stocks are bravely held by the wealthy interests, in face of many adverse conditions, but it is a question if the campaign will meet with the success of an almost identical situation last year. Then the millionnaire operators were compelled to carry stocks through a period of high money rates until the spring, when money flowed from interior points, and permitted of the disciples of 'low finance' to get a 'look in,' with the inevitable result of 'big men' unloading and taking their long-withheld 'profits.' The same manoeuvre appears to be in progress now, but the conditions of credit in Europe and America are of a character much more strained than they were a year ago. The money market is peculiar to a degree and practically without precedent. Mr. Shaw has refused to give Treasury aid for the importation of gold from London, stating very wisely that such withdrawals would precipitate trouble in European money markets. It is also a fact that if New York were to enter the market for London gold there would be an immediate withdrawal of European credits, to an extent that could not be offset by the gold importations. One explanation of the situation current is that it is not more gold that New York wants, which if it could be gained would be very expensive without Treasury aid, and would be too late for present difficulties, but more capital. What has hitherto been 'liquid' capital has been in many different ways converted into fixed capital, thus being of no use for times of pressing need like the present. The security market conditions are just what the money market makes them. With a moment's release from the strain of tight funds, there is an immediate wrestling for higher prices, such wrestling being accompanied usually by the higher prices desired. With firmer money rates prices of securities at least remain steady and business is reduced to the minimum, unless individual stocks should be taken in hand in independent circumstances, and as stringent conditions continue more or less liquidation is forced in the stocks.

On the local market, business has been of small volume all the week, and prices have generally sagged to a low level that is nearly on a parity with the lowest prices of the year, especially in the more speculative issues. There were no conspicuous advances, but a few declines of some prominence were recorded. Canadian Pacific, from 201 at the end of last week, declined to 191 3-4 at one time, the slump thus being of almost equal violence to the recent rise. The Iron stocks have been weak and large declines were made in the common.

## STILL UNCONSCIOUS.

On inquiry at the Notre Dame Hospital to-day it was learned that the condition of the man Bourgoin, who fell from a building at Outremont on Tuesday, is still unchanged. Bourgoin has been unconscious since he was first admitted to the hospital on Tuesday.

# BRITISH NEWS.

## ENGLAND.

Great falls of cliff have occurred to the east of Brighton.

In every 1,000 men in the British Army there are 18 over six feet.

The proposed Channel tunnel would take six and a half years to construct, a French engineer estimates.

Major-General Baden-Powell congratulated 2,500 boys at Liverpool on being non-smokers like himself.

Harry Webb, a Newmarket tipster, was fined five pounds for sending racing circulars to a pupil at Eton.

The claim of Lord Mowbray to the Earldom of Norfolk has been disallowed by the House of Lords Committee for Privileges.

Successful bloodhound trials took place on Salisbury Plain, the human quarry being hunted down over a three-mile trail in twenty minutes.

The Hon. Neil Primrose, second son of Lord Rosebery, has inherited a hundred thousand pounds and a house, which has been left to him to enable him to devote himself to a political career.

Mr. Chisholm, the Chiswick Christian Scientist who was indicted for the manslaughter of his son, was found guilty of misdemeanor at the Old Bailey, and bound over in his own recognisances.

A report presented to the Home Office recommends that habitual drunkards should not be sent to prison, but should receive special medical treatment at an early stage.

A Celtic cross to the memory of Thomas Moore, the Irish poet, has been erected in Bromham churchyard. Devizes, by the Irish Literary Society in London, at a cost of £232.

A verdict of 'Accidental Death' was returned at the inquest at the Lambeth Coroner's Court on Leandro Cerve, a carman, who died from blood poisoning caused by a scratch of a cat, which attacked him when he was delivering ice.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling is among the subscribers to the brass tablet which was unveiled at Christ's Church, Fulwood, Preston, as a memorial to his old tutor, the Rev. George Wilkes, late vicar of Fulwood, who died twelve months ago.

The London County Council have decided to allow managers of schools which have a cookery centre to provide dinners for children who may need them. The charge was fixed at a maximum of threepence and a minimum of the cost of the materials for each child.

In passing London churches motor 'buses must go slowly on Sundays, Christmas day, and Good Friday, so as not to cause excessive vibration, and must make no unnecessary noise. Similar conditions are to be observed on all days while passing hospitals.

One of the most interesting currency reforms which is now receiving the attention of the Chancellor of the Exchequer is rumored to be the issue of £1 bank notes. At present the law provides that no English bank note shall have a less value than £5.

A farmer at Ottery St. Mary lost his watch while ploughing a field four years ago, and although the field has been ploughed each year the watch remained buried until the other day, when it was ploughed up. The outside casing and the dial were as bright as ever, but the works are practically useless.

Mr. J. A. Crowther, B.A., of St. John's, Cambridge, who has been elected to a research studentship of £150 a year at Emmanuel College, received his early education at a Sheffield board school. He gained scholarships at the university, and obtained the highest possible in both parts of the Natural Sciences Tripos, 1904-5. He also carried off the University Wiltshire Prize.

An authoritative statement as to the scandalously low wages paid to women chain-makers comes from Mr. T. Sitch, chairman of the Rowley (Staffs) Education Committee, and secretary of the Chainmakers' (Workmen's) Association. For hard work and long hours the average pay is 4s or 5s a week, though a few make up to 10s.

Official recognition has been given to a couple of sailor pipers at Portsmouth Naval Barracks. They are Scotchmen, and on enlisting they brought their pipes with them. They have now been fitted out in kilts of the Royal Stuart tartan, tunics of the orthodox cut, and Glengarry caps with cockades. One of the pipers hails from Argyllshire.

The Duke of Connaught has been entertained at dinner by the Savage Club, of which the King has for twenty years been a member. Following the club ritual the Duke addressed the diners as 'Brother Savages,' and said that few, perhaps, had more right to the title 'Brother Savage' than himself, since he had been admitted into the Six Nations tribe of Indians in Canada as far back as 1869.

To inquire into the operations of shipping 'rings,' and suggest remedial legislation, a Royal Commission has been appointed, with Mr. Arthur Cohen, K.C., as chairman. The particular practice to be investigated is that of certain steamship owners who maintain high freight rates for British goods, but carry cargo at a much lower rate from Continental and American ports.

Rumors that a subsidence had taken place lately in St. Paul's Cathedral owing to the proximity of a new sewer in course of construction by the London County Council, have been abruptly silenced by the council's engineer, who states that the sewer has not yet been commenced at any point within two miles of the Cathedral.

There is, according to [illegible] Barrass, of the [illegible] Railway, [illegible] living in the Channel Islands, the cross value of [illegible] the London [illegible] home and clergyman's two pounds ten [illegible] a man remains [illegible] say, of forty-five, [illegible] ly difficult for him [illegible] and after forty it is [illegible] The demand is for [illegible] man of middle age [illegible] aside, and two [illegible]

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## SCOTLAND

Twin brothers, David and Jollie, born on Christmas Day [illegible] still at work. One is a [illegible] Leslie, Fife, and the other [illegible] Glasgow leather worker.

Bridlington [illegible] miles from Scarborough [illegible] posted at the former [illegible] and bearing that [illegible] livered at Scarborough and [illegible]

The Rev. Kenneth Mackenzie, [illegible] of St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, [illegible] elected at a meeting [illegible] Synod on the 20th [illegible] Argyll and the Isles, [illegible] of Bishop Chinnery-Haldane.

Colonel Moore, member [illegible] town, in the Isle of Man, has [illegible] obtained leave to introduce [illegible] amend the licensing laws [illegible] disinterested board under [illegible] both branches of the legislature [illegible] direct control of the [illegible] liquors.

Some rather remarkable [illegible] been published concerning [illegible] empty houses in Edinburgh. [illegible] Assessor's books show that [illegible] there were 4,179 tenancies [illegible] ord for the city. Nearly [illegible] houses under £26 rent, and [illegible] the most part working [illegible] total valuation of unoccupied [illegible] £121,251, against a total [illegible] the city of £3,191,803. On [illegible] agreed that the chief causes [illegible] amount of property standing [illegible] over-building and want of [illegible]

## JUST OUT.

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Christmas Mangers—In the Bavarian National Museum at Munich — Elizabeth Porter, in the 'Century Magazine.'
The Messiah—High Educational Value of Oratorio Music—Springfield 'Republican.'
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A Song of December—By Katharine Tynan, in the 'Tribune,' London.
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The Purpose of Christ's Coming [illegible] in the 'Church Times,' London.
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A Visit to the Cheshire Cheese—Haunt of the Taverns of Literary Fame—Mr. Chalmers, in the New York 'Evening Post.'
Lord Durham—The Noble Radical—[illegible] in the 'Tribune,' London.
Prince Hohenlohe's Memoirs—History in the Making—The 'Standard,' London.
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HINTS OF THE PROGRESS OF KNOWLEDGE.

The Light Study of Consciousness—[illegible] in the 'Academy,' London.
Genesis of the First Successful Aeroplane—Work of the Wright Brothers—'Scientific American.'
Creation of Life—A French Scientist's Experiments—The 'Standard,' London.
So many men so many minds—Each [illegible] in his own way.—Terence.

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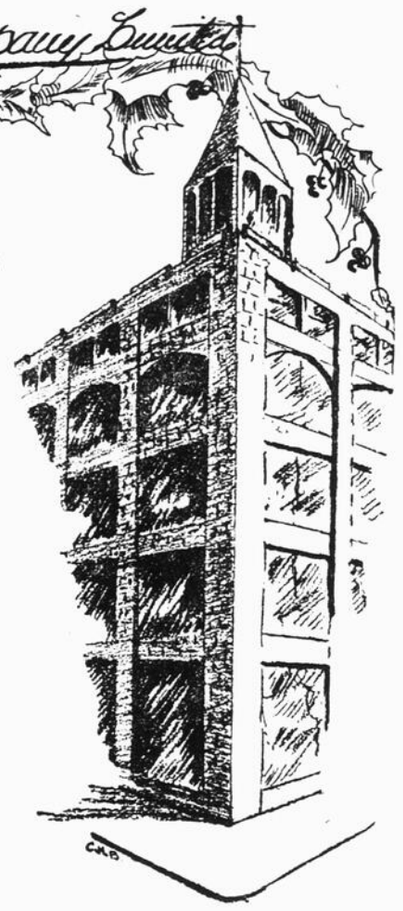

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The total market values of the companies included in the whole combination, including all the underlying bonds in the constituent companies, is not less than $130,000,000.

The Rhode Island purchase will be vested in the Providence Securities Company, a Connecticut holding company. To take over the Rhode Island Securities Company it will issue its own four percent fifty-year debentures to the amount of twenty million dollars, to be guaranteed, principal and interest, by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Company. The Providence Securities Company will be controlled by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Company, as holders of the stock.

The Connecticut Railway & Lighting Company, controlled the trolley systems in Waterbury, Bridgeport, Norwalk, New Britain and Derby, the Westport & Saugatuck, the Meridan, Southampton & Compunce, the Milford & Shelton Street Railway, and also lighting plants at New Britain, Waterbury, Naugatuck, Norwalk and Greenwich. In addition, the purchase calls upon the New Haven Company to complete certain plans on which work had been commenced, including the extension from Seymour to Naugatuck. When this is complete the New Haven system will have a complete electric railway paralleling its own Naugatuck division from Waterbury to Bridgeport, a distance of about forty miles. The New Haven Company also gets the New Milford Power Company and its rights on the Housatonic. Out of some forty street railways in Connecticut, all but eight holding companies, comparatively small properties, have been now acquired by the New Haven Company. It will absolutely control practically all surface traction in Connecticut and Rhode Island, and is protected against any electric competition of through lines between Boston and New York.

## CHINESE REFORMS

RESULT IN AGITATION BY OPIUM DEALERS AND GAMBLERS.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—A despatch from Tien tsin, published to-day, describes the situation as critical, owing to the agitation of the South Chinese opium dealers and owners of gambling houses, who are discontented as a result of recent reforms and the suppression of the opium traffic. Several depots of arms have been discovered. The Japanese, it is added, have strengthened the guard of their legation at Pekin. In the province of Kiang-Si and Honan the revolutionary sectarians and deserters of the army are gathering.

## VERMONT LEGISLATION.

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 20.—The biennial session of the State Legislature adjourned to-day. Its most important enactments included laws reorganizing the judiciary system, requiring railways to abolish one grade crossing a year for every eighty miles of track, compelling wholesale liquor dealers, including non-residents, to pay $800 for a state license, and placing an automobile speed limit of ten miles an hour in cities and twenty-five miles on country roads, with fines and imprisonment penalties for violations.

## LIBERAL ORGANIZER IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 20.—It is understood that Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, general secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, is to sever his connection with that organization to superintend the work of organization for the Liberal party in Toronto. For some time before the last provincial election, the Toronto Liberal Association had been discussing the question of a more thorough organization in the city. Recently a strong committee was appointed, with full power to deal with the situation, and it was decided by this commmittee that an organizer for Toronto should be appointed. The position was offered to Mr. Stewart, who, after taking some time to consider the proposition, has finally signified his acceptance.

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## THE LEGUERRIER INVESTIGATION.

COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDING DISMISSAL OF SUPERINTENDENT FROM CIVIC SERVICE.

The special committee charged with the investigation of the charges against the superintendent of the incineration department, Mr. Leguerrier, have completed their report to council, in which they recommend that Mr. Leguerrier be dismissed from the civic service.

## ORATORIO EMMANUEL.

Trowbridge's oratorio, 'Emmanuel,' is to be presented in Fairmount Avenue Methodist Church this evening, commencing at 8.15 o'clock. A chorus of fifty voices has been under careful rehearsal for some time past, and an excellent rendering may confidently be prophesied. The following well-known local soloists will take part: Soprano, Mrs. W. H. Creed; contralto, Miss N. Landridge; tenor, Mr. Walter Gaynor; bass, Mr. R. Crawford, and the accompaniments will be in the hands of Mr. J. H. Lauer, organist; Mr. Barker, pianist; Mr. Hugh Cairns, violinist; and Mr. E. J. Holland, cornetist; the whole under the direction of Mr. David E. Jennings, choirmaster of the church. As the proceeds are to be devoted to the building fund of the new church it is hoped that this effort in church music will be substantially endorsed by the presence of a large audience.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE.

The Daughters of the Empire held their regular meeting in their rooms on Tuesday, Dec. 18. The president, Mrs. Duncan McCormick, presided. There was a large attendance present. Nine members were initiated and five applications received for membership. The order is in a prosperous condition, and contemplate a good winter's work.

## SLIPPERY SIDEWALKS.

One hundred summonses have been issued by the police for residents, in front of whose dwellings the sidewalks are slippery. Ten cases were heard before the Recorder's Court yesterdayfi the defendants being charged costs in each case.

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| No. 234 (1-16th), Fancy Cardbord Boxes, Finest Quality Table Raisins | .50 |
| No. 331 (1-16th). Boxes Finest Quality Table Raisins, in Cornish Plush Boxes | 1.00 |
| No. 445. Quarter Boxes Finest Quality Table Raisins, in Fancy Satin Jewel Caskets, with Celluloid Design | 2.75 |
| No. 430. Quarter Boxes Finest Quality Table Raisins, in beautiful Satin Covered Hand-Painted Boxes | 2.00 |
| No. 540. Quarter Boxes Finest Quality Table Raisins, in Fancy Wooden Work Boxes, with Hand-Painted Scenes | 2.75 |
| No. 270. Panel Boxes, Finest Quality Table Raisins, in Satin Box, with Hand-Painted China Tops | 1.90 |
| No. 441. Quarter Boxes Finest Quality Table Raisins, in Handsome Plush Jewel Boxes, with Hand-Painted Celluloid Tops | 4.90 |
| No. 542. Quarter Boxes Finest Quality Table Raisins, in Fancy Satin Work Boxes, with Hand-Painted Covers | 3.25 |
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## LOCAL POLITICS.

### Possibility of Mr. Ryan's Withdrawing From St. Antoine Division Fight.

ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION MAY BE OPENED BY MR. STEPHENS'S NEW APPOINTMENT.

The situation in St. Antoine in connection with Mr. Percy Ryan's candidature for the Quebec Legislature has cleared considerably during the past twenty-four hours. A number of prominent Liberals called at the Windsor Hotel last evening where they interviewed the Mon. Lomer Gouin. Among those who received a warm welcome from the Premier was Mr. Ryan. It is understood that the trouble in St. Antoine Division was discussed and after leaving the apartments of the Prime Minister Mr. Ryan expressthe opinion that everything would be amicably settled within a few days.

It was learned this morning on good authority that the proincial authorities are favorale to the candidature of Ald. James Robinson.

The appointment of Mr. G. W. Stephens, M.P.P., as president of the new Harbor Commission will it is said, necessitate the retirement of Mr. Stephens from the leislature as the member for St. Lawrence Division.

A politician this morning said: 'The new board as constituted under the statue passed at the last session of the Dominion Parliament VI. Edward VII., chapter 33, provides that the commissioners shall receive such remuneration for their services as the Governor-in-Council determines. Under the provincial law no person receiving an annual salary from the Dominion can sit in the legislature.'

The vacancies will receive the consideration of the provincial authorities at a meeting of the cabinet in Quebec tomorrow.

## TEACHERS-IN-TRAINING.

CHRISTMAS PASS LIST OF McGILL NORMAL SCHOOL.

Following is the list of teachers-in-training ot the McGill Normal School, who have successfully passed the Christmas semi-sessional examinations, just held:—

Model School Class.—Evie M. Grimes, Montreal Annex; Mary H. Oughtred, Marbleton; Helena C. Marshall, Montreal; Irene O. Caron, Lachute Mills; Effie Dunlop, Quebec; Alice A. S. Clark, Valleyneld; Gertrude S. Solomon, North Stukely; Edith B. Kneen, Montreal; Hilda W. Ferris, Buckingham; Violet M. Graham, Graham; Myrtle P. Galbraith, Montreal; Mary L. J. Savage, Knowlton; Edith M. Dick, Westmount; Alice G. Eadie, Montreal; Alice H. Jewers, Melbourne (equal); Agnes S. Wilson, Richmond; Margaret M. Murdoch, Dalesville; Ethel G. Cliff, Montreal; Marguerite L. Knowlton, Knowlton; Rhoda M. Macfarlane, Chateauguay; Jane Weir, St. Henri; Margaret Troup, Hamilton, Ont.; Margaret J. McKay, Dunham; Mabel A. Pridham, Grenville, (equal); F. N. Stephen Mount Royal Vale; Ollie M. Bonsall, Cobalt; Grenville, (equal); Frederic N. Stephen, Mount Royal Vale; Ollie M. Bonsallbb Vivian Dettemrs, Montreal, (equal); Florence E. Forsyth, Montreal; S. Ella Le Gallais, Shigawake; C. Beatrice Bruneau, Montreal; S. Isabel Jordan, Montreal; L. Helen Morison, Ormstown; Della A. Dewar, Cushing; Edith C. Soles, Cowansville, (equal); Edna P. Halliday, Buckingham. Bessie M. Dick, Montreal, Isabell E. Fraser, Quebec, (equal); Amy E. Taylor, Montreal; Lillian S. Mumaresq, Montreal; Carrie E. Bought, Sutton; Isabel R. Patterson, Montreal; Annabella F. Steedman, Montreal; George W. Philbrick, Danville; Lilliam L. Vibert, Montreal; Lena M. Hale, Waterloo; Lottie M. McKercher, Montreal; Gladys Charnock, East Angus; Florence E. Faris, Eardley; Marcella M. McCaw, Montreal; Nettie M. Cleland, Hemmingford; Rebecca E. Roy, Outremont; M. Jessie Bird, Waterloo; Mary H. Cummings, Buckingham; Irene M. Shaw, Shawville; William A. Walsh, Valleyfield; Minnie F. Smith, Lachute; Janet L. Devenny, Buckingham; Mamie E. S. W. Guy, Stanbury; M. Anna Dinning, Maple Grove; Helen D. Locke, Montreal; Jean R. Kelly, Huntingdon;

Unranked: Alice B. Hausen, St. Jerome; Noimi G. de Kastner, Quebec; Maria E. Tardif, Percy.

Kindergarten class:—Edith W. Daniels, Montreal Annex; Mary E. White, Montreal.

Advanced Elementary Class:—Eva F. Runk, Westmount; Enid Egan, Outremont; Gwen Killingbeck, Westmount; Eva A. MacMillan, Dundee Centre; Edythe R. Fetherstonhaugh, Montreal; Mabel A. MacMillan, Dundee Centre; Cora I. J. Carr, Trout River; Lillian A. Keach, Westmount; M. Gladys Baker, Montreal; Elizabeth B. McBurney, St. Henri; Helena J. MacNaughton, Huntingdon; Jean R. Clarke, Westmount; Winifred A. Caldwell, New Carlisle; Jean Marshall, Chateauguay Basin; Mabel W. Tector, Montreal Annex;? Isabel Ibbotson, Montreal; Rosanna E. Neill, Montreal; Violet Willman, Calumet; Walter A. McGibbon, May Bank; Elsie Leslie, Montreal; Elizabeth E. Taylor, Isle aux Chats, St. Andrews; Laura A. Matthew, Grenville; E. Louisa Todges, Montreal; Lillian G. Doak, Hillhurst; Mary S. Rourke, Rawdon; Laura G. Copping, Boscobel; Laura C. Moore, Fertile Valley.

### ILL-TREATED A DOG.

Henri Mathieu was fined $5 or one month's imprisonment this morning in the Recorder's Court for cruelty to a dog. He was fined $1 additional for having used bad language.

### AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The first portion of the Auditor-General's report to make its appearance is volume 3, issued to-day, which deals with the expenditures of the departments of Public Works, Railways and Canals, Trade and Commerce.

## ATTEMPTED TO KILL JUDGE CUTTING.

### In Revenge for Decision Frank J. Ellerbrock Tried to Shoot Him.

SLIGHT MOVEMENT OF INTENDED VICTIM SAVED HIS LIFE.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—An attempt was made to-day by Frank F. Ellerbrock, of this city, to assassinate Judge Charles S. Cutting, of the Probate Court. The judge escaped injury.

When Judge Cutting entered the Court House this morning he was followed into the elevator by Ellerbrock, who was disappointed by a decision rendered some time ago by Judge Cutting. Ellerbrock stepped close to the side of the judge, and drawing a revolver, placed it against the judge's side and pulled the trigger. The judge moved slightly at the instant the cartridge exploded, and the bullet passed through his clothing without touching him. Ellerbrock made another attempt to fire the revolver, but a bystander knocked the revolver from the man's hand and grappled with him. The elevator man and others rendered assistance, and the intended assassin was overpowered and taken to police headquarters, where Ellerbrock gave indications of being insane.

## HIGH POWER RIFLES

SO DANGEROUS THAT THEIR USE WILL BE PROHIBITED ON WOLF HUNT.

Among sportsmen the dangers attending the use of the modern high-power rifle are fully appreciated, and will come as no surprise to them to learn that Mr. L. O. Armstrong, of the C. P. R., has absolutely forbidden the use of such rifles in the three wolf hunts which he will conduct in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta respectively early in the New Year.

Mr. Armstrong says that up to yesterday he had had no experience of the ricocheting power of a bullet from ice, snow or slush. He knew what tricks it would play on water, one of them being that if a bullet hit the concave part of an incoming wave it would make a circle and almost come back to the man who fired it. Yesterday he fired at a spot of clear ice, three hundred yards away. The bullet hardly made a scratch on the ice, but ricocheted and hit a stone bluff about three hundred yards beyond with a terrific impact. He then fired at a mass of hard, wind-pressed snow, and found that the bullet passed through it and hit a rock beyond apparently without any of its force being diminished. This decided him to absolutely prohibit the use of high-power rifles on the wolf hunt. The rifles to be used will have cartridges filled with old-fashioned black powder. The 44-40 rifles would be preferred, but a shot gun with buckshot shells is safe, and will be uite effective enough.

Mr. Armstrong added that high-power rifles should only be put into the hands of experienced men, for they have such an immense range—two miles or more—and the bullets play such tricks in glancing from the objects that they strike, that their use is highly dangerous. A great many cases have occurred during the past year where people have been struck by bullets from such rifles, and where the bullets came from has remained a mystery.

The people in the northern part of the Province of Quebec are highly delighted at the prospective wolf hunt, as wolves are numerous in some parts. One man told Mr. Armstrong that the idea had made him (Mr. Armstrong) so popular that if he ran for parliament he would have every chance of success. The wolves are looked upon as a menace to children going to school, though up to now they have not proved particularly dangerous, because deer, partridge and hare abound.

In both Quebec and Ontario a bounty of $15 a head is offered for all wolves killed.

## COULD NOT FIND WORK.

MAN WANTED PENITENTIARY, BUT WAS SENT TO JAIL.

John Davidson, 51 years of age, a man of good education, who was recently discharged from St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, and who admits having since stolen a roll of flannel from the American Presbyterian Mission on Inspector street, so that he might be sent back to the penitentiary, was this morning sent to jail for four months, Mr. Lafontaine being the committing magistrate. While in the penitentiary, the prisoner acted as organist in the Protestant chapel at the jail. Davidson said he was compelled to steal because, having been in jail before, he could not get work.

## FORTY-FIVE YEARS IN OFFICE.

HIGH CONSTABLE BISSONNETTE HALE AND HEARTY AS EVER.

Mr. A. Bissonnette, one of the best known and best liked officials associated with the Court House, celebrates to-day the forty-fifth anniversary of his appointment as high constable for the city and district of Montreal. Mr. Bissonnette says he is as hearty and well as ever.

## MRS. GAETZ DEAD.

WIFE OF WELL KNOWN METHODIST MINISTER PASSES AWAY.

Red Deer, Alta., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Gaetz, wife of the Rev. Leonard Gaetz, the well known Methodist minister, died suddenly yesterday.

## MAISONNEUVE TAKES ACTION.

TOWN ENTERS LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST WATER AND POWER COMPANY.

The town of Maisonneuve, acting through its attorneys, Messrs. Taillon, Bonin & Morin, has entered an action for $50,000 damages against the Montreal Water and Power Company. This action is based on the ground that the company has failed to carry out its contract with the municipality by not furnishing a pressure of 75 pounds, thus depriving the citizens of the protection against fire which the corporation is bound to furnish.

### TWO PERSONS RELEASED.

Mr. Justice Lavergne this morning gave judgment in the Court of King's Bench releasing two men from custody after having been sentenced in the Recorder's Court to nine months' imprisonment each as vagrants. The petition for habeas corpus was presented by Mr. Dubreuil, advocate, on Monday, and this morning's judgment defines that under the Criminal Code the men could not be sentenced to more than six months' imprisonment. The sentence being ultra vires, the men were ordered to be released.

### A NOTED LAWYER.

London, Dec. 21.—W. R. McConnell, the well-known lawyer, died in London yesterday. Among the celebrated cases in which he participated was the Maybrick trial. On that occasion he acted as one of counsel for the prosecution. He was born in Ireland in 1837.

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS.

*[We invite questions on all possible subjects of general interest, to which we shall do our best to obtain correct answers, and shall insert such queries and replies as we can make room for. This must not be used, however, as an advertising column or as an enquiry bureau for matters not of public interest. Every query must be accompanied with the name and postal address of the sender, and no notice will be taken of anonymous communications.]*

## MEDICAL.

*[Letters for this department should be addressed "Medical Editor 'Witness,' Montreal." Should a subscriber ask any question which is not suitable for publication, a reply will be sent by mail if a stamped addressed envelope and $1, physician's fee, be enclosed with such question.]*

### BAKING SODA.

J.H. asks what is the composition of baking soda, and if it is injurious to the stomach. Ans.—Baking soda is, chemically speaking, a bicarbonate of soda. It is an alkali and antacid, therefore, in its properties. It is used in medical practice chiefly as a mild alkali to counteract excessive acidity of the stomach or blood, and as a dilutent and solvent of mucoid substances. It probably has no particularly injurious action upon the stomach itself, but if taken in large doses and continuously would perhaps do harm to the general system by altering the composition of the blood. Again, its use in stomach affections has been shown by Pavloff, the great Russian physiologist, to lessen the digestive powers of the stomach. This it does by neutralizing the hydrochloric acid which is essential to the working of the gastric secretion. Baking soda and other alkalis should only, therefore, be used in cases where there is reason to suppose that there is too much acid in the stomach.

### CONGESTION OF THE INTESTINES.

'Subscriber' asks what is the cause of, and thé remedy for congestion of the intestines. Ans.—There is, from the standpoint of the expert in questions of disease, such a thing as congestion of the intestines, but it arises from many differing causes. In no case, however, does it produce any symptom that you yourself could recognize as due to this cause. Perhaps you mean constipation. This is a diminution in the activity of the bowels in the direction of the evacuation of the waste products of digestion. The character of the food, the amount of secretion from the intestinal wall, and the muscular power of the bowel wall are all factors in producing the natural result. One of the potent causes of constipation is too great concentration of the food. Thus, milk, white bread, pastry, and similar things are constipating. Soups, brown bread, sweet-stuffs, fresh fruits and vegetables, on the other hand, are laxative. Again, the contents of the intestine ought to be moist. Therefore, it is necessary to drink a fair amount of fluid, not so much with meals, though a small quantity then is desirable, but between meals. Water is especially useful in this connection. The muscular tone of the bowels is reduced by lack of exercise, and neglect of the calls of nature. Moderate exercise, cold sponge baths in the morning, suitable food and drink, and prompt attention to the bowels will all tend to prevent constipation.

### BURN WITH CARBOLIC ACID.

'A Constant Reader of the 'Witness' received a slight burn on the face from carbolic acid. This occurred a few months ago and, while not regarded as severe, has left a brownish stain. Asks if there is any remedy which will remove it. Ans.—Stains of this kind are very often left on the skin as a result of burns from heat or other caustic substances. They are due sometimes to blood pigment, which is liberated as a result of the destruction of tissue, or, again, from stimulation and irritation of the pigment-bearing cells of the skin. Some skins are much more susceptible to this action than are others. Fortunately, in most cases, the stains disappear in time of their own accord. Possibly you could hasten the process if you rubbed the spot once a day with a little dilute citrine ointment which you could get through a chemist. Be careful with this, as it is a poison. If after a few applications the skin should become sore you should discontinue the treatment for a few days. Avoid any source of irritation to the skin.

### PILES.

L.S. asks for a remedy for bleeding piles. The blood passed is of a bright red color. Wishes to know if the use of fruit is injurious. Ans.—It is important in every case of piles to keep the bowels rather loose. Hard stools increase the congestion of the blood vessels and act as mechanical irritants, thus producing pain and erosion. Diet is, therefore, important. Fresh fruit and vegetables, soups, Graham bread, porridge, preserves of all kinds, eggs, meat and fish, may be taken. Milk, pickles, rich sauces, pastry and white bread, are best avoided. When the piles are painful and bleed, the bowels must be relaxed, and this is best done by means of aromatic cascara, which may be taken at bedtime in teaspoonful doses, increased if necessary. The old-fashioned 'brimstone and treacle' is also a very good preparation. The piles may be bathed with hot water and then fluid extract of witch-hazel or Pond's extract may be applied. Sedentary pursuits are injurious, as they tend to constipation and increase the congestion of the bowels. Moderate exercise in the open air is, thus, desirable.

### PAIN IN STOMACH.

W.P.D. last winter was taken with a derangement of the bowels and on the twenty fourth of February was attacked with appendicitis, for which he was operated upon. Ever since he has hardly been able to do anything. The bowels feel sore up the left side and across to the right. Where the worst place is they seem to gather up and break and he then passes a shiny substance, and the sore places ache and smart worse than ever. He then has a stinging sensation which runs up the limbs and comes out on the face, in fact, seems to affect him all over. He gets tired very easily. His diet is plain and he uses no sweet stuffs. Ans.—It is not uncommon to get symptoms such as you complain of as a result of appendicitis. Probably in time the soreness will wear away. You may get some benefit if you will wear a broad flannel bandage around the abdomen, or you can get a proper abdominal supporter. This will strengthen you and relieve the pain. Your diet must be plain, and you must see that the bowels move daily. Avoid all rich, greasy, or highly seasoned foods. Do not take any fried meat and use tea and coffee in strict moderation and well diluted. Do not take the coarser vegetables, such as turnips, beets or carrots.

### ECZEMA.

C.J.L.—About two years ago enquirer asked advice concerning eczema; how it should be treated, and how it may be prevented. The disease in question, from which he formerly suffered, has come back. Ans.—The important point is to find out the cause of eczema and remove it if possible. Some cases are due to irritation or infection. Thus eczema may complicate other skin eruptions and various infective rashes. It may be due to the irritation of parasites, rough clothing, water, strong soaps, in fact, anything that dries and scrubs the skin. Some cases, again, seem to be due to gastro-intestinal disturbances, such as dyspepsia; some to constitutional disorders like gout; others to nervous disturbances. In the treatment of the disease all sources of mechanical or chemical irritation should be removed. Clothing should be soft and warm; underclothing should be carefully washed with castile soap and thoroughly rinsed. Where the eczematous patches are found care should be taken not to apply water. When the skin needs to be cleansed this can be done with sweet oil and a bit of clean linen rag. When washing becomes absolutely necessary, cold water should be used in which a little oatmeal has been placed, or thin boiled starch may be employed. Immediately after washing, the skin must be anointed with lanolin. When the patches of eczema are red, itchy, tending to exude moisture, ointment of zinc oxide is a good application. In all cases the diet must be light and easily digested, and the bowels kept free by an occasional dose of Spsom salts. If the case is at all severe, a physician should be consulted, as there are few diseases more difficult to treat satisfactorily than eczema, and much skill and experience is required.

### HAIR FALLING OUT.

Mrs. T. R. is a married woman, thirty-five years of age. Since the birth of her last child, her hair, which has always been abundant, began to come out until there is now very little left. She has always taken great care in combing it, and has washed it once a month. She uses rain water and a good soap. At times during the day the scalp feels hot and irritated. This lasts a few minutes and then passes off. Is healthy, but not strong. Has to work hard. Has used tea and coffee, and is fond of vegetables. Ans.—The hair may fall out from several causes. Thus, during the convalescing from the infective fevers, such as typhoid and scarlatina, this may occur. Worry in a nervous person may do it. Perhaps the most common cause is some local affection of the scalp, such as dandruff, ringworm, favus, alopecia. As you state that the scalp is hot and prickly it is likely that the trouble is there. You should wash the head once in ten days. Use very hot water. The best soap is the alcoholic solution, or spirits of green soap, as it is called. Take about a teaspoonful of this in the palm of the hand and rub well into the roots of the hair. Then rub up into a lather with hot water. Finally, douche with cold. Dry without much rubbing, preferably in a warm room in the air. Cut the hair rather short. Use the following lotion every morning, using enough to thoroughly wet the scalp: Tincture of cantharides, two drachms; resorcin, three drachms; salicylic acid, forty grains; castor oil, three drachms; oil of bergamot, six drops; rectified spirits to make eight ounces. Keep the bowels open daily Eat heartily, especially of meat. During the day take a rest, say, on a sofa.

### NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

'Reader' has been suffering for years with nervous prostration. She is an unmarried woman, forty-six years of age. Her head and eyes trouble her very much. When she lies down she has a sensation as if her bed were swinging and tossing about. When she sits up, however, or walks about her head feels all right. Is very wakeful and restless at night. Her eyes are weak, and she can neither sew nor read. When anything comes across her she feels very shaky. For the past year has had a stomach trouble. About two hours after eating she takes a faint sick feeling, and has to take nourishment. Asks if glasses would be beneficial, or if sanatarium treatment is desirable. Ans.—If you have not used glasses before it is extremely likely that you need them. It would certainly be desirable to have your eyes properly tested, not by a wandering optician, but by a physician. With regard to the sanatarium treatment, that is a matter than can only be properly decided by your own physician. You had better ask him. It is not every case that will do well in a sanatorium. Perhaps a trip somewhere would answer the purpose. You should go where you will have nothing to do, but would have entertaining friends and interesting surroundings. It is very important that you should get sleep at night. Lie down also for a hour in the middle of the day. Stay out of doors all you can, and exercise in the open air. Never tire yourself, however. Keep the bowels moving daily, and take light nutritious diet. If fairly robust a cold sponge bath in the morning on rising is a good thing.

About 20,000 people live in the crater of an extinct volcano in Japan. They dwell contentedly in this pit-like town, surrounded by a vertical wall eighty feet high, rarely making a journey into the outer world, and practically forming a little community by themselves.

### SHIPPING NEWS.

FOG AT SANDY HOOK.

New York, Dec. 21.—A dense fog prevails at Sandy Hook to day, making it impossible for marine observers to see signals.

EMPRESS OF IRELAND.

The C.P.R. Royal Mail SS. Empress of Ireland arrived at Halifax last night. She anchored opposite deep water at 6.18 o'clock and started for St. John at 9.14 o'clock, remaining in port two hours and fifty-seven minutes. The waiting mail train departed for Montreal at 11.30 o'clock, carrying six first class passengers and 1,400 packages of mail.

## COMMERCIAL.

### CHICAGO MARKETS.

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

| | Opening. | High. | Low. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat, Dec. | 74½ | [illegible] | [illegible] | 74½ |
| May | 78¼ | 78¼ | 77¾ | 78 |
| Corn, Dec. | 41¼ | 41⅞ | 41⅜ | 41⅝ |
| May | 43⅝ | 43⅞ | 43⅝ | 43⅞ |
| Oats, Dec. | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| May | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Pork, Jan. | 16.10 | 16.17 | 16.10 | 16.10 |
| May | 16.50 | 16.55 | 16.50 | 16.45 |
| Lard, Jan. | 8.80 | 8.80 | 8.77 | 8.80 |
| May | 8.90 | 9.00 | 8.90 | 8.92 |
| Sh. Ribs, Jan. | 8.60 | —— | —— | 8.62 |
| May | 8.75 | 8.85 | 8.75 | 8.83 |

### NEW YORK MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 21.—Flour receipts, 23,418; sales, 7,000. Flour, quiet and 5 shade lower. Rye flour, steady. Wheat, receipts, 193,000 bushels; sales, 900,000 bush.; larger Argentine shipments, weakness in other grains, and sympathy with outside markets caused wheat to rule easy during the early session. May, 81 13-16 to 81⅝. Rye firm; No. 2 Western, 69¾ c.i.f. New York. Corn, receipts, 22,575 bushels; sales 10,000 bushels. Option market was easier, under the bearish government report. Dec., 52½. Sugar, raw, steady; fair refining, 3 5-16 to 3 11-32 centrifugal, 96 test, 3 13-16 to 3 27-32; molasses sugar, 3 1-16 to 3 1-32. refined steady. Coffee, steady; No. 7 Rio, 7. Lead, steady, $6.00 to $6.15. Wool, 18 steady. Hops, steady.

## ENGLAND GETS GOLD

London, Dec. 21.—The Bank of England's stock of gold was increased to-day by $3,550,000, made up of $550,000 in bar gold, $1,000,000 in American eagles, purchased here, and $2,000,000 in sovereigns, received from Paris.

It is rumored that the bank refrains from raising its discount rates on assurances that the United States would not take any gold from London.

The bank, however, refuses to confirm or deny the rumor.

### FARMERS' MARKET PRICES—Dec. 21

There was a regular old-fashioned Christmas market held this forenoon in and around Bonsecours marketand Jacques Cartier square. There were some three or four hundred dressed hogs and over one thousand beef quaters and some ten or twelve tons of poultry, chiefly turkeys, offered for sale by the farmers, while the crowds of buyers were so dense in some places that pick-pockets had a favorable opportunity of plying their trade which no doubt some of them did. There were only a few loads of oats in sight, and $1.10 per bag was the price demanded for them; buckwheat, $1.25 do.; beans, $1.75 per bushel; potatoes, 75c to 80c per 80 lb. bag; turnips, 60c do.; onions, $1.40 do.; beets and carrots, $1.50 to $2 per barrel; cabbages, $1.75 to $2.25 do.; celery, 20c to 60c per dozen; cauliflowers, 50c to $2 do.; dressed hogs, 8¾c to 9½c per lb.; beef hindquarters, 4¾c to 6c do.; do., fronts, 3¾c to 4½c do.; turkeys, 14c to 16c per lb.; geese, 11c to 12½c do. There were many more live geese on the market than on any former occasion, and about four dollars the pair was asked for good young Embden and Toulouse geese. Tub butter 23c to 27c per lb.; print butter, 25c to 30c do.; new laid eggs, 55c to 60c per dozen; do.; now laid eggs, 55c to 60c per dozen; older eggs, 25c to 45c do.; apples, $2.50 to $4 per barrel; Jamaica oranges, $4.75 do.; Valencia oranges, $3.75 to $4.75 per case; lemon, $3.00 per box; bananas, $1.40 to $2 per bunch. Messrs. Joseph Brown & Sons have shipped out to districts around the city seventy-five percent more bananas this week than they ever did before in the same time. Hay, $12 to $13.50 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs.; straw, $6 to $7 per 100 bundles of 12 lbs.

### CATTLE MARKETS.

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 20.—Trade slow and draggy, prices weak at quotations. Eighty loads in to-day, including 1,261 cattle, 1,346 sheep and lamps, 900 hogs, and 80 calves. Export cattle, choice, $4.75 to $5; medium, $4.25 to $4.50; export bulls, $3.75 to $4; export cows, $3.50 to $4; butchers' cattle, $4.50 to $4.75; medium, $3.50 to $3.75; common, $2.75 to $3; butchers' cows, $2.50 to $2.75; butchers' bulls, $2.50 to $3; stockers, choice, $3 to $3.25; common, $2.75 to $3; bulls, $2 to $2.25; heavy feeders, $3.50 to $3.65; short keeps, $3.75 to $4; milch cows, choice, each, $40 to $50; milch cows, common, each $25 to $35; springers, each, $25 to $40; export sheep, ewes, 4½c to 4¾c, steady; bucks, 3c to 3½c, steady; lambs, 5½c to 6¼c, steady; calves per lb., 3c to 6c, steady; hogs sell $6.15; fats and under weights, $5.90, fed and watered.

### CATTLE MARKETS.

East Buffalo, Dec. 21.—Cattle, receipts, 300 head; slow.

Prime steers, $5.65 to $6.15; shipping, at $4.75 to $5.50; butchers, $4.25 to $5.35.

Veals, receipts, 700 head; active and 50 cents higher; $4.50 to $5.25.

Hogs, receipts, 6,800 head; slow, and 5c to 10c lower; heavy, mixed and Yorkers, and pigs, $6.50 to $6.55; roughs, $5.75 to $5.90.

Sheep and lambs, receipts, 20,000 head; slow to easier; lambs, $5 to $7.40; wethers, $5.25 to $5.50; ewes, $4.75 to $5.00; sheep, mixed, $3 to $5; Canada lambs, $7 to $7.25.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Cattle, receipts, estimated, 4,000; steady.

Beeves, $4 to $4.90; cows and heifers, at $1.60 to $3.60; stockers and feeders, $3.40 to $4.50; Texans, $3.75 to $4.60; westerns, $3.90 to $5.50; calves, $6 to $8.

Hogs, estimated receipts, 30,000; 10 cents lower; mixed and butchers, $6 to $6.35; good, heavy, $6.20 to $6.35; rough, heavy, $5.85 to $6.10; light, $5.90 to $6.20; pigs, $5.40 to $6.30; bulk of sales, $6.10 to $6.25.

Sheep, estimated receipts, 8,000; steady; sheep, $3.75 to $5.65; lambs, $4.50 to $7.65.

Most of the world's supply of platinum comes from the southern part of the Ural mountains, in Russia. According to the report of the Russian ministry of finance, the increased demand for the metal of late years has raised the price for the raw material to nearly $500 a pound.

## FINANCIAL

### LOCAL STO[illegible]

AFTERNO[illegible]

Reported by Mack[illegible]

Brokers.

Sales. Ry. Rest[illegible]

Montreal St. Ry.

Toronto St. Ry.

Halifax Tram.

Twin City.

Power Bonds.

Ontario Bank.

Merchants' Bank.

Molsons Bank.

Montreal Bank.

Quebec Bank.

Provincial Bank.

Hochelaga Bank.

Nova Scotia.

Commerce.

Sovereign Bank.

Toronto.

### NEW YORK STO[illegible]

Stocks reported [illegible]

Hospital, Street, Trust, M[illegible]

New York Sugar.

Opening and C[illegible]

Stocks. Open. Close.

Am. Car Con. 112 112

Amer. Locos. 72 72

do. pfd. 92 92

Am. Sugar. 130 131

do. pfd. 121 121

Am. Steel. 44 44

Am. Car Fy. 42 42

Am. Wool. 31 31

Anaconda. 285 [illegible]

Atchison. 102 102

do. pfd. 101 101

Balt. & Ohio. 115 115

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Brooklyn R. 81 81

Can. Leather. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Can. Pac. 194 196

Can. South. [illegible] [illegible]

Ches. & Ohio. [illegible] [illegible]

Chic. & Alton. [illegible] [illegible]

C. & N. W. [illegible] [illegible]

C. M. & St. P. 172 172

Col. Southern. [illegible] [illegible]

do. 1st. [illegible] [illegible]

do. 2nd. [illegible] [illegible]

Con. Gas. [illegible] [illegible]

Col. Fuel. 50 50

Cons. Prod. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

do. do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Detroit U. [illegible] [illegible]

Del. L. & W. [illegible] [illegible]

Del. & Hud. [illegible] [illegible]

Den. & Rio G. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Dul. S. S. [illegible] 50

do. pfd. [illegible] 40

G.N.R. pfd. 260 260

Gen. Elec. [illegible] [illegible]

Havana El. [illegible] [illegible]

Iowa Central. [illegible] 29

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Jersey Cent. [illegible] [illegible]

Kans. & Tex. 41½ 41¾

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Louis. & Nash. [illegible] [illegible]

Manhattan. [illegible] [illegible]

Mexican Cent. [illegible] [illegible]

Minn. & St. L. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Mo. Pac. [illegible] [illegible]

Nat. Biscuit. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Nat. Lead. [illegible] [illegible]

New Mexico. [illegible] [illegible]

N. Y. Air Brake. [illegible] [illegible]

N. Y. Central. [illegible] [illegible]

N. Y. Chicago. [illegible] [illegible]

N. Y. Gas. [illegible] [illegible]

N. Y. Ont. & W. [illegible] [illegible]

N. Y. Susq. & W. [illegible] [illegible]

do. 2nd pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Norfolk & W. [illegible] [illegible]

North Am. [illegible] [illegible]

Ont. & West. [illegible] [illegible]

Pacific Mail. [illegible] [illegible]

Penn. [illegible] [illegible]

Peo. Gas. [illegible] [illegible]

Pressed Steel. [illegible] [illegible]

Pullman. [illegible] [illegible]

Reading. [illegible] [illegible]

1st pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

2nd pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Rep. Iron & S. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Rock Island. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

St. Paul. [illegible] [illegible]

Sloss Sheffield. [illegible] [illegible]

So. Pacific. [illegible] [illegible]

So. Railway. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Tenn. Coal. [illegible] [illegible]

Texas Pacific. [illegible] [illegible]

Third Ave. [illegible] [illegible]

Twin City. [illegible] [illegible]

Union Pac. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

U. S. Leather. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

U. S. Rubber. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

U. S. Steel. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Wabash. [illegible] [illegible]

do. pfd. [illegible] [illegible]

Wis. Central. [illegible] [illegible]

Total sales [illegible]

### LONDON QUOTATIONS

London, Dec. 21st, 1 p.m. Closing quotations: Consols, 85 5-16; do. for account, 85 7-16.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Anaconda. | 14 | Erie. | 44 |
| Atchison. | 105 | do. 1st pfd. | 77 |
| do. pfd. | 104 | do. 2nd pfd. | 66 |
| E. & O. | 124 | Ill. Cen. | 157 |
| C. P. R. | 201 | Lou. & N. | 142 |
| Ches. & O. | 58 | Kan. & Tex. | 42 |
| Chic. G. W. | 18 | N. Y. C. | 135 |
| Chic. M. & P. | 193 | North. & W. | 94 |
| De Beers. | 23 | do. pfd. | 93 |
| Den. & R. G. | 44 | Ont. & West. | 42 |
| do. pfd. | 85 | Penn. | 71 |
| St. Paul. | [illegible] | Rand Mines. | [illegible] |

Spanish Fours, 95.

Bar silver steady, 32 1-16 d per ounce.

Money 3 percent.

Discount rates, for short bills, 6 per cent; three months' bills, 6 per cent.

### TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE

The following are this morning's quotations of Cobalt mining stocks on the Toronto market up to the close of the day's business:

| For | Asked | Bid | For | Asked |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert. | [illegible] | [illegible] | Montreal. | [illegible] |
| Amalg. | 100 | [illegible] | Peter Lake. | [illegible] |
| Beaver. | 40 | 32 | Red Rock. | [illegible] |
| Buffalo. | 400 | 390 | Rothschild. | [illegible] |
| Foster. | 282 | 270 | Silver Leaf. | [illegible] |
| Gr. Meehan. | 141 | 5[illegible] | Silver Bar. | [illegible] |
| Gordon. | 60 | [illegible] | Sn. Queen. | [illegible] |
| Hud. Bay. | 155 | 147 | Trethewey. | [illegible] |
| Kerr Lake. | 500 | 490 | University. | [illegible] |
| McKinley. | 290 | 290 | Watts. | [illegible] |
| Merchants. | [illegible] | [illegible] | | |

### MONTREAL EXCHANGE RATE

Sixty Days [illegible]

Sight [illegible]

Cables [illegible]

Francs, Short [illegible]

Marks, short [illegible]

New York funds [illegible]

New York, Dec. 21.—Money on call 8 to 8½ percent; prime mercantile paper, 6 to 6½ percent; exchange, 4 720.

### MEMBER OF TORONTO EXCHA[illegible]

Mr. J. W. Baillie has been admitted a member of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

### WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET

| | Dec. | May |
|---|---|---|
| Last night | 72[illegible] | [illegible] |
| Opening | 72[illegible] | [illegible] |
| Closing | 72[illegible] | [illegible] |
| Hight | 72[illegible] | [illegible] |
| Low | 72[illegible] | [illegible] |


## Furs.

Bears, Stoles, Throws, C[illegible]

Muffs in goods, [illegible] for young girls and young [illegible] 10 percent better than [illegible] the same price. See them.

CHAS. DESJARDINS & CIE.

485 to 491 St. Catherine street, [illegible] Corner St. Timothy street.

Tel. Bell: East 1536. 1537.

## THE MANSFIELD

Near Sherbrooke St.

Heated Flat, 8 rooms, [illegible] possession. Rent till May [illegible]

309 ST. JAMES ST.

FOR SALE, A FEW PIECES [illegible] class Furniture, in Solid Mahogany, [illegible] sisting of a Card Table, [illegible] Choval Glass, a Sofa, [illegible] perfect condition and [illegible] Address L., Witness' [illegible]

TO LET AT DALHOUSIE, [illegible] Summer Hotel, known as [illegible] House," furnished. This [illegible] most popular summer [illegible] excellent bathing [illegible] beautiful Bay Chaleurs, [illegible] also different kinds of [illegible] ments. This property [illegible] purchased by the undersigned [illegible] paired. Rent reasonable to [illegible] party. Apply to DOLLS & [illegible] Arran House, Dalhousie, N.B.

## MONEY WAS EASIER BUT MARKET DULL.

### Fractional Changes Both Ways With Ominous Signs of Trouble if Speculation Continues.

### SENTIMENT GREATLY SHAKEN IN POWER STOCK.

SCOTIA WAS UP, AND IRON COMMON STEADY AT RECENT DECLINE—VOLUME OF BUSINESS SMALL.

**Exchange value of £1 sterling to-day is $4.83.33 to $4.83.47.**

Money on call was lower on Wall Street to-day at 9 percent in the early morning, and later was quoted at around 7½ percent, but all reports state that dealings in stocks when the market opened were very meagre, with fluctuations narrow and mixed. The partial cessation of stock market speculation is naturally the cause of easier money for the time being, and it is only reasonable to suppose that with liquidation of stocks, and a consequent decline in the demand for money for speculative purposes, the money market will recover much of its normal character. It seems of little avail, however, for as soon as money may be had at anything below six or seven percent the invariable rule is to absorb available funds in the buying of stocks for the rise. The market has ample warning of dire and dreadful things in the immediate future, in the shape of high money rates, and if half the predictions, based on the known demands for money, and the already overstrained credit system, are fulfilled, even the wealthy banking pools will be hard put to it to prevent severe loss, or at least to hold their heavy holdings until relief comes from the interior. Stocks were still under a cloud this morning, and a few losses were made in the specialties. Montreal Power, which has shown a firmer tendency the past two days, was very weak this morning,and sold off at 96¾, on a small volume of business. There is no doubt that sentiment has been affected by the representations of such powerful bodies as the Manufacturers and the Board of Trade, and in fact, it may be considered that this latest of Power 'sensations' will enforce a greater amount of respect for the people's wishes on the part of the civic authorities than has been the case heretofore. Scotia was very strong and higher at 71 to 71¼, while Iron common was almost steady at the recent decline. Business was very quiet.

London copper firm; spot, £107, adv., 2s 6d, futures, £108 10s, adv., 2s 6d.

MORNING EXCHANGE SALES.

Can. Pac.—25 at 194½.
Mont. St. Ry. x.r.—64 at 218, 206 at 216.
St. Ry. Ggts.—5½ at 111¼, 11½ at 11.
Toronto Ry. x.d.—50 at 113, 6 at 112½.
Power—50 at 93¾, 4 at 92.
Mackay x.d.—15 at 71, 100 at 69⅛.
Toledo—24 at 27, 25 at 26½.
Illinois pfd.—10 at 90.
Havana—40 at 42½.
Detroit—25 at 81.
Rio—50 at 45.
Iron—100 at 22⅝, 325 at 22½, 50 at 22¼.
L. of W. pfd.—25 at 105½.
Mont. St. Bds.—$300 at 104.
Sov. Bank—30 at 134.
Scotia—50 at 71¼, 50 at 71.
Bank of Mont.—2 at 255½, 27 at 256.
Textile Bds.—$1,000 at 90C.
Omitted yesterday p.m.—Canadian Pacific, 25 at 195¾.

## MONTREAL TRADE

Dun's Bulletin, of Saturday, Dec. 22, will say of Montreal trade:

In wholesale trade there is nothing special to note. The great majority of travellers are now home, as retailers are generally too busy to buy goods at this season. Remittances are favorably spoken of, and failures are few. Some few changes in values are to be noted. Sugars have declined ten cents. Lead and copper are both again advanced, and barb wire is put up 5 cents per hundred. Local manufacturers of pins, hooks and eyes and smallwares, have withdrawn quotations, owing to the enhanced cost of all material. Canned goods of all kinds are considered very good stock, and are likely to advance, as supplies in the North-West, where the consumption is great, are said to be very low. Calfskins and tallow are easier.

## ADVANTAGES OF CREDIT CURRENCY.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Mr. Fowler, chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, submitted to the House yesterday his report on the Credit Currency bill agreed upon by the committee. The report reiterates the committee's assertions that bank book credits are identical with bank note credits, and that it should be at the option of a depositor of a bank to say whether he shall have currency credit of the bank or a book subject to his cheque.

The advantage of a credit currency are set forth by the report as follows:

'It will lower and equalize the rates of interest throughout the United States.

'It will make the rates practically uniform throughout the year.

'It will give to the country districts as economical a reform of credit as the cities have, where cheques are chiefly used.

'It will give to the masses of the people, who use currency in their smaller purchases, as economical a form of credit as those who enjoy the use of cheques in their larger transactions.

'It will make it possible for the banks readily to serve such of their customers as may want currency without disturbing the reserves to the great injury of other customers, who have loans which must be paid before the currency can be advanced; and it is immaterial to a bank whether it loses a depositor or a note holder.

'It will almost invariably prevent any panic whatever, and will always avert a disastrous crisis.'

## MONTREAL STREET FOR 2 MONTHS

The following is the comparative statement of earnings and expenses of the Montreal Street Railway for November and two months of this fiscal year:

| | | | Current month. Increase. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1906 | 1905. | Amount. | P.C |
| Total gross . | $263,260 | $232,635 | $30,625 | 13.16 |
| Oper. Exp. .. | 174,933 | 153,627 | 21,305 | 13.87 |
| Net earn. . . | 88,327 | 79,007 | 9,319 | 11.80 |
| City per. on earn. .. ... | 9,008 | 8,291 | 716 | 8.64 |
| Int. on bonds and loans . | 17,074 | 13,782 | 3,292 | 23.89 |
| Con. for renew. | 13,193 | ..... | 13,193 | .... |
| Total charges | 39,276 | 22,074 | 17,202 | 77.93 |
| Surplus . . . | 49,050 | 56,933 | *7,882 | |
| Expenses p.c. car earnings . | 66.45 | 66.04 | 41 | |

| | Oct. 1 to Nov. 30. Increase. | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1906. | 1905. | Amount. | P.C |
| Total gross . | $545,082 | $482,423 | $62,658 | 12.00 |
| Oper. exp. ... | 331,173 | 295,308 | 33,865 | 12.14 |
| Net earn. . . | 213,908 | 187,115 | 26,793 | 14.32 |
| City per. on earn. . . .. | 18,676 | 17,135 | 1,541 | 8.99 |
| Int. on bonds and loans .. | 33,924 | 26,001 | 7,923 | 30.47 |
| Cont. for renew. | 27,284 | | 27,284 | |
| Total charges | 72,886 | 43,136 | 36,749 | 85.19 |
| Surplus. . .. | 134,022 | 143,278 | *9,955 | |
| Expenses p.c. car earnings. . | 60.76 | 61.21 | | |

*Decrease.

## MEXICAN INVESTMENTS

Mr. W. F. Tye, formerly chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Mr. Frank Thompson, have just returned from an extended trip through Mexico in connection with enterprises in which the Canadian Electric Syndicate, of which Mr. R. F. Person, M.P.P., of Halifax, is president, has been for some time interested. The president of the syndicate stated yesterday that the result of the mission to Mexico had been satisfactory, and will result in a large investment of Canadian and English capital in the several enterprises already undertaken.

The policy of President Diaz and his government has been to welcome the introduction of outside capital, and afford foreign investors every protection under the laws of the country.

## WESTERN CLEARINGS

EDMONTON.

Edmonton, Dec. 20.—Bank clearings for the week ending to-day were $911,601.

WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 20.—Bank clearings for the week ending to-day were $12,384,167; 1905, $9,820,272, and for 1904, $8,282,865.

CALGARY.

Calgary, Alb., Dec. 20.—Clearings for the week ending to-day were $1,452,469.

## THE NIPISSING DIVIDEND

Nipissing Mines Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of three percent, and an extra dividend of two percent, payable Jan. 20 to stock of record Jan. 2, 1907.

The directors have instructed the president to prepare from the latest reports the present financial and physical condition of the company's property, and to promptly mail same to each stockholder of record.

It is understood that the report of the Nipissing Mines Company for the last six months will show earnings of between $600,000 and $700,000, or considerably less than the 'street' has been led to believe.

Mr. Earle said that the meeting had been a peaceful one, and that the directors could have easily doubled the dividend had they chosen to, but they preferred to be conservative.

The engineers' reports, submitted at the meeting,regarding the condition of the mine, he said, were even better than they had expected. These will be given out this evening ,and will contain a full schedule of the company's financial status.

All the directors are believed to have been present at the meeting with the exception of Captain H. Lamar, who is at present in New York.

## COBALT STOCK QUOTATIONS

Following are yesterday afternoon's quotations of the mining stocks listed on the Standard Stock and Mining Exchange, Toronto, specially reported for the 'Witness' by Greville & Co., Limited, Toronto:

| | Asked. | Bid. |
|---|---|---|
| Abitibi .. .. .. .. ..... | 34 | 28 |
| Amalgamated .. .. .. .... | 1.00 | —— |
| Beaver .. .. .. .. .. .. | 45 | 30 |
| Buffalo .. .. .. .. .. .. | 4.25 | 3.00 |
| Cleveland .. .. .. .. .. | 1.00 | —— |
| Clear Lake .. .. .. ..... | 65 | —— |
| Foster .. .. .. .. .. .. | 2.42 | 2.37 |
| Gilpin .. .. .. .. .. .... | 60 | —— |
| Gordon .. .. .. .. .. .. | 70 | —— |
| Green-Meehan .. .. .. .. | 1.42 | 1.40½ |
| Hudson Bay .... .. .. .. | 155.00 | 148.00 |
| Kerr Lake .. .. .. .. .. | 5.00 | —— |
| McKin. Dar. Savage ... ... | 2.50 | 2.00 |
| Montreal .. .. .. .. .... | 65 | —— |
| Nipissing .. .. .. .. .. .. | 13.25 | 13.05 |
| Peterson Lake e.. .. .. .. | 60 | 40 |
| Red Rock .. .. .. .. .. | 1.25 | 1.02 |
| Rothschilds .... .. .... .. | 45 | —— |
| Silver Leaf .. .. .. .. .. | 19 | 18½ |
| Silver Bar .. .. .. .. .. | 45 | 26 |
| Silver Queen .. .. .. .. .. | 2.45 | 2.35 |
| Temiscamingue .. .. .. .. | 1.30 | —— |
| Trethewey .. .. .. .. .... | 1.98 | 1.95 |
| University .... .. .. .. .. | 13.00 | 10.00 |
| Watts .. .. .. .. .. .... | 1.00 | —— |

## MARKET LETTER

The following are extracts from C. J. McCuaig & Company's weekly circular letter:—

'We would like to call attention to some of the 6 percent preferred stocks, and to the shares of the Molsons and Merchants Banks at present prices; Molsons yielding 4.71 percent on the investment, and Merchants 4.73 percent. These two are among the strongest banks in the country, and when their stocks can be purchased at a rate to yield nearly 5 percent ,they certainly look attractive.

'Looking backwards, there is no doubt that the break in Cobalt stocks, which followed the drop in Nipissing, has been for the best. Reckless speculation in these issues had attained too great a volume, and the public were making purchases right and left, very often without knowing anything about what they were purchasing. Now, however, the better class of Cobalt stocks, and especially the dividend payers, have been placed on a sounder footing, and several of them are selling at attractive prices. Trethewey, which is paying 4 percent quarterly, equal to 16 percent per annum, is being purchased by insiders.'

## BANK STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER

### Call Money Outside Canada Inreased $6,400,000 Over October; Home Call Loans Decreased.

### DEPOSITS NOW TOTAL $583,698,000 AND CURRENT LOANS $538,695,115.

The November report of the Canadian chartered banks, referred to briefly in yesterday's 'Witness,' shows that circulation is starting to come in, the decline of nearly $300,000 when compared with the heavy month of October being an indication of a steady withdrawal of notes from circulation. The capital of the banks has increased just $10,123,000 since November, 1905, while circulation has increased about $6,800,000. It is interesting to note the development of call loans outside of Canada, during a time of high interest rates on Wall Street, the figures for November being $66,91?,335, or an increase of $6,400,000 over October of this year. Call loans in this country were about $428,000 less than those of October, but a substantial improvement over November of 1905, of $7,600,000. Current loans in Canada increased from $457,008,145 in November, a year ago, to $538,695,115, an increase of $81,686,970, or 17.80 percent. Total deposits increased in the twelve months $71,756,000, or 14 percent, and now stand at $583,698,000. The following comparative efigures show the records of November, 1905, those of October of this year, and the current figures for November:

| | Circulation. | Capital. |
|---|---|---|
| Nov. 1905 .. .. .. .. | $77,236,877 | $84,542,598 |
| Oct. 1906 .. .. .. .. | 86,204,765 | 94,343,742 |
| Nov. 1906 .. .. .. .. | 86,611,712 | 94,665,447 |

CALL LOANS OUTSIDE OF CANADA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Nov. 1905 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | $59,508,224 |
| Oct. 1906 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 60,336,957 |
| Nov. 1906 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 66,919,335 |

CALL LOANS ON STOCKS AND BONDS IN CANADA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Nov. 1905 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | $48,792,009 |
| Oct. 1906 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 56,878,521 |
| Nov. 1906 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 56,440,834 |

CURRENT LOANS IN CANADA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Nov. 1905 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | $457,008,145 |
| Oct. 1906 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 531,019,419 |
| Nov. 1906 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 538,695,115 |

TOTAL DEPOSITS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Nov. 1905 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | $511,942,492 |
| Oct. 1906 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 572,318,352 |
| Nov. 1906 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 583,698,905 |

'REST,' OR RESERVE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Nov. 1905 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | $58,528,624 |
| Oct. 1906 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. | 66,543,794 |
| Nov. 1906 .. .... .. .. .. .. | 67,689,549 |

## COBALT LAKE TENDERS

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Sir Henry Pellatt, in trust for the Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Buffalo and Detroit syndicates, which had coalesced to tender for the privilege of mining Cobalt Lake, this afternoon placed their tender, accompanied by a marked cheque for the necessary ten percent in the hands of the Minister of Lands and Forests. The decision of the Government may be made public to-day, possibly, however, not till Monday. The amount of Sir Henry's tender exceeded a million. Rumor to-night placed it at slightly below $1,100,000. It is understood that there is a tender from Americans, which is said not to comply with the conditions presented by the Government.

## AFTERNOON CALL

Reported by McDougall & Cowans, Stockbrokers, Montreal and Quebec, at 3 p.m. to-day

| | Sellers | Buyers | | Sellers | Buyers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Auto Ry... | .... | .... | Coal pfd.... | .... | .... |
| Bell Tel .. | .... | 147 | Dom. I. & S. | 22½ | 22⅜ |
| B.C.Pack A | .... | .... | do pfd.... | 65 | 62 |
| B.C.Pack B | .... | .... | Duluth com. | .... | .... |
| Can. Con.. | .... | .... | do... pfd | .... | .... |
| C.P.R..... | 197 | 196 | Halifax.... | 104¼ | 100 |
| New Pacific | .... | .... | Hav. Elec... | .... | 41 |
| Detroit.... | 81⅞ | 80¾ | do. pfd | .... | 80 |
| Coal com | 65 | 63 | Mex L. & P.... | .... | 55 |
| Il.Trac xd | .... | 89 | M. & St. P. | 150 | 146 |
| Int'l Coal... | .... | .... | M. L. H.& P. | 94 | 91¼ |
| do. pfd.. | .... | .... | Mex.& M... | .... | .... |
| L. W'd. pfd. | .... | .... | M. S. R..... | 220 | 218 |
| do. com... | .... | .... | Mt. Steel.. | 105 | 103 |
| L. Paper.... | .... | .... | do. pfd.... | .... | .... |
| do. pfd.... | 110 | 104 | Mont. Tel.. | .... | 162 |
| Mackay...xd | 70 | 68 | Nip. Mines | .... | .... |
| do. pfd.xd | 63½ | 67½ | Ohio T.&L. | | |
| N.S. Steel.. | 71 | 70⅞ | St. John xd | .... | .... |
| do. prf... | .... | .... | Toledo..... | 28 | 26½ |
| N.W. Land. | .... | .... | Toronto..... | 114¼ | 112 |
| Oglivie com | .... | .... | Trinidad..... | 94 | 90 |
| do. pfd.xd.. | 124 | .... | Twin City.. | 106½ | 104 |
| Rich. & Ont. | 84¼ | 83 | West Indi. | .... | .... |
| Sao Paulo... | .... | .... | Winnipeg...a.. | .... | .... |

BANKS

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| E.N.A. .... | .... | 145 | N. Scotia.... | 292 | 290 |
| Commerce .. | 177 | 175 | Ontario .... | .... | .... |
| Dom. .... | .... | .... | Ottawa.xd.. | .... | .... |
| East. T.... | .... | .... | Quebec..... | .... | .... |
| Hochlaga... | .... | 159½ | Royal..... | 240¼ | 238 |
| Imperial.... | .... | .... | Sovereign .. | .... | .... |
| Merch....xd | 169 | 168 | Standard... | .... | .... |
| Molson.. xr | .... | .... | Toronto..... | .... | .... |
| Montreal ... | 257 | 255 | Union..... | .... | .... |
| Nationale... | .... | .... | | | |

COTTONS.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Can.Col.... | 57 | 54 | Montreal.... | 132 | 125 |
| D.Tex.pfd.. | 102 | 98½ | | | |

BONDS

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bell Tel.. 5 | 107¼ | 105 | Hav. E... 5 | .... | .... |
| Can. Col. 6 | ... | .... | L of Wds 6 | .... | .... |
| D. Coal.. 5 | 99½ | .... | L. Paper 6 | .... | .... |
| D. Col... 6 | 97 | 86¼ | Mex.E.L. 5 | .... | .... |
| D.I.&S. 5 | .... | .... | Mex.L.P. 5 | .... | .... |
| Mt.L.&P.4½ | .... | 81½ | Textile A 6 | .... | 91 |
| Mt.S.Ry. 4½ | .... | 103 | " B 6 | .... | 91 |
| N.S. S. C. 6 | 112½ | 108½ | " C 6 | 94 | 91 |
| Ogilvie... 6 | .... | .... | " D 6 | .... | .... |
| Sao P.... 5 | .... | .... | Win. E.. 5 | .... | .... |

TORONTO MORNING SALES.

Morning Board:
Sao Paulo Rights—10½ at 4⅝, 420 at 4½.
Sao Paulo bonds—$5,000 at 94½.
Rio—35 at 45, 50 at 44⅞.
Rio bonds—$500 at 80.
Toronto Elect. xd—25 at 163.
Mackay xd—10 at 70, 35 at 70¼.
Mackay pref—60 at 68¼.
C.P.R.—12 at 193.
Imperial Bank—4 at 225.
Sovereign Bank—30 at 133¾.
Niag. Navigation—xd—40 at 123.
Nor. Navigation—20 at 105.
St. L and C S.N. Co.—50 at 125.
Consumers Gas—22 at 204½.

## THE WHEAT MOVEMENT

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Wheat marketed on Wednesday at elevators on the C.P.R. lines amounted to 98,000 bushels,and other grains 16,000 bushels. Totals to date since September 1 are 40,318,000 and 3,555,000. Last year the figures for Dec. 19 were 167,000 and 18,000. Totals to date in 1905 were 42,204,000 and 2,312,000, respectively.

## ORANGES COME FROM MANY LANDS.

### Europe, Asia, North and Central America Supply This Fruit to Canadians.

### CHRISTMAS TRADE HEAVY IN ALL LINES OF FRUIT.

Wherever fruit is sold at this season of the year, oranges occupy a leading place, and this popular line of fruit receives particular attention from those who are interested in increasing the value and volume of their trade. The average consumer probably never gives a thought as to where his purchase was produced, and if some of the supplies of oranges in Montreal were traced back to the land of their growth, a surprisingly wide area of the earth's surface would be represented.

California is perhaps the largest shipper to this market, but there are also stocks in store to-day from Italy, Spain, Mexico, Florida, Jamaica and the Bahamas. It will be seen from the above list that Montreal dealers go far afield for their supplies, but they do not seem to have taken up the Japanese fruit trade to anything like the extent of western merchants. Japanese oranges are favorites with Winnipeg dealers for the winter trade, and those who have sampled the fruit say that it is a delicious eating orange, though rather small in size. They come in boxes about the size of a small tea-chest, and there are from 75 to 100 oranges in each package.

Though large quantities of some, and considerable quantities of all varieties have been delivered to this market, the stocks in the hands of the dealers are practically exhausted, and it is even reported that orders have been turned down during the last day or two.

Under the existing market conditions, prices are firm throughout the list, and those who have stock to sell are getting from $3.25 to $3.50 per box for California navels; $3 to $3.25 for Floridas; $3.50 to $4 for Valencias in 420 size, and $5 to $5.25 in 7-4 size.

Lemons are in fair demand at $2 to $3 per box as to quality.

Pineapples are on the market, but the supplies are rather limited. Fine, ripe fruit is quoted at $4 per case.

Apples are rather quiet, as is usual at this time of the year, but prices are steady; winter grades are selling at $3.50 to $4 for No. 1, and $2.50 to $3 for No. 2. No. 1 grade Tameuse are quoted at $4 per barrel.

Grape fruit is selling slowly at $3.50 to $4 per box.

A very active Christmas trade in bananas is one of the features of the market, and the demand has been so good during the past few days that dealers estimate the volume of this year's trade at double that of any preceding season. Quotations range from $1.65 to $2 per bunch, the latter price being asked for particularly fine and large fruit.

Other lines that have been active this season are the evergreen, holly, holly-wreaths, etc., and supplies were well cleaned up by the middle of the week.

## UNITED STATES CROPS.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The final estimates of the crop reporting board of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture (in which preliminary estimates made earlier in the year, are revised and corrected), indicate the acreage, production and value, in 1906, of the farm crops of the United States, to be as follows:

| | Acreage. | Production. | Farm value, Dec. 1, 1906 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Corn. . | 96,737,681 | 2,927,416,091 | $1,166,626,479 |
| Winter wheat | 29,599,961 | 492,888,604 | 336,435,081 |
| Spring wheat. | 17,705,858 | 242,372,966 | 173,897,697 |
| Oats . | 30,958,768 | 964,904,522 | 306,292,973 |
| Barley . | 6,325,757 | 178,316,484 | 74,935,997 |
| Rye. . . | 2,001,904 | 33,374,832 | 19,671,245 |
| Buckwheat. . | 789,208 | 14,641,937 | 8,727,443 |

The average weight per bushel is shown by reports received by the bureau to be 56.5 pounds for spring wheat, 59.2 pounds for winter wheat, and 32.0 pounds for oats.

## CANADIAN WOODS

From Farnworth & Jardine's wood circular for Dec. 1:—Waney pine has been imported on a small scale, and entirely to Manchester, chiefly on contract. There has been a good consumption of first-class wood; values are well maintained. Second class timber has been imported moderately; values are unchanged. Square pine has not been imported. There is a fair demand and a light stock; values continue firm. Red pine has not been imported during the past month. The market is now quite bare of this wood, but there is not much enquiry. Oak—There has been no import, but the consumption has been disappointing. The stock, however, is moderate, and values remain unchanged. Elm has not been imported. There has been a fair consumption, but stock remains on the large side. Pine deals have been imported to about an average extent; there has been a fair consumption, and values all round are well maintained. Red pine deals—There is no alteration in value to report; the demand is not brisk.

## MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRICES

FLOUR—Manitoba spring wheat patents, $4.40 to $4.60; strong bakers, $3.90 to $4.10; winter wheat patents, $4 to $4.20, and straight rollers, $3.75 to $3.85, in wood; in bags, $1.65 to $1.75; extra, in bags, $1.50 to $1.60.

ROLLED OATS — $2.10 to $2.15 in bags of 90 lbs.

OATS — No. 2, 42½c per bushel; No. 3, 41½c to 42c; No. 4, 40½c to 41c.

CORNMEAL — $1.35 to $1.40 per bag; granulated, $1.65.

MILLFEED—Ontario bran in bags, $19.50 to $20; shorts, in bags, $21; Manitoba bran in bags, $19.50 to $20; shorts, $21.

BEANS— Prime pea beans, in car loan lots, $1.40 to $1.45 per bushel.

POTATOES—75c to 85c per bag of 90 lbs., in carload lots.

PEAS — Boiling, in broken lots, $1.10 to $1.15 per bushel; in car lots, $1.05.

HAY — No. 1, $13.50 to $14 per ton on track; No. 2, $12.50 to $13; clover, $10.50 to $11; clover, mixed, $11 to $11.50.

HONEY — White clover in comb, 13c to 14c; dark, 9½c to 10c per lb. section; white extract, 10c to 10½c; buckwheat, 6½c to 7c per pound.

PROVISIONS — Barrels short cut mess, $22 to $24; ½ brls., $11.25 to $11.75; clear fat back, $23.50; long cut heavy mess, $20.50; ½ barrels do., $10.75; dry salt long clear bacon, 10½c to 11½c; barrels plate beef, $12 to $13; half barrels do., $6.50 to $7.00; barrels heavy mess beef, $11.00; half barrels do., $6; compound lard, 8¼c to 9c; pure lard, 12½c to 13c; kettle rendered, 13½c to 14c; hams, 13c to 14½c, according to size; breakfast bacon, 15c to 16c; Windsor bacon, 15c to 16c; fresh alive, $6.50 to $6.75.

EGGS — New laid, 35c; No 1 candled, 21c to 22c.

CHEESE— October made, Ontario, 12¼c to 12½c; November made 11¾c to 12c.

BUTTER—Choicest creamery,25¾c to 25½c; medium grades, 23½c to 24½c.

ASHES—First pots, $5.40 to $5.50; seconds, $4.70 to $4.80; pearls, $6.50 to $6.60 per 100 pounds.

## GRAIN MARKETS

A demand that is equal to the supplies been very good on this market up to within the last few days and millers and jobbers feel that they have no cause for complaint that the annual dull season, which will last till well into January, has set in. The enquiry from outside points has kept business brisk for some time past and local trade has also been very good in all lines of spring and winter wheat patents. Prices in the general list are unchanged.

Rolled oats are steady at $2.10 to $2.15 per bag, but the enquiry is small and trade is dull.

The scarcity of bran is the principal feature of note on the millfeed market. Both city and country consumers are asking for supplies, but the output of the mills is booked for some time ahead, and free supplies on the market are bringing high prices. Shorts are selling well and moullie is also in good demand, selling on sample at $25 to $30 per ton.

A demandth that is equal to the supplies and small deliveries to increase local stocks, have given a very firm tone to the local oat market. Lots of No. 2 white are selling ex-store at 42½c per bushel, No. 3 at 41½c to 42c, and No. 4 at 40½c to 41c.

Baled hay is in good demand but stocks are light and the market is very firm.

## SWITCH DIVIDEND OF 4 1-2 PERCENT.

The directors of the Montreal Steel Company have declared a dividend of 4½ percent on the common stock outstanding,and the regular quarterly dividend on the preferred of 1¾ percent. The dividend declaration on the common stock is the second part of the regular 7 percent rate, a 2½ percent interim dividend having been paid in July. Both dividends will be paid on Jan. 8, to shareholders of record Dec.

## CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE SPLIT INTO FACTIONS.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The 'Tribune' says today:—The Chicago Board of Trade is in danger of splitting in twain as the result of dissensions. Two votes by the general membership yesterday accelerated the movement which has tended towards a break, and unless a radical change occurs there will be two Boards of Trade in a few months.

One amendment voted down provided for the filing of claims against members who are in debt, and the compulsory transfer of their memberships. This change was intended to do away with the claim of members who, in the words of an ex-President: 'Are possessed only of a trading card and a lead pencil.' The vote showed 580 against the change, while only 123 favored it.

Another amendment by which members out of town would be permitted to vote by proxy, instead of in person, was lost, the vote being 636 against and 75 for.

The two votes showed that the local traders were in absolute control of the board, and were certain to elect their officers at the elections now close at hand.

## PIGS AND TUBERCULOSIS

London, Dec. 20.—The president of the Local Government Board, Mr. Burns, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, said he was aware that the carcases of pigs intended for export from the United States were not dealt with according to the standard recommended by the Royal commission on tuberculosis, of 1898, but pending the report of the Royal commission, which was now sitting, he did not think that carcases could be examined in accordance with these requirements.

## TORONTO MARKETS

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The market for Ontaro wheat is stagnant, as the mills are not buying to any extent, and there is no demand for export. Exporters say that they cannot pay more than 69c for Ontario wheat and handle it profitably, and that they are not anxious to handle it even at 69c. Farmers are reluctant to sell at this figure. There is not much activity in Manitoba wheat. Mill stuffs are scarce, and $20 a ton is asked for bran.

Call Board quotations to-day are:

Bran—$20 asked, Toronto.

Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 80c bid, Owen Sound.

Barley—Ontario, No. 2, 50c bid outside; No. 4 Manitoba, 51½c asked North Bay, prompt shipment.

Peas—No. 2, 80c bid, 78 percent points; 82c asked.

Oats—No. 2 white, 35½c bid, main line; 36c asked outside; 35⅝c bid, 5c rate to Toronto, 36c asked.

Rye—Ontario, 71c asked outside; Alberta No 2 (enroute), 74½c asked North Bay freight.

Other quotations are:

Wheat—Ontario No. 2 white, red, mixed, 69c to 69½c; no quotations on goose wheat. Manitoba No. 1 Northern, 81c to 81½c, at elevator.

Rye—70c to 71c.

Barley—No. 3 extra, 48½c to 49c; No. 2, 49½c to 50½c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 35½c to 35¾c.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 54c to 55c.

Flour—Dull; Ontario, $2.70 asked for 90 percent patents for export, buyers' bags, outside; $2.65 bid; Manitoba first patents, $4.50; seconds, $4; bakers, $3.90.

## BOTTLER ASSIGNS.

L. J. Vezina, bottler and liquor merchant, assigned yesterday at the demand of L. Reinhardt, with liabilities of about six thousand dollars.


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Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—The Hickey Oil Company, of Detroit, which in its way was the wonder of the Leamington-Comber oil fields in Essex County, Ontario, has wound up its affairs and passed out of existence. It struck two or three gushers in the latter part of 1904, but they proved to be only 'pockets,' and did not last long. It sold about $15,000 worth of oil to the Imperial Oil Company, of Sarnia, and received about $7,000 in bounties from the Canadian Government, but machinery and well construction were costly. One dividend of about one-half percent, was paid. The total loss to stockholders will be over $14,000.

## A TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

### MEMBERS OF CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE CONFER WITH PREMIER GOUIN.

A large delegation of members of the Chambre de Commerce called upon Premier Gouin, yesterday, in connection with the proposed formation of a school for higher commercial education.

Among others present were the Hon. Messrs. J. I. Tarte, Alph. Desjardins, T. Berthiaume, Messrs. L. J. A. Surveyer, Isaie Prefontaine, D. Parizeau, J. Contant, Ald. J. B. A. Martin, H. Gervais, M.P., A. Champagne, A. V. Roy, Ald. N. Leclerc, C. Desmarteau, L. C. de Tonnancourt, J. Vaillancourt, L. Gauthier, L. E. Geoffrion, J. B. A. Lanctot, L. J. Loranger, A. Robitaille, S. Lachance, D. Masson, S. D. Vallieres, L. Bourbonniere, L. R. Montbriand, G. Boivin, J. Fortier, S. Robitaille, Chevalier Mariotti, J. Perrault, O. Faucher, Comte des Etanges, E. Marceau, A. Marcotte, R. Gohier, A. Messier, R. Tourville.

In the absence of the president of the Chamber, Mr. Chs. Catelli, who had been called to Ottawa, the second vice-president, Mr. Isaie Prefontaine, was the spokesman, and presented the formal petition prepared by the council.

This petition sets forth that the Chambre de Commerce having realized the necessity of a school such as the one proposed, felt happy to find the same view embodied in the general programme of the present Quebec Government. Under those circumstances, the members were ready to place themselves at the disposal of the government for the administration of such a school. The Chamber reckoned that the building and equipment would cost some $300,000, and its members, if given the management, were disposed to contribute an annual sum of $5,000 for a period of forty years, and then become owners of the building. They would expect the Premier himself to hold, in the institution, a position that would give him control.

In reply, the Premier remarked that this was probably the first time a public body had come to offer pecuniary help to the government, and he thanked the Chamber for such a move. On the other hand, they asked the management of the school, and he wanted to be in a position, if such an arrangement was reached, to tell the public that the contribution of the Chamber justified the agreement. Could not the annual subscription be made larger, for it must not be forgotten that the running of the school would cost from twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars a year. Again, would the government be expected to continue and subsidize the school after forty years?

Mr. Prefontaine replied that in offering $5,000, the Chamber was actually stretching a point, and showing what importance it attached to the movement. As regards the future, he felt sure that at the expiry of the forty years, the Chamber would be in a position to continue the school itself without outside help.

The Premier then remarked that the government could certainly not succeed in such an enterprise without the help of some influential body such as the Chambre de Commerce, but instead of placing the proposed school under the control of the Chamber, would it not be better to organize a separate composition. Again, some wealthy citizens might be induced to furnish generous contributions, and they would be appointed life directors. The Premier praised the zeal of Mr. Gervais and the Hon. Mr. Tarte for the promotion of the proposed school, and mentioned the services rendered by the press in the same connection.

Mr. Prefontaine said that the Chambre de Commerce could never show too much gratitude towards the press for the interest it had taken in the question of superior commercial education.

Invited by the Premier to say what he thought of the proposal, as presented, the Hon. Mr. Tarte said that he agreed with Mr. Gouin that the matter needed serious consideration. He could assure the Premier that the people approved him and his government in their efforts to promote national education.

Mr. Honore Gervais expressed the opinion that, by capitalizing the annual grant offered by the Chamber, the school could be constructed at once and be ready for occupation in October next. The fees paid by the pupils and a $10,000 government grant would be sufficient to meet the current expenses.

The Hon. A. Desjardins hoped that the Government would be very liberal for the new enterprise.

The Premier concluded the interview by suggesting the appointment of a sub-committee for further discussion with the Government, so that something practical might be proposed during the next session.

## RURAL SCHOOLS.

### DEPUTATION SAW CABINET MINISTERS ON DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES.

A deputation from the Protestant committee of the Council of Public Instruction waited on Premier Gouin and the Hon. Messrs. Weir and Roy, Wednesday, and laid before him several suggestions looking to the improvement of the system of primary education in rural schools. The delegation consisted of the Rev. W. J. Shaw, D.D., president of the committee; Dr. Rexford, Dr. Robertson, Mr. C. H. Parmelee, M.P.P., and Mr. P. S. S. Mackenzie, M.P.P.

Dr. Shaw, speaking in behalf of the committee, requested authorization to distribute, according to the arrangement existing, the subsidy allowed for this purpose, among the elementary schools.

The subsidy amounts to $20,000, of which $6,000 comes to Montreal; $5,000 goes to other important schools, and $9,000 remains to be distributed among the rural schools. Dr. Shaw considered it would be wise to reserve the full amount usually apportioned for country schools, especially in the poorer districts, unless the subsidy were increased three or four-fold.

Dr. Robertson, director of the College of Agriculture at St. Anne's, declared that the annual allotment of $9,000 divided between the rural schools gave each one a very small portion, and was not very much encouragement to school boards whose revenues were very small. He believed it would be preferable to distribute the subsidy throughout the province in the form of bonuses to be awarded to school boards that might be considered most deserving.

The Hon. Mr. Gouin replied that he would never consent, as far as he was concerned, to the $6,000 of school subsidies which had been allotted to Montreal being taken away from it. He believed it his duty to maintain the 'status quo' in this question until the Government should be in a position in the course of the session after next to increase the subsidy. They could then discuss whether it was opportune to distribute the subsidy according to the system proposed by Dr. Shaw or not.

Dr. Shaw then explained a scheme of provincial school taxes drawn up by Mr. B. White. This tax, according to the calculation of Mr. White, would furnish an annual revenue of from sixty thousand to sixty-five thousand dollars. Dr. Shaw further asked for an increase of the subsidies allowed to the Universities of McGill and Bishop's College, and concluded by setting forth a project for the consolidation of rural schools. He asked that the Protestant School Committee be authorized to decree the closing of country schools where the number of scholars was insufficient. If this were done, he said, the country schools would be less numerous, but they would be better.

Mr. Parmelee is going to prepare a bill to embody this suggestion. This bill, Mr. Gouin said, will contain a clause obliging the Council of Public Instruction to provide for the transportation of scholars to the central school every time that it shall be judged advantageous to suppress a district school.

As to the other projects, Mr. Gouin recognized their interest and paid a tribute to the progressive spirit that dictated them but he thought that before he definitely pronounced himself on the views that they expressed it would be best to wait until the question of federal subsidies is definitely settled.

'We count on you for the improvements we desire,' said Dr. Shaw. 'Those improvements will be realized,' responded the Prime Minister.

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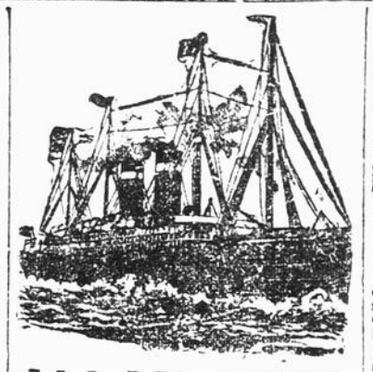

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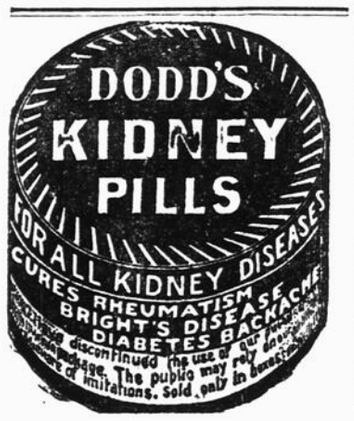

# IN PURSUIT OF A PHANTOM.

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SUMMARY OF THE PRECEDING CHAPTERS.)

[illegible] the old country life of Little [illegible] the younger members of the [illegible] family at 'The Towers' introduce [illegible] undesirable element of fast Lon[illegible] Colin Adair, the popular young [illegible] of Silverbirch, and friend of Tom [illegible] enters eagerly into their [illegible] Lady Lenore St. Clair, hearing from [illegible] Squire Errol has invited his [illegible] Margaret Conroy, and her [illegible] grown children to make their [illegible] Grange, visits the old gentle[illegible] learns that the rumor is true, [illegible] knows little about the expect[illegible] and moves. On reaching her [illegible] Hopton,' Lady Lenore finds [illegible] niece, Lady Amy, has ar[illegible] visit. The Conroys, with the [illegible] Basil, the second son, who is [illegible] at Little Chiveley, and are de[illegible] their new home. Errol and [illegible] readily drawn into the life of [illegible] Lady Amy and her brother, [illegible], who has arrived unexpect[illegible] the Adairs. Mrs. Adair is a [illegible] little lady, and her daugh[illegible] to Amy's great friend. Colin [illegible] that all go with him to [illegible].

CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

[illegible] young people started off to[illegible] the links which lay upon the [illegible] and 'Chiveley Towers,' Colin [illegible] way with Amy, whilst Val[illegible] followed, walking with his long [illegible] beside Dapline, yet keep[illegible] a desultory interchange of re[illegible] with the light-hearted lad[illegible].

The path grew narrower, the pairs [illegible] somewhat more separated, and it [illegible] that it began to dawn upon [illegible] that his companion, it some[illegible] silent, was a singularly beautiful [illegible]. Her face in repose had a peculiar [illegible] of outline, and she had inherited [illegible] mother's exquisite finish, not only [illegible] feature, but in dress and gesture, [illegible] quiet grace of her movements had [illegible] of distinction, and the timbre [illegible] her low, sweet voice when it was [illegible] made listening a pleasure. Lord [illegible]mont found himself seeking to draw [illegible] out with a sense that there was [illegible] something here worthy of being brought [illegible] light. She was not like Colin—fair, [illegible] frank, and free. Her dark eyes [illegible] seemed to hold some mystery enshrined [illegible] there. A gentle reserve gave dignity [illegible] to her manner, and her speech was en[illegible]rely free from the modern-day slang [illegible] which fell so naturally from the lips of [illegible] most of the girls with whom the exi[illegible]gencies of life threw him.

He felt himself wanting to please her, [illegible] desirous of catching the gleam of her [illegible] eyes when their soft shining was turned [illegible] lovingly upon him. He found that by [illegible] thinking of Colin he could best achieve [illegible] his object, and the time of the walk [illegible] passed swiftly, as he spoke of her bro[illegible]ther's kindness and unselfish care for [illegible] him in a time of need, and of the gold[illegible]en opinions he won wherever he went.

He would not have minded a longer [illegible] walk, but here were the links, and here [illegible] a busy crowd of spectators come to [illegible] watch the play of two notable cham[illegible]pions, but as eager over their own plans [illegible] and projects for the coming weeks, as [illegible] over the somewhat solemn and deliber[illegible]ate contest.

Lord Valmont was instantly swooped [illegible] down upon—swallowed up literally and [illegible] figuratively by an eager company, to [illegible] whom a lord was a lord, and one to be [illegible] made the most of so long as he was [illegible] available. But Valmont was equal to [illegible] taking care of himself and to hold his [illegible] own.

'Act, my dear lady? If you once saw [illegible] me on the stage you would never de[illegible]sire to repeat the experience. Sing? [illegible] I once gave an officers' mess in India [illegible] a case of the time-honored ditty, 'Na[illegible]poleon was a General,' and after a solid [illegible] minutes of it, they'd had enough [illegible] and hasn't asked again. Oh, yes, I ride [illegible], but I haven't brought my hunters [illegible] in my pockets——'

'He calls it "parlor-hunting" down [illegible]' spoke Amy, who heard the last [illegible] words, not averse to passing on the little [illegible] dig in the ribs for the Cross[illegible]bones. 'He despises it utterly. But [illegible] let a frost—he can skate!'

'You never do get a decent frost in [illegible]' returned Valmont. 'Don't [illegible] know what anybody lives down here for. [illegible] Hunting ain't shooting neither—a sort [illegible] of outdoor slaughter, so far as I make [illegible] out.'

[illegible] for all his frank criticisms, the [illegible] man was a popular person before the [illegible] afternoon was over, and submitted to be [illegible] driven with the rest for a cup of [illegible] tea at the house before making a start for [illegible] home.

'Do you like them?' asked Amy, as [illegible] they wended their way back an hour [illegible] later. Colin could not be detached from [illegible] the billiard-room, and Daphne was watch[illegible]ing him, so this brother and sister [illegible] were alone.

'[illegible]—rather a lot of bounders, [illegible] I know; but it's what we've all got to [illegible] put up with in these days. They have [illegible] some decent people there, too, but don't [illegible] go there too much. Baby Amy—[illegible] you're not without me or Aunt Le[illegible]nore.'

'That's what auntie says herself,' an[illegible]swered Amy.

'Of course she does. Aunt Lenore [illegible] knows what's what. She won't let you [illegible] go that gambling way—'

'As though I ever would, Val. I never played for money in my life—and I never will. I think it's horrid!'

'So do I—for girls like you, little 'un; but you'll not find it easy to stick to that rule as you grow older. Small children can do it right enough—'

'I'm not a small child. I'm twenty,' spoke Amy, with dignity, 'and I've been about at a lot of houses, and I play their games—but never for money. I won't.'

'Well, that's all right then. I should detest the thought of your buying your frocks out of your bridge-winnings, like such lots of girls one knows—and make a boast of it, too. But when you get a bit older, Kitten, you'll not find it so easy—not if you go on living in our set, that is.'

'I shall be very firm,' spoke Amy, with a curious look of determination upon her merry, childlike face; 'and that it can be done, I know. Look at Aunt Lenore.'

'Ah, Aunt Lenore,' spoke Valmont reflectively, 'that's quite another pair of shoes!'

## CHAPTER VIII.

### A SABBATH DAY.

It was the custom of Colin and Daphne Adair to spend the Sunday afternoon at 'Monk Hopton.' The practice had originated through Lady Lenore's discovery, in their very early childhood, that their religious training was of the meagrest description; that their mother thought that to make any distinction of days would bore her darlings, and make them dislike Sunday, and perhaps, too, because her own ideas of teaching and training were of a very hazy description. Of course, they would go to church as they grew older, and learn all that was proper; but why should their infant minds be perplexed with questions and themes far too deep and hard for them?

So it was to Lady Lenore that they had early carried all those questionings and ponderings, without which no human mind can develop. They quickly learned that from their mother they received caresses, pettings, playthings and a comradeship which endeared her to them in strongest bonds of love. But they learned, also, that it was useless to bring to her difficulties for which no concrete remedy could be devised. Spiritual yearnings worried her; she smoothed them away by distracting the children's minds from the subject. Theological difficulties made her nervous. She would answer vaguely, and turn the conversation. She spoke always smooth things to her darlings. She disliked their even realizing too young the sin and suffering of the world. Youth was the time for joy and happiness. The cares of life should have no part in the existence of the young.

But they were welcome to come and go at 'Monk Hopton' as they would. And the custom of Sunday visits there suited Mrs. Adair excellently. It gave her leisure for her nap. She had not to select her books with any care, and it relieved her from any sense of misgiving as to how the children passed their time. If Lady Lenore could succeed in making them interested in the Bible, and could teach them orthodoxy without boring them, so much the better.

Mrs. Adair was orthodox herself. She had never troubled to doubt any generally received doctrine; she thought infidelity shocking in women, and tiresome in men. It was so much pleasanter, and more comfortable to believe. But it was equally objectionable to be intruding one's beliefs in season and out of season, as some good people did. Lady Lenore, however, hit the happy mean, she considered. Every one knew her for an upright and sincerely religious woman; but she never made herself obtrusive, or absurd, and never attempted the impossible task of managing her neighbors' affairs according to her own standards.

The habit, once formed, had never been abandoned; and Colin and Daphne started for 'Monk Hopton,' as a matter of course, after luncheon, this bright December day. Even if Lady Lenore were busy, they liked to go, and could sometimes help her with the people who came to her. For it had long been an established understanding throughout the neighborhood, that any person having a difficulty or trouble which they wished to lay before Lady Lenore, might come with it to 'Monk Hopton' upon Sunday afternoon. It was the day when the men and the lads were at leisure; the day when mothers had their elder children at home, and could leave the babies in their charge; the day when girls in service could command an 'afternoon off.'

So it was seldom that Lady Lenore was without a certain number of visitors upon that afternoon, and her guests from 'Silverbirch' had often to wait her leisure, or to make themselves useful, before they could command her attention themselves. But they were at home at 'Monk Hopton,' and from childhood had always found interesting books, and pleasant things to do, and Sunday had always been looked forward to as one of the pleasantest days in their happy week.

(To be continued.)

## CHILDREN'S CORNER.

### LENA'S CHRISTMAS HERMIT.

(A True Story.)

(By Mrs. J. D. H. Browne, in 'Young Churchman.')

It is the custom in some German families to light the Christmas tree, and distribute gifts before day-break on Christmas morning.

The children are sent to bed very early, so that they may be rested by the time they are called to celebrate the happy festival, and the elders put everything in readiness before they themselves retire for the night.

There is a delightful expectancy throughout the household. The children, though in bed, are not asleep; they lie listening to the sound of the busy footsteps, and watching gleams of light creeping through doors left a little ajar.

Oh, happy, happy Christmas! The bells from every church steeple suddenly peal forth. In the country, the distant chimes answer each other from village to village, across the quiet evening. In the cities, the air throbs with the solemn clangor. The great cathedral bells pour forth their mighty voices, and those of the lesser churches join in the chorus of welcome to the Prince of Peace.

The happy children listen; their hearts beat high with glad anticipation. In many households the Christmas-tree is lighted at the first sound of the bells.

In the family of Herr Neidhart, however, the custom of the Christmas morning tree prevailed.

Lena, the eldest daughter of the house, was quite a tall girl, almost thirteen, and felt 'grown up' beside her young brothers. She assumed little airs of authority over them, and was regarded by them as only second to 'mother' in wisdom. What Lena did, must be right, they thought, and generally speaking, Lena was a good example to the younger ones, though perhaps, a little 'set up' by her superior age and knowledge.

It had been a busy, happy Christmas Eve, and at last all was in readiness for the morrow. Frau Neidhart and her sister, Tante Malchen, who had come to spend the holidays, and Lena, stood looking at the beautiful tree, with its goodly burden of gifts, with great satisfaction. It was placed on a little platform, which was laid out like a miniature garden, with beds of moss, and growing plants.

'Now, Leuchen,' said the mother, 'go to bed at once, or you will be too tired to enjoy yourself in the morning. The children are all asleep at last; there is nothing more to do.'

'Oh, yes,' exclaimed Lena, 'see, my grotto has no hermit! I must make one to stand in the doorway.'

She had made a little grotto of pieces of spar and moss ,at one corner of the garden, and only the hermit was needed to complete it.

'It is too late,' said Tante Malchen, 'go to bed, Lena; the grotto looks quite pretty enough without a hermit.'

'But I have his clothes all cut out,' said Lena, 'it won't take more than a few minutes to dress him, if I could have one of the children's dolls.'

'Lena, you are tired and sleepy now,' said her mother. 'It is not worth while, go to bed at once.'

When mother spoke in that tone she fully meant what she said, and Lena, but not with a very good grace, prepared to obey. She was gathering up a few little odds and ends in the room, and Mrs. Neidhart and Aunt Malchen kissed her good-night, and went away.

Lena went into the kitchen to put her scraps in the stove. It was warm and cosy; and the fire had been replenished to keep in all night, and on the table near the stove was a large pan of freshly kneaded, smooth, firm dough, to be baked in the morning. Lena glanced at it, and the thought darted into her mind that a piece of it might easily be moulded into a hermit for her little grotto.

'It won't take me five minutes,' said Lena to herself, for like many another, she found it a hard thing to give up her will, 'I am sure mother won't mind when she sees it.'

(To be continued.)

### CHRISTMAS SECRETS.

You mustn't look in corners,
And you mustn't hear a sound,
Because a flock of secrets
Is flying all around.

They'll perch upon the Christmas-trees
When weary of their flight,
Or they'll build their nests in stockings
In the middle of the night.

But catch them Christmas morning
For dear old Santa sends
In every one a swet surprise
To his loving little friends.

—'Youth's Companion.'

### HOW TO LOOK AT A GIFT.

Patty had received a doll's trunk at Christmas, and as Prue seemed to wish for one, the grandmamma who acted as 'fairy grandmother' to the children gave her one for her birthday.

It happened to be a little smaller than Patty's, and Patty liked nothing better than to call Prue's attention to the fact.

Prue bore it very well, but finally, when Patty said, with a pitying air, 'Prue, I'm so used to my big trunk that when I look at yours it looks so small to me!' Prue turned in fierce and vigorous indignation. 'Well, I don't care, Patty; you're not a bit nice! It isn't the smallness you ought to look at when anybody gives you anything—it's the kindness.'—Australian Paper.

## DIVINE BREATHINGS.

FRIDAY, DEC. 21.

### SEVEN MEN OF GOD.

1. The man of God, Enoch. He walked with God; got to know the mind and will of God. Had daily talks with God. One in whom God took delight and honored by transplanting out of this world into heaven. 2. The man of obedience, Moses. We read a number of times that Moses did as the Lord commanded him, and that Israel vexed him by their disobedience. To obey God is better than the observing of religious rites and ceremonies. (1. Sam. xv., 22.) 3. The man of strength, Samson. All power comes from God. One can with it chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight. Apart from God ten thousand are powerless. (Zech. iv., 6.) Believers are strengthened with all power. (Col. i., 11.) 4. The man of praise, David. The sweet singer of Israel. Praise is the most blessed exercise of faith in heaven and on earth. Praise glorifies God. (Ps. l., 23.) 5. The man of prayer, Nehemiah, not for himself, but for God's people he prayed. (Neh. i., 4, 6.) If a man is to live for God and His Church he must be a man of prayer. 6. The man beloved, Daniel. Three times he is called the greatly beloved. The word used means, very precious. Those who find most delight in God's things are very dear to Him. They are His jewels. (Mal. iii., 17.) 7. The man of men, the pattern man, Jesus. In Him is summed up all the excellencies which are set before us in this lesson. Only He was God as well as man, yet He had all of man's testings and as man set us a pattern by which we are to walk, and so do always that which is pleasing in God's sight. Christ pleased not himself. (Ro. xv., 1-4.)

## DAILY TEXT.

December 21.

As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom.—Dan. i., 17.

We must march when the music cheers us,
March when the strains are dumb,
Plucky and valiant, forward, march!
And smile, whatever may come.
For, whether life's hard or easy,
The strong man keeps the pace,
For the desolate march and the silent
The strong soul finds the grace.
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The total sales of property in Montreal and suburbs recorded in the registry office during the past week amounted to $540,506, which shows considerable activity in the realty market.

A strengthening in values of St. Catherine street property is indicated by the transfer of property in St. Catherine street west, near Bleury street, by the Estate Francis J. Hart to John Allan, the price paid for the stone building now used for two shops and dwellings, bearing numbers from 227 to 233 St. Catherine street west, being $20,000.

Among the more important transactions in the suburbs is a purchase by the Mount Royal Tennis Club of ten lots in Notre Dame de Grace for $13,200, being at the price of twenty-two cents per foot, which is rather below values in the neighborhood. The property is situated on Sherbrooke street, east of Cote St. Luc road. The club intends to begin active operations next summer, probably in July. The property will allow of the laying out of thirteen courts and will leave ample space for the erection of a commodious club house, this being part of the club's plans. The property is within a minute's walk from the corner of Victoria avenue and Sherbrooke street.

The farm at St. Laurent owned by Clotilda Giroux, widow of Alphonse Legault dit Deslauriers, and situated in the Parish of St. Laurent, bounded in front by the public road of Cote de Notre Dame de Liesse and in the rear by the Jacques Cartier Railway, was purchased by Avila E. St. Aubin, for $10,000.

The Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus have purchased from the congregation of the Holy Redeemer the lot adjoining the convent property in Notre Dame street east, the price being $3,947.78.

At Westmount yesterday, property was sold in the sheriff's office to satisfy judgment. Godfrey Weir, as executor for the estate of the late Elizabeth Somerville Weir, was found against for Horace A. Hutchins and the Royal Trust Company. An emplacement forming part of lot 220, with a frontage of 48 feet on Western avenue, and a depth of 119, with a wooden building bearing number 4715 Western avenue, was purchased by H. A. Hutchins for $3,100. An emplacement, 215-12 situated on Victoria avenue, with a frontage of fifty feet and a depth of 135 feet, with two wooden buildings bearing civic numbers 486 and 488 Victoria avenue, was also bid in by H. A. Hutchins, the price being $3,550. There were three bidders at the sale.

The other sales of the week included the following:—

Westmount — Grosvenor avenue, No. 532, brick house, land 25 by 111 feet, Mrs. Wayland Williams to William J. O'Leary, $5,000; Roslyn avenue, brick house, land 29 by 111 feet, John Stewart to Harriett B. Galt, wife of Chas. W. King, $9,000; Arlington avenue, stone and brick house, land 19 by 122 feet, George Edward Blackwell to John Walker, $6,500; Mount Pleasant avenue, No. 501, corner Montrose, brick house, land 23.6 by 126 feet, Mrs. James A. L. Strathy to Guy Tombs, $8,000; Belvedere road, land 120 by 213 feet, vacant, Thos. Forde to Frederick N. Southam, $6,889.

St. Lawrence street, Nos. 416 and 432, stone and brick house, land 116 by 49 feet, Alfred Brunet, to Arthur Mireau, $22,960; Cote street, brick houses, frontage 49.6 feet, in rear, 48.11 by 106.6 and 106.6, the Equity Real Estate Co., to the Montreal Street Railway Company, $26,000. Youville square, Nos. 7 to 11, corner Commissioners, stone house, land 54 by 68 feet, estate William Dow, to the Montreal Sailors' Institute, $18,500. Sherbrooke street, vacant land, estate Walter Drake, to the First Baptist Church of Montreal, $12,624; Shuter street, Nos. 5 and 5a, stone and brick house, land 20.6 by 107 feet, Mrs. Henry A. Brown, to Robert Murty, $7,600; Windsor street, No. 126, stone and brick house, land 18.10 by 65 feet, Marion B. Swan and others, to the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company, $10,000. Sherbrooke street east, No. 1088, stone and brick house, area 1,791 feet, David Yuile, to the Estate Augustin Cantin, $12,000. Farm street, land 170.6 by 106.11 feet, at the north-east, and 106.8 at the south-west, vacant, Henry Dobell and others, to the Montreal Steel Works, Limited, $22,724.

St. Antoine street (St. Henri ward), Nos. 696 to 720, Laurier street, Nos. 88 and 90; Visitation street (Lafontaine ward), Nos. 347 to 353, and 346 to 350; De Montigny street (Papineau ward), Nos. 861 to 865; and Champlain street, Nos. 297 to 317, houses of stone and brick, Francois Lucien Sylvestre, to Mendoza Langlois, $87,500.

St. James Ward—Notre Dame street, east, Nos. 1350 and 1352, stone and brick house, area 3,979 feet, Mrs. Severe Thibault, to Thomas Cushing, $10,000; Dorchester street east, Nos. 362 to 364, stone and brick house, area 1,900 feet, William Harris, to the Sisters of Mercy, $6,000.

Mentana street, brick house, estate F. X. Rastoul, to Cyprien Gravel, $7,000; Mentena street, brick house, land 25 by 106 feet, Emery Losperance, to John Moore, $6,750; St. Denis street, Nos. 291 to 293, stone and brick house, land 24 by 125, Ulric Leclair, to Michel Elizabeth and Flavie Sanders, $13,000; Mentana street, Nos. 160 to 114, house of wood and brick, land 48 by 94 feet, Edward Berthiaume, to John Kennedy, $4,900; Mentana street, Nos. 92 and 94, brick house, land 24 by 94 feet, Albert Bleau, to Joseph Hector Sylvain, $4,500.

St. Elizabeth street, Nos. 197 and 197a, brick house, land 19 by 59 feet, Alfred Lapointe, to Maurice Muller, $2,100; City Hall avenue, Nos. 306 to 312, house of wood and brick, area 3,730 feet, Michel Sanders, to Ulric Leclair, $4,000; Craig street, Nos. 372 to 376, house of wood, land 46 by 49 feet, Ferdinand Frenette, to Rosalie Frenette, widow of Augustin Prud'homme, $4,125. Harbor street, stone and brick house, land 32 by 77 feet, Alcide Bertrand, to Pierre Desforges, $3,500; Du Havre street, stone and brick house, land 32 by 77 feet, Odilor Dinelle, to Alcide Bertrand, $6,000.

Berri street, Nos. 935 to 945, brick house, land 40 by 80 feet, Benjamin Voyer, to Wilbrod Ouellette, $7,700; St. Urbain street, Nos. 925 to 929, stone and brick house, land 22.6 by 110, Estate J. Raymond Savignac, to Delia Niding, $6,500; St. Dominique street, No. 770, house of wood and brick, land 20 by 75 feet, Joseph Page, to Omer Ranger, $1,500; St. Dominique street, Nos. 895 to 897a, brick house, land 40 by 72, Narcisse Gauthier, to Olivine Meilleur, $3,500; St. Lawrence street, Nos. 1,256 to 1,260, houses of wood, land 192 by 180 feet, Estate S. C. Ragg, to Demetros E. Pergantes, $25,750.

Lafontaine Park, No. 742, house of wood, land 52 by 125 feet, Camille Bourdon, to Joseph Ovide Daragon, $5,000; St. Hubert street, land 30 by 143 feet, vacant, Amedée Chartrand, to Joseph Daniel, $3,000.

Labelle street, No. 1,691, brick house, land 25 by 110 feet, Charles Guimond, to Fortunat Rho, $2,000.

Garnier street, house of wood and brick, land 25 by 103 feet, Narcisse Turmaine, to Zephyrin P. Langlois, $2,300; Mount Royal avenue, Nos. 431 to 433; Sanguinet street, Nos. 895 to 897, house of stone and brick, Mrs. Charles Alfred Sylvestre, to Zerilda Lachance, $7,500.

St. Antoine street, Ste. Cunegonde ward, Nos. 665 to 675, house of wood, stone and brick, land 50 by 110 feet, Widow Joseph Beaudry, to Cesaire Senay, $13,000.

Cote St. Paul road, and Ste. Marie street, St. Henri ward, house in course of construction, Estate C. H. Letourneux, to Hilaire Frigon, $5,500. St. Fernand street, house of stone and brick, land 80 by 90 feet, Alfred Lavoie to Edward Giasson, $16,000.

Clauville (Maisonneuve)—St. Catherine street, vacant land, Jules Donat Bezeau, to Stanislas Normandeau, $3,780; Fifth avenue, Nos. 35 to 49, houses of wood, stone and brick, land 75 by 100 feet; Simeon Charpentier and others, to Xavier and Camille Dansereau, $11,100.

Maisonneuve — Bourbonniere street, brick house, land 23 by 102 feet, Napolean Deslauriers, to Therese Deslauriers, wife of Zotique O. Duchesneau, $3,500. Adam street, corner of Desjardins, brick house, land 100 by 100 feet, Sir Alexandre Lacoste, to Ludger W. Lapointe, to Azilda Croze, wife of Joseph Tougas, $4,000.

Delorimier — Simard avenue, brick house, land 40 bq 80 feet, Joseph Horace David, to Josephine Lefebvre, wife of Jean Baptiste Raby, $5,000. Parthenais street, brick house, land 50 by 155 feet, estate J. R. Savignac, to Napoleon Allaire, $8,000.

Town of St. Louis—Esplanade avenue, No. 100, house of wood, Joseph Abraham Martin, to Olybrius Constantineau, $4,000.

Mance street, house of stone and brick, Joseph Levy Tremblay, to Adeline Gendron, wife of Jules Huot, $7,500.

Mance street, house of stone and brick, land 50 by 100 feet, George W. Goodbody, to John D. Gladstone, $10,600.

St. Urbain street, brick house, land 25 by 86 feet, Alexis de Rouselle, to James Lynch, $3,500.

St. Lawrence street, vacant land, 25 by 75 feet, Odilas Chevalier, to Joseph Paquette, $2,000.

St. Lawrence street, vacant land, 200 by 110 feet, Catholic Deaf and Dumb Institute to James Laurin and William C. Leiten, $3,300.

St. Urbain and Averley streets, vacant land, the Hon. William Owens, to the Roman Catholic Archipiscopal Corporation of Montreal, $8,835.

Mance street, house of wood, stone and brick, land 25 by 105 feet, Mrs. Albert L. Hibbard to Albert A. Ayer, $4,600.

Park avenue, vacant land, 100 by 110.06 feet, the Montreal Investment and Freehold Company, to Pierre Desforges, $2,700.

Clark street, brick house, land 20.6 by 88 feet, Barnet Taylor, to Maurice Muller, $2,725.


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## SEA MONSTER.

### STRANGE CREATURE OBSERVED FROM THE 'VALHALLA'S DECK.

Perhaps the first really authentic account of a monster of the sea serpent ilk is that of Dr. E. G. B. Meade-Waldo and Mr. M. J. Nicoll, two scientists who were cruising off the coast of Brazil in the yacht 'Valhalla,' owned by the Earl of Crawford.

Dr. Meade-Waldo was on the poop of the vessel on Dec. 7, 1905, when he observed a large object about one hundred yards from the vessel. At first he thought it must be the fin of some great fish. It stuck straight up out of the water, was dark brown in color, and slightly crinkled at the edge.

With strong Goerz glasses, its size was estimated at fully six feet in length. Under the water, to the rear of the fin, the dark shade of a great body could be seen. Suddenly a giant head and neck arose from the water in front of the fin, the neck seeming to be about as thick as a man's body, six or eight feet long, dark above and pale white beneath. The head was small and turtle-like and the eyes and the line of the mouth were plainly seen. The neck moved from side to side for a time.

Nothing more was seen of the monster, but the next night, at two o'clock in the morning, a great commotion was observed not far off, and in the moonlight some strange creature, not a whale, and doubtless the same as the animal seen the day before, churned past the ship at a speed of not less than eight and a half miles an hour. The reports of these gentlemen will be published in the proceedings of the Zoological Society of London, and will, doubtless create considerable discussion.—C. W. B., in New York 'Evening Post.'

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

*(We invite questions on all possible subjects of general interest, to which we shall do our best to obtain correct answers, and shall insert such queries and replies as we can make room for. This must not be used, however, as an advertising column or as an enquiry bureau for matters not of public interest. Every query must be accompanied with the name and postal address of the sender, and no notice will be taken of anonymous communications.)*

## GENERAL.

### CHRISTMAS EVE.

A Reader in New Brunswick, 'F.L.A.,' asks for 'How Santa Claus appeared to our little Marjorie,' supposed to be published by us about three years ago. We have no recollection of this title, but give one we published about that time, entitled 'A Visit from St. Nicholas':—

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse:
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there:
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma, in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.
When out on the lawn arose such a clatter
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash.
The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of mid-day to objects below.
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a little red sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew, in a moment, it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles, his coursers they came,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name;
Now! now! now! Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet, on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away, all!'
As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky,
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.
And then in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof:
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.
His eyes—how they twinkled; his dimples—how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
And the stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head in a wreath.
He had a broad face and a round little belly,
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf;
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight,
'Happy Christmas to all; and to all a good-night!'

### VERSES SUPPLIED.

In reply to an enquiry for the words of 'The Dying Christian Bidding Adieu to the World,' 'A Reader' kindly supplies the following:

Ye objects of sense, and enjoyments of time,
Which oft have delighted my heart,
I soon shall exchange you for views more sublime,
And joys that shall never depart.

Thou lord of the day, and thou queen of the night,
To me ye no longer are known,
I soon shall behold with increasing delight,
A sun that shall never go down.

Ye wonderful orbs that astonish my eyes,
Your glories recede from my sight:
I soon shall contemplate more beautiful skies,
And stars more transcendently bright.

Ye mountains and valleys, groves, rivers, and plains,
Thou earth, and thou ocean adieu:
More permanent regions, where righteousness reigns,
Present their bright hills to my view.

My loved habitation and garden, adieu,
No longer my footsteps ye greet,
A mansion celestial stands full in my view,
And Paradise welcomes my feet.

My weeping relations, my brethren and friends,
Whose souls are entwined with my own,
Adieu for the present, my spirit ascends
Where friendship immortal is known.

My cares and my labors, my sickness and pain,
And sorrows are now at an end;
The summit of bliss I shall speedily gain,
The height of perfection ascend.

Midst foes I no longer reside,
The sight of transgression shall grieve me no more,
My conflict with sin and with sinners is o'er,
With saints I shall ever abide.

Thou vale of affliction my footsteps have trod,
With trembling, with grief, and with tears,
I joyfully quit for the Mountain of God,
There there its bright summit appears.

No lurking temptation, defilement nor fear,
Again shall disquiet my breast;
In Jesus' fair image I soon shall appear,
Forever ineffably blest.

My Sabbaths below that have been my delight,
And thou, the bless'd volume divine,
Ye've guided my footsteps like stars during night,
Adieu, my conductors benign.

The Sun that illumines the regions of light,
Now shines in mine eyes from above:
But, oh! how transcendently glorious the sight,
My soul is all wonder and love.

Thou tottering seat of disease and of pain,
Adieu, my dissolving abode,
But I shall behold and possess thee again,
A beautiful building of God.

Come, Death, when thy cold hand my eyelids shall close,
And lay my pale corpse in the tomb,
My soul shall enjoy an eternal repose,
Above in my heavenly home.

But, oh! what a life, what a rest, what a joy,
Shall I know when I've mounted above!
Praise, praise shall my triumphing powers employ,
My God! I shall burn with my love.

Come, come, my Redeemer, come quickly release,
The soul thou hast bought with thy blood,
And bid me ascend the fair regions of peace
To feast on the smiles of my God.
—Edinburgh 'Missionary Magazine.'

### MONTMORENCY FALLS.

J. T.—Please tell me: 1. The height of Montmorency Falls. 2. Breadth of river just before falling. 3. Depth of river. 4. Distance from Quebec. Ans.—1. 250 feet. 2. From 16 to 20 yards at the precipice. 3. It varies. 4. Six miles.

### QUOTATION.

Lettie.—Will you tell me where the line, 'Time's whirligig brings his revenge,' is to be found? Ans.—You have not quoted quite accurately. In 'Twelfth Night' (Shakespeare), Act V., Scene I, Clown reflects, 'and thus the whirligig of time brings in his revenges.'

### MR. CARNEGIE AGAIN.

W.B.—Mr. Andrew Carnegie's New York address is corner Fifth Avenue and 19th street; his address in Scotland is Skibo Castle, Sutherland. Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan's address is 219 Madison aveaue, New York.

### VETERANS' SCRIP.

A.C.—Is it true that the government are making a grant of $50 to veterans of the Fenian Raid, who are sending in an application for same, instead of the scrip first granted? Ans.—The Dominion Government made no grants either of land or scrip to Fenian Raid veterans. Address the Provincial Treasurer for Ontario at Toronto. He will be able to furnish the desired information.

### GREETING THE NEW-COMER.

Saskatchewan.—1. When a lady or a gentleman enters a room, should the other ladies and gentlemen in the room rise and shake hands with the new-comer, or is it sufficient for the hostess to do so? 2. When a gentleman is introduced to a lady, should the latter rise? Ans.—1. Only the hostess rises to welcome the new-comer, unless, of course, her husband or some one else is receiving with her, when that person also comes forward. 2. Not ordinarily. If the gentleman were one much older than herself it would be courteous for her to rise. When the gentleman is a distinguished personage, the introduction is usually made to ladies standing.

### MASSAGE.

X.X.—To remove wrinkles from the face, how should they be rubbed, vigorously or gently, and in what direction? For example, the vertical lines between the eyebrows—should they be stroked horizontally? Ans.—Stroke with a regular, gentle, but sufficiently firm, touch. Use an upward and outward motion. For the lines between the eyebrows, stroke upward from the bridge of the nose, and outward over the brows. These lines are difficult to eradicate, when once they become fixed. They may be a result of frowning, or of defective sight, and unless the cause is removed, massage will not obliterate the lines. For the lines on each side of the mouth, place the fingers along the lines, with the tips at the nose, and work outward towards the ears. One can scarcely learn these movements quite correctly from printed instructions, but if you will practice in front of a mirror in a good light, you can see when you are producing the effect desired. Use a good cold cream, and bathe the face in quite hot water before massaging.

### THE BRIDAL PARTY.

Subscriber.—Is it correct to have a page, a maid o' honor, a flower-girl, and a bridesmaid, officiate at a wedding; or, if only one or two of these, what is the duty of each? In what order would they enter and leave the church? Ans.—The bride may have as many or as few attendants as she thinks best. Of course, she lays herself open to criticism if her wedding arrangements are elaborate beyond the means of her family. The attendants you mention would not compose too large a party under ordinary circumstances. The maid of honor stands next to the bride, receives her bouquet to hold during that part of the ceremony when the ring is placed on her finger, puts back her veil, etc. The other bridesmaids, or bridesmaids, have no special duties, except that the one standing next the maid of honor may assist her by holding her flowers while she is occupied with the bride. The flower-girl usually carries a basket of flowers, and sometimes strews petals in front of the bride as she comes down the aisle after the ceremony, but unless there are plenty of flowers to strew, this little ceremony is better omitted. The page can easily be dispensed with. When present, he is supposed to carry the bride's train, but unless it is a court-train, or long and heavy, the page's services would be quite superfluous. In some weddings the so-called page walks with the flower-girl, and sometimes he is given the ring to carry on a white satin cushion. The bride arranges the order of procession to suit herself. Usually the bride's attendants precede her up the aisle, but she always leaves the church first, with her husband, except that the flower-girl may walk in front of her, strewing flowers. Entering, the bride-maid might walk first, then the maid of honor, next the flower-girl, and lastly the bride, with her father, or whoever is to give her away. The order would be reversed on leaving the church.

Santa's head full of bright ideas suggested from our several depts. Is in ecstacies over our Xmas display for 1906.

Advises all givers to see us.
If you would be happy, give.
If you would be great, give.
If you would be magnetic, give.
If you would be loved, give.

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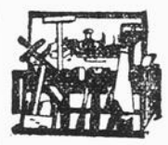

A Clothes Basket at $1.25 or $1.50 would be a very useful present for the head of the house. Santa figures on a big winter ahead, suggests Snowshoes and Moccasins for old and young and all prices. Has an idea that our Toys are bought and selected for their educational as well as recreation features:

Recommends our Trains for coming railway men, 50c to $10.00.

Our Blocks for builders and architects, 10c to $6.

Our Mechanical and Steam Toys for engineers, 25c to $15.00.

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Our Sleighs for the strength, finish and speed, 75c to $8.50.

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Chess, 50c to $25.00.
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Dominoes, 10c to $3.00.
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Tennis Racquets, $1.25 to $9.00.
Golf Sticks, $1.25 to $2.00.
Footballs, $1.25 to $4.00.
Hockey Sticks, 10c to 50c.
Lacrosses, 15c to $2.50.
Cricket Sets, $3.00 to $9.00.
Punching Bags, $2.25 to $4.00.
Baseball Outfits, $1.00 to $3.00.
Shin Guards, 25c to $1.00.
Skates, 50c to $6.00 a pair.
Tuques, Sashes, Jerseys, Sweaters, Toboggans, Skis, Boots, Bibbs, etc., all on sale here.

### IN OUR FANCY GOODS DEPT.

Girl's Companion, 25c to $6.00.
Work Boxes and Baskets, 25c to $8.00.
Austria Vases, $1.50 to $8.00.
Clocks, $2.50 to $11.00.
Purses, 25c to $6.00.
Frames, 25c to $5.00.
Candle Shades, 25c to $1.00.
Leather Traveling Cases, $1.00 to $4.00.
Hair Brushes, 50c to $3.00.
Clothes Brushes, 25c to $1.50.

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## LEGAL.

### ONTARIO.

#### BANK DISCOUNT.

Subscriber, Arcola, Sask.—I apply for a loan of $500 from a chartered bank, giving my own note for that amount as well as other, collateral, security. 1. Is it legal for them to allow me only $485, that is $500 less the interest? 2. Should they not give me the $500 and at the maturity of note require me to pay that sum and interest thereon? Ans.—Yes, it is in accordance with the usage and practice of chartered banks generally.

#### POSTAL CUSTOM DUTIES—PRESENTS, ETC.

Subscriber, Ont.—1. Is it lawful to send a small article in a letter through the post either in this country or to a foreign country? 2. In sending a parcel by post, in which there are a number of articles for different members of the family, is it lawful to designate by writing on a slip of paper on each article for whom and by whom sent the articles are intended? 3. Is it lawful to write the name of a person to whom a book is sent, and the name of the sender, in a book sent by post and in sending cash can the name be written on a slip of paper and enclosed with the cash? 4. Why is it that one has to pay duty on some things which come through the post, when their value would not be even a dollar, whereas if one had the same things in one's trunk passing from the same country to another from which the letter did, they might pass without paying duty? 5. Supposing a person coming from England here, and bringing a number of articles with them, most of which have been in use there, would they be exempt from duty and be passed [illegible] effects, even if the person [illegible] a few years in this country [illegible] obliged to pay duty on every [illegible] over, even as presents [illegible] in value can only be given [illegible] land or the like [illegible] not to sell but for one's [illegible] 5. As the holiday season [illegible] I suppose the same [illegible] times. Ans.—1. [illegible] do so. 4. It is not based [illegible] mental regulation that [illegible] but is rather a matter [illegible] ment of the customs [illegible] and of indulgence or [illegible] 5. As to those who [illegible] no, but generally speaking [illegible] others. Not all [illegible] as settlers effects [illegible] settler for [illegible] months or [illegible] removal to Canada [illegible] exempted from customs [illegible] or their being [illegible] as presents. 7. Yes.

#### STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS—JOINT DEBTORS.

Old Subscriber.—A [illegible] note to C for a [illegible] due in one year [illegible] years. A makes a payment [illegible] endorses the note [illegible] the payment in order [illegible] the note after six years [illegible] said note become [illegible] debt only held A [illegible] ment by B [illegible] fence.

#### HIRED MAN'S WAGES.

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# TRAVELLERS' BANQUET.

## The Postmaster-General Favors Imperial Shilling Cable.

### PREMIER GOUIN ANNOUNCES TRAVELLERS' TAX WILL BE REMOVED.

An eloquent and patriotic address by the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Postmaster General, in which he warmly advocated the shilling cable and promised an aggressive campaign against the invasion of Canada by "yellow" journals, was the principal feature of the annual dinner of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association, held in the Windsor Hotel last night. Not in the history of the association has there been a larger attendance nor have the speeches ever been of a higher order than those of last night. The function was in every way a pronounced success.

Mr. E. D. Marceau presided, and at the table of honor were the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Mr. F. D. Monk, M.P.; Messrs. D. M. Stewart, H. W. Wadsworth, Max Aitken, A. J. Gorrie, T. L. Paton, P. E. Leblanc, M.P.; R. C. Wilkins, F. H. Matthewson, Jas. Robinson, A. Terroux, C. A. Chouillou, L. E. Geoffrion, C. O. Demers, J. W. Harris and others.

When the guests had done ample justice to the menu, Mr. Marceau read letters of regret at their inability to attend from the Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, Sir Frederick Borden, the Hon. W. S. Fielding, the Hon. H. R. Emmerson, the Hon. William Paterson, the Hon. Sydney Fisher, Messrs. F. C. O'Hara, J. P. B. Casgrain, H. Cockshutt, Charles M. Hays and others. The president then proposed the health of His Majesty the King, which was loyally drank.

In the name of the association and of the town, the president welcomed all the guests and thanked them for joining in the annual festivity. The meeting considered was not without its utility to the men, who presided over the destinies of the Province of Quebec, and to those who were at the head of the Chambre de Commerce and the great companies engaged in transportation. The modern commercial man was a very important man and quite different from the jolly chaps and good fellows whom he had replaced. None of the former's good qualities had been lost, but in order to be successful to-day he had to be active, temperate, a keen judge of human nature, and, above everything, must possess a thorough knowledge of his business. That knowledge included an understanding of the manufacture of his goods from the raw material to the finished product.

Not only had the commercial man kept pace with the country's progress, but he had actually anticipated the changes and prepared himself for them. He was the leader of the factory, the provider of the salary for the workingman and the subsistence of his family. To a great extent he seemed to be both the credit and the material wealth of the country. Since the commercial traveller was all these combined it was but right that his views should be heard. Mr. Merceau concluded his address with a glowing description of the rapidly increasing membership. From a membership of 200, when formed in 1882, it had grown to nearly thirty times that number, 5,684, with a reserve fund for their benefit of $283,500. The past year had been the most prosperous of all, as the surplus carried to reserve was $28,750. 'In all the world,' said the president, in closing, 'the membership now reaches at least 18,000.

In responding to the toast to 'Our Parliament,' which was proposed by the Hon. William Paterson, the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux first thanked the association for the cordial invitation requesting him to be present, and the kindly reception which his name had met with. He expressed regret that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, owing to the illness of his brother, was unable to be present, and the speaker must be the Premier's message. The kind words which had been said by previous speakers were thankfully acknowledged, and, doing so he drew the attention of the members to the fact, which men in public affairs were, he said, only too apt to forget, that the temper of the commercial travellers in no small degree is generally the temper of the country.

'When you are in good humor the country is in good humor and prosperous, but when you are in a bad humor, you are indeed almost in despair.' (Laughter and applause.) On this occasion, however, you are evidently in a very happy state of mind, so that I may at once infer that the country is prosperous, indeed.'

The speaker thought that both he and Mr. Monk might also be classed as commercial travellers. They offered their goods to the country, and as a rule the prices paid for them.

Proceeding more directly to the subject of his toast, the Postmaster-General observed that the Parliament of Canada was not only a great institution, but represented the rights of the people, their freedom and their liberty. The position of that august body was merely an expression of the individual voices of Mr. Monk and himself. They represented the concentrated opinions of the majority of the people in Canada. He admired the Canadian Constitution because it embodied those great principles that formed the foundation-stone of Great Britain's parliamentary institution, and which were the pride of humanity. In the history of mankind the British Constitution had no parallel, for it was the greatest in the world. (Applause.)

At this stage of his address Mr. Lemieux made a passing reference to the evolution through which that constitution had passed in order to attain its present state of perfection. Referring again to the Canadian Parliament, he assured his hearers that this country's destiny was as safe with that body as it would be within the sacred walls of a temple or church. The Dominion owed a large debt of gratitude to such men as Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir George Cartier—men through whose agency the various provinces were welded into a harmonious whole, under a common flag, and with institutions similar to those in vogue across the Atlantic. For nearly forty years after that great act had been performed, there was more or less strife between different factions, but during the last few years Canada, through her parliamentary institutions, had become a truly great nation. (Applause.) Although our population scarcely exceeded seven millions, nevertheless this fair Dominion was easily the greatest of Great Britain's colonies. It was possible for Canada to be very closely united with the Mother Country and with the other colonies of the Empire by a system of cable, and from that continuity of thought and action which to-day seemed lacking. Canada's present position was defined by the speaker as a nation within an empire, and the minister expressed the belief that the same increase in population would take place here as had marked the United States for the past twenty-five or thirty years. He urged all to profit by the mistakes in the experience of other nations, and to live in peace and harmony.

### YELLOW JOURNALISM.

Speaking of the press and the population of the country in future in his capacity as Postmaster-General, Mr. Lemieux promised that every precautionary measure would be taken against the invasion of the 'yellow' press, which was the curse of the republic to the south of us. The public spirit and intelligence of a country was moulded largely in the young men. This could be done only by means of good literature, good newspapers, good magazines and good periodicals. If the support in this matter, which he anticipated from both sides of the House, were forthcoming there would be in this country what he termed an 'intellectual preference'—which meant as low postage as possible on magazines and periodicals coming from the Old Country. The periodicals from over the border contained advertisements almost exclusively of American firms. By a little protection he believed that the benefit of British advertisements could be given Canadian firms.

The Postmaster-General then strongly advocated 'a shilling cable,' making a phrase to parallel 'penny postage.' It should and would connect all sections of the Empire. In the near future he hoped a man cabling from this city to Australia, or vice versa, could do so at a cheap rate—the same rate to prevail in every part of the Empire. While the idea was comparatively new, he believed it would meet with approval in Canada.

In his concluding remarks, Mr. Lemieux congratulated Mr. Marceau upon his election to the presidency. He took occasion to point out to his French-Canadian confreres that their aim should be to unite with their friends of English origin. As for the Commercial Travellers' Association he advised them to take the words 'In concordia salus' as their motto. (Prolonged applause.)

### MR. MONK URGES CONCORD.

Mr. F. D. Monk, M.P., followed Mr. Lemieux, his address being largely confined to a treatment of the great influence that could be exerted by the 'Knights of the grip' if it were more concentrated, and turned in the proper direction. In his opinion there were few men in public life who had a greater grasp of the tariff question than the commercial travellers. To them was entrusted in a certain measure the task of inculcating high ideals of Canadian citizenship among those with whom they came in contact. He was extremely happy to be able to join in the festivities on the occasion, and would always have a good word to say of the commercial traveller. (Applause.)

### WILL REPEAL TRAVELLERS' TAX.

The pleasing announcement was made by the Hon. Lomer Gouin, Premier of the province, in replying to the 'Provincial Legislature,' that the government had decided to repeal the tax on commercial travellers at the next session.

He impressed upon his hearers the great benefits that accrued from an intelligent and well directed patriotism. To this toast Mr. P. E. Leblanc also responded briefly.

The remaining toasts included 'Bits of Montreal,' which Mr. W. J. Egan proposed in most felicitous terms; 'Transportation,' proposed by Mr. G. M. Terroux and responded to by Messrs. Henry and Gorrie, the latter representing Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann; 'Commerce,' proposed by Mr. Parkes and responded to by Messrs. Mathewson, Dougall and Chouillou; 'The Ladies,' proposed by Mr. Freedman, and 'The Press,' by Mr. Giles.

A feature of the evening's musical programme was the presence of the Prince Albert Quartette, the members of which gave several pleasing vocal selections in the course of the evening. Others who contributed were Messrs. Munday and Woods.

Among those present were Messrs. N. G. Hamphire, J. W. Bailis, S. J. Milligan, H. C. Brodie, D. S. Freedman, A. Bilsky, A. P. Freedman, I. Weinberg, J. B. Giles, J. Gouldthorpe, G. Lee, A. Strachan, F. J. Truaich, John S. Prince, Hector Spedding, J. S. Faille, J. Gravel, A. Lortie, G. Kervan (Ames-Holden Company, Limitd), P. J. Angus, J. O. Nadeau, H. P. Nightingale, F. Prudhomme, B. Trudel, E. Gendron, H. E. Quesnel, H. Lawrence, J. A. Quesnel, F. W. Barlow, H. Munderloh, S. M. Ross, J. R. MacGregor, E. T. Reynolds, R. P. Donnelly, Baron de Longueuil, P. De Marcac, W. de F. Cummings, F. W. Danford, V. Inglis, E. Geenleese, F. C. Wolever, E. Foster, J. W. Baxter, G. E. Cooke, G. S. Kuvan, J. P. Angus, R. R. Hendry, J. A. Nadeau, J. Langlois, G. M. Williamson, J. S. Fotheringham, J. Gravel, Alfred Lortie, H. Spedding, J. S. Faille, Wilkins, jr., P. F. McCaffrey, Mr. H. O'Connor; E. Brodeur, F. N. Preard, B. M. Robertson, Jame J. Pickup, N. H. Montgomery, A. W. Smith, W. O. H. Percy, E. A. Robertson, J. Robertson, V. Archambault, J. E. Monday, of E. H. Ewing & Son; W. J. Wright, of J. D. Irvey & Co., Ltd.; Romeo Brosseau, F. E. Fontaine, O. Asselin, M. R. Budding, A. E. Landre, of the National Cash Register Company; R. C. Bois, director of the new Victoria Hotel, Quebec; J. E. Bruneau, Lewis Bros., Ltd.; H. S. Dery, A. Desrosiers; J. A. Bonneville, of L. O. Grothe & Co.; R. Dionne, J. P. A. Des Trois Maisons, R. O. Colonel, L. Dielles, of D. McCall & Co.; H. W. Wadsworth, A. J. Gorne, D. M. Stewart, R. C. Wilkins, T. L. Paton, F. H. Matthews, P. W. Leblanc, M. Murdock, James Robinson, A. Terroux, C. A. Chouillon, L. O. Demers, J. W. Harris, A. G. Weller, H. G. Pepperell, D. Hunter, W. Seers, J. C. Macfarlane, R. Mathieu, B. Dixon, John Cussack, A. S. Leblanc, N. Z. Dansereau, H. E. Stubbs, O. S. Ward, Canada Paint Company; R. Gault, O. Des Chaleaux, W. D. Hamilton, Harry Stearns, J. H. Beatson, R. Young, F. Carmarcine, P. W. Widmer, B. L. J. Cope, Sovereign Bank of Canada; E. Monday, E. Lafontaine, J. F. L. Dubreuil, G. A. Hudson, L. J. Filiatrault, J. E. Roy, A. F. Houston, representing Hodgson, Sumner & Co.; Fred. L. Barlow, D. A. Nadeau, W. S. Finlay, A. Bruce, D. M. Lefeovre, J. P. O'Shaw, N. M. K. Barlow, S. J. Martin, E. J. Langlois, R. A. McNab, W. A. Mathewson, W. G. Robertson, J. P. Harrison, G. L. Holland, G. H. Bishop, J. Daoust, F. G. Leduc, J. N. Chevrier, E. Tarte, O. S. Perrault, S. D. Joubert, R. H. Graham, Joseph Franklin, A. Bentley, E. L. Desauliers, F. K. Mackercher, Walker McMann, J. A. Bernier, J. R. Baillon, J. G. Lanthier, W. Keane, R. M. Bouchette, C. V. Prevost, H. H. Replogle, J. D. Wade, J. M. S. Carro, S. W. Hackett, R. C. Bach, J. W. Anderson, O. J. Macdougall, J. D. H. Tranchemontagne, and R. A. Pageau.

## WINNIPEG'S NEW MAYOR

### SAYS CITY HAS BEEN MISMANAGED, AND THERE WILL BE REFORMS ALL ROUND.

Mr. James H. Ashdown, the newly-elected mayor of Winnipeg, left Montreal on the C. P. R. this morning for Toronto.

In a short chat with a reporter, he said the victory he had won was a victory for good government. The financial situation of Winnipeg, he said, was sound, although they were borrowing pretty freely. His contention had been that there had been mismanagement in the expenditure, and that reforms were needed all round.

His Worship declared that he had favored the general principle of municipal ownership for some time past, although he had not as yet gone into the details of such a policy. He further said that municipal ownership of telephones had been strongly supported in the city, but not so much in the country. He added that the city had at present $2,000,000 four percent debentures for sale, and he thought that they would likely be taken in New York or in London. The demand for such securities, he added, had very considerably decreased since the San Francisco fire, but there would be a renewal later on.

## ARE FOREIGNERS PREFERRED TO BRITONS ?

### A SLANDEROUS INSINUATION.

A despatch of the Canadian Associated Press, which appeared in the 'Witness' of Tuesday, worded so as to cast a slur on our immigration department, was shown to an official of that department. The despatch said, on the authority of the London 'Telegraph,' that a foreigner could go from London to Liverpool for one and sixpence less than an Englishman, giving the 'emigration agent a bonus for sending out the foreigner in preference to the Britisher.' The reply was that the department had no control of the fares on English railways, which apparently give to foreigners cheaper through rates than they give to English travel just as the Canadian Pacific gives foreigners cheaper through rates than it gives to Canadians. Where the immigration agent gets the advantage it is hard to see.

## THE PRESS CLUB

### MR. L. J. TARTE ELECTED PRESIDENT AT YESTERDAY'S MEETING.

There was a large attendance of members at the annual meeting of the Montreal Press Club in its rooms in the St. Lawrence Hall building yesterday afternoon. The secretary-treasurer's report showed the club to be in a flourishing condition and with bright hopes for progress during the coming year. The officers elected were as follows:—

President, L. J. Tarte, (Patrie); first vice-president, Fred Yorston, (Standard); secretary-treasurer, W. E. Burgess, (Star), re-elected; executive committee, Thomas Coté, (Presse); C. F. Paul, (Star); Frank McNamara, (Herald); J. S. Roe, (Gazette); L. Prince, (Patrie); Godfroi Langlois, M.P.P., (Canada); R. McGlaughlin, (Witness); Henry Mason, (Trade Bulletin); Frank D. Shallow, (Moniteur du Commerce); E. F. Slack, (Gazette), and B. A. Macnab, (Star), ex-officio.


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## CARELESS ELECTOR

### GERMAN GOVERNMENT APPEALS TO THEM TO WAKE UP.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The government has issued an urgent appeal to the large number of indifferent electors, who abstained from voting in the Reichstag elections of 1903, to wake up, inasmuch as their participation in the elections is necessary to insure the new Reichstag being better than the old. It is stated that the number of indifferent electors exceed three millions, which is a quarter of the entire electorate and more than the entire special domestic vote.

## CHARGED WITH FRAUD

### LORD DELAMERE IN TROUBLE IN EAST AFRICA.

London, Dec. 20.—A despatch to the 'Daily Mail' from Mombasa, on the east coast of Africa, says that Lord Delamere, who was prominent in English society, and has wide connections among the aristocracy, has been committed for trial at Nairobi on a charge of fraud. A solicitor, who is accused of abetting him, was also committed. Lord Delamere devoted much of his time to exploring and hunting big game in Africa. His wife accompanied him and shared his rough life. He left England last year to reside in Nairobi, where he built a fine house and bought a hundred thousand acres of land, intending to grow cotton and sugar.

## A FUEL FAMINE

### WOOD AND COAL TRAINS TO HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHERS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The action of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the fuel crisis in Western Canada is meeting with approval. The latest announcement made by the C. P. R. is that twenty empty cars are to be sent to load wood for Brandon at Edrans, where large stocks are lying. Orders have been issued that fuel trains are to have precedence over all others but passenger and perishable freight.

If the stocks in Winnipeg become so depleted that there is danger of a famine, the C. P. R. service of fuel trains to the wooded district of Lac Du Bonnet will be immediately doubled.

### DEATH OF MRS. HOLLAND.

Ann Gormley, widow of Thomas M. Holland, and mother of Quartermaster T. J. Holland, of the city police department, died yesterday, after a few months' illness, at the residence of her son, 513 St. Dominique street. The deceased was 67 years of age, was a native of Fintona, county Tyrone, Ireland. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning, from 513 St. Dominique street, to St. Agnes's Church, thence to Coté des Neiges.

### MRS. PEARSON'S EXPLANATION ACCEPTED.

Mrs. Kate Hyde Pearson, who was arrested in Montreal on a charge of issuing a worthless cheque, appeared before the police magistrate at Toronto yesterday. She explained that she had obtained a dress from Mrs. Ada Utter, and gave the cheque in payment. The dress, however, did not suit, so she had withdrawn the money from the bank. When the dress was altered she would pay. This explanation satisfied the court, and the woman was remanded for sentence. This probably ends the matter.

### NEW RAILWAY OPENED.

The first through train over the Halifax & Southwestern (Mackenzie & Mann's new road), along the south shore of Nova Scotia, arrived at Yarmouth last evening at eight o'clock. Among those on board were Governor Fraser, Premier Murray, Mr. McCall, government engineer; Mr. Mackenzie, one of the owners; Mr. C. W. Spencer and other officials of the road. The trip was delightful. The train was heartily cheered all along the line. Commencing to-morrow a through service will be inaugurated.

### MORE RAILWAY MEN TO GO.

A London despatch says there is no little excitement in Grand Trunk Railway circles there over the information that has leaked out to the effect that twenty-five conductors and twenty-five express baggagemen are to be discharged after the Christmas rush is over. It is said that the decision was arrived at after a conference of officials held on Wednesday night. The dismissals are not confined to this division.

## REGARDING JAPAN

### MR. TAMURA ON TRADE WITH CANADA AND OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING THE FLOWERY KINGDOM.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—S. Tamura, lately Canadian Japanese commissioner at the Osaka world's fair, and recently from Kobe, was at the King Edward Hotel yesterday in company with the Hon. L. Nossé, Japanese consul-general for Canada.

Mr. Tamura, who has been largely instrumental in building up Canadian trade with Japan, expressed himself as very optimistic about the future. The new Japanese tariff, giving preference to Canada as a British colony, he considered to be of great benefit.

Regarding Japanese immigration, Mr. Tamura said that Japanese laborers might be glad to come here if Canada wanted them, but they would not go where they were not wanted.

Asked as to the possibility of another war with Russia, Mr. Tamura said that Russia could have it if she wanted it, but Japan never took the initiative in the war. 'Togo is still alive,' he remarked significantly, 'and if he were dead we have other Togos, and a people that will fight like one man, to the last drop of their blood.'

## HAMILTON STRIKE

### FOUR RIOTERS GIVEN VARIOUS TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 20.—Judge Snider this morning passed sentence on the four men found guilty of having taken part in the street riot during the recent street railway strike. The sentences were heavier than anticipated, but His Honor told the prisoners that they might consider themselves lucky to get off so easily, as the maximum punishment in most of their cases was life imprisonment. Judson Ryerson, the young man who assaulted Col. Denison, was sent to the Central Prison for eighteen months; James Moran, who was convicted on a charge of being a member of an unlawful assembly, received a sentence of one year in the Central Prison; Alex. Thompson, found guilty of being a member of an unlawful assembly, was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment; and John Seamenes, who assaulted Sergeant Youngman, of London, was sentenced to two months.

### LOST SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Toronto, Dec. 21—Miss Mary Hoskins, a well known artist, who lives at the Convent of the Precious Blood, 113 St. Joseph street, has reported to the police that she either lost or had stolen from her in one of the departmental stores yesterday afternoon the sum of six hundred dollars in Dominion Bank fifty-dollar bills. The money was in a handbag, and was missed after she had passed through the holiday crowds in the store. This is one of the largest amounts lost by any one person this year.

## CANADIAN CABLES.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 20.—Sir Robert Cranston announced at Edinburgh that Lord Strathcona had subscribed 1,000 guineas to the Scottish National Exhibition of 1908, at which he anticipated a good exhibit from Canada.

London, Dec. 20.—The King has promised to open the South African exhibition here in February.

London, Dec. 20.—Steps are being taken to extradite Bintz, the German corned beef manufacturer, from Canada.

### CAME FROM SUTTON.

Sutton, Que., Dec. 21.—Fred. Bresee, who was killed on Wednesday by a train at Calgary, was a native of this place. Three brothers, two sisters, and numerous relatives reside here.


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# CHURCH AND STATE

## Police Obliged to Force the Doors of Seminaries—An Officer's Violence

Paris, Dec. 20.—More evacuations of church property, a few more declarations enabling the holding of services in churches, and fewer difficulties encountered in executing the separation law, so far as regards the state taking possession of churches and seminaries, that is the history of the active operations of today. Politically, developments are just as mild, until a lively incident occurred in the Chamber of Deputies when the government's bill came out of committee.

The ejectment proceedings, through that constant repetition under which the heart hardens, are ceasing in some instances to be regarded by the authorities as solemn matters of duty, and have taken rather the character of that flippant form of routine in which the vulgar easily find humor. When officers today went to oust the teachers and twenty-five students at the seminary of St. Sulpice, Father Guerriguet said that he would only quit the premises under force.

'Ah, yes,' said the commander, 'officer, touch one of your hands on the father's shoulder, that it be well established that he yields only to force.'

At Verdun yesterday the sub-prefect and troops found unusual conditions at a small seminary. They were obliged to force three doors to enter the building. They then burst locks on door after door, but they found nobody in the rooms until they reached the chapel, where the professors were surrounding the faithful director. Thereupon occurred the first instance reported of an officer losing his head so far as to provoke trouble by personal violence. The commissary punched a professor, saying: 'You want force, there it is.' The professor then declared that they would not leave unless they were escorted by gendarmes, to which the sub-prefect retorted: 'It would be too great an honor for citizens of your species.'

The dispossessors, however, were compelled to use gendarmes, who escorted the inmates, one by one, to the gates. A crowd outside mocked them with cries of 'Long live liberty' and 'Long live the army.'

The Casseroles grand seminary was later emptied after the doors were forced in face of a protest. The seminary of St. Nicholas du Chardonnet in Paris was evacuated under protest.

PRESS COMMENT.

The 'Gil Blas' is led by the Ojeda incident, which consisted of the Spanish ambassador at the Vatican requesting the Spanish ambassador at Paris to protect the archives of the nunciature, to believe that some international politics is brewing, of which little has been heard. It had its Madrid correspondent make an investigation, and to-day it published conspicuously his reply, which embodies the view of a minster who recently went out of power. He said that the question of the separation of Church and State in France is also a Spanish question. The Vatican cannot hide the fact that its eldest daughter, and its most profitable supporter, France, is more than three parts hopelessly lost to it. Why, then, this blind abandoning of all the material advantages the French separation law concedes? Because, reply the French conservative newspapers, Pope Pius fights for a principle, for an eternal idea. Because, reply the anti-clerical organs, the Pope is a fanatic, narrow-minded and ill-informed, believes that the French faithful are ready to suffer martyrdom, and, expecting a persecution whence will arise a revival of the faith and a restoration of the Church. What nonsense. We are assured that the Vatican knows better. It does not wage grandiose campaigns. If it is resigned to lose solid advantages in France, it is to find elsewhere full compensation. The Pope abandons a desperate position in France in order to have his position not compromised in Spain.

The speaker laid stress on the fact that the Pope's most intimate advisers, Cardinals Merry del Val and Vives y Tuto, are Spanish, while Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, was a close friend of the Pope during his Venetian days. He pointed out as the most supreme peril of the church in Spain King Alfonso's marriage, which freed him from the grasp of the Jesuits and placed him within English liberal influences. He deduces that the results of France's resistance must appear to the Vatican as an irresistible lever to check Spain's effort towards independence, for, he said, 'If Rome, by opposing to France solely the force of inertia, is able to throw France into a bloody strife, what would be the situation in Spain if its government ventured to shake off Rome? Where France has lost peace, Alfonso would lose his crown.' Such, if not the sole explanation, is certainly the clearest one given of the Pope's attitude, which otherwise is incomprehensible, contradictory, and absurd.

The 'Journal des Debats,' whose sympathies are generally favorable to the church, regrets the proposed attitude of the members of the Right in regard to the new religious bill. It argues that their abstention from discussion of the measure will destroy the party's influence and parliamentary importance, but the paper says, whatever may be the party's motive, the uncertainty in regard to Rome's action towards the bill, when it is passed, must paralyze the Opposition, for, even if the Opposition ameliorated the bill during its passage, Rome might afterwards nullify their exertions. All activity in initiative is stopped through uncertainty as to how it will be accepted in Rome, so parliamentary system, already badly warped in France, received another blow from which the gravest disasters may be expected.

Ex-Minister Jaures, in the 'Humanité,' advances a similar argument. He concludes by saying that Roman absolutism has killed all Catholic action of initiative in France.

THE POPE'S PROTEST.

Rome, Dec. 20.—The Vatican will deliver its note protesting against seizure of the archives of the nunciature at Paris to the foreign representatives to-morrow. Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, will receive each diplomat separately and present a copy of the note to him, requesting that its contents be communicated to his government. A summary of the note appeared this evening in the 'Osservatore Romano,' the organ of the Vatican. The note entirely rejects the new French religious law. The Pope will not change his attitude until a law is passed containing a minimum recognition of the essential rights of the church, beginning with the Catholic hierarchy, which, it is declared, is the divine foundation of the church's origination.

## PATRICK SAVED

SENTENCE OF DEATH COMMUTED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 20.— Governor Higgins, in announcing the commutation of the sentence of death imposed on Albert T. Patrick, convicted of accomplishing the death of William Marsh Rice, an aged millionnaire, issued the following memorandum:

'Albert T. Patrick has been convicted of the murder of William M. Rice, and the judgment of conviction has been affirmed by a divided court. It is not claimed that Patrick committed the murder in person, but that he procured the act to be done. He has been convicted principally upon the testimony of Charles F. Jones, who confessed that he murdered his master while he lay asleep, instigated thereto by Patrick; and Jones, by his testimony, has purchased his own immunity from trial or punishment. Neither this fact alone, nor the review of any question of fact already passed upon by the courts at some stage of these proceedings, would seem to me to warrant interfering with the judgment of death pronounced against the defendant; but three of the seven judges of the Court of Appeals were so strongly of the opinion that errors were committed at the trial, which were substantially prejudicial to the rights of Patrick, that I feel that the death penalty ought not, under all the circumstances, to be inflicted.

'In view of these facts and the grave doubts expressed by these judges, I am satisfied that I ought to relieve the defendant from the extreme penalty of the law and commute his sentence to imprisonment for life.'

The case of Albert T. Patrick is in many respects unparalleled. It is doubtful if ever a convicted man, himself an able lawyer, has played so large a part in the conduct of his own case, even turning his narrow quarters in the 'death cells' of a state prison practically into a law office, equipped for the direction of his battle for life. Rice died on Sept. 23, 1900; Patrick and Jones were arrested on Oct. 4. Jones at first declared that Patrick himself had chloroformed Rice, but in other confessions, which varied materially, he said he killed his master at Patrick's instigation. This statement was the principal evidence to sustain the murder charge against Patrick. Jones was never tried as either principal or accomplice. He was released, and is said to be living in Texas, from which state Rice, Jones and Patrick originally came. Patrick was convicted on March 27, 1902, and sentenced to death. Since then his remarkable fight has been continuous. In every court in the state open to him he has made his appeal, but always in vain. The history of the battle is a long one, replete with sensational incidents and human interest. Patrick's brother-in-law, John T. Milliken, of St. Louis, is said to have financed his battle at great cost. It is known here that Patrick intends to continue his efforts to establish his innocence.

OTTAWA TO GO WEST.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—If present arrangements materialize, the Ottawa Hockey Club will go west in about a week. The Winnipeg Arena management have booked the Ottawas for three games, but the local club will not arrive at a final decision until the Kenora Thistles reply favorably with regard to fixtures. The Ottawa team made the same trip last year about this time. It is intended that the team shall leave Ottawa on Christmas night. At practice last night all the old line up were out with the exception of McGee and Pulford. The former declares that he is retiring from the game, but this statement is not regarded here as being serious.

A FATAL MISTAKE.

Magnetawan, Ont., Dec. 20.—Patrick Langan, foreman in Burton Bros'. lumber camp, No. 3, north of here a few miles, took a dose of carbolic acid last night, mistaking it for cough mixture, and died from the effects in less than ten minutes. His brother, John Langan, who was working at the same camp, left to-day for Victoria Harbor, with the body, where the deceased will be buried.

# CITY COUNCIL

LEGALITY OF MEETING IS QUESTIONED.

There was another surprise in connection with the light and power proposition afforded at yesterday's City Council meeting. Ald. L. A. Lapointe, Ald. M. Martin and Ald. Levesque signed the book at 3.15, prohibiting a meeting because, they affirmed, there was no quorum. Later a quorum turned up, and when they found the signatures there was considerable excitement. Eventually the city attorney, Mr. Ethier, was called in and ruled that the protest was no good because the signatories had not taken proper precautions to demonstrate that there was no quorum before signing the book.

The Mayor therefore called the meeting to order, and Ald. L. A. Lapointe withdrew, declaring that the procedure was illegal, in view of his protest.

The engineers of the lighting proposition did not venture, in the circumstances, to push forward their scheme and Ald. Payette gave notice that the debate on the gas question would be postponed.

A NOTARIAL PROTEST ON CITY.

Previous to the meeting a notarial protest was served on the city by the Montreal branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, through its president and executive, declaring that the corporation would be held responsible for any loss or damage resulting to the petitioners through the adoption of the proposed agreement with the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company.

The protest stated that:

'Whereas, the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company has for years past had restrictive and exclusive privileges in Montreal for the supply of gas and electricity for industrial and commercial uses in respect of which it has enjoyed sole rights and monopoly powers, to its very great profit and advantage, and has thereby caused a very heavy annual and uncalled for burden to the petitioners and citizens generally; and

'Whereas, there are within easy reach of Montreal divers locations for the generation and supply of electric current and power and of gas for all purposes; and the city has been and is being frequently applied to on the part of persons who are ready to enter into the supply of gas and electricity; and

'Whereas, it is essential for the growth, development, and continuance of the various commercial and industrial concerns controlled by the petitioners and the citizens generally that the cost of electricity for all purposes be just and reasonable; and

'Whereas, any extended monopoly in such supply except under the most stringent terms and conditions, and with ample provision for control and safeguards in the public interests will constitute a serious menace and hardship to the citizens; and

'Whereas, it is said that the terms stated to have been proposed for the gas and electric monopoly have been accepted by the representatives of the company; and

'Whereas, we consider that the adoption of these proposals would be an abuse of the power and authority vested in the mayor and aldermen of the city of Montreal, and thereby likely to lead to divers complications and difficulties and to be a great and serious menace to the public interest generally;

The Corporation of the City of Montreal is hereby notified that in the event of any offer or proposition being made to and agreement entered into with the said company, your petitioners will hold the city liable for any loss, detriment, or injury which they may suffer in consequence, and that they reserve their right and recourse to take steps to prevent the carrying into effect of any such agreement.'

THE CHAMBRE DE COMMERCE SPEAKS.

The Chambre de Commerce submitted the following report, prepared by its special committee on municipal affairs.—

'Whereas, electric energy has become an article of public necessity and in the greater part of Canada the price of electric energy is left to the discretion of private initiative, and precise information on the extent and possibility of exploitation of hydraulic powers would aid considerably in the establishment of equitable prices for the furnishing of this article;

'Your committee recommends the Council of the Chambre de Commerce respectfully to beg the Federal Government to come to an agreement with the local governments as soon as possible, to draw up with them a detailed report and explicit plan of all the water powers of the country, such report to indicate particularly the geographical situation and volume of power of the various water powers, showing also those exploited and those covered by concessions but not yet exploited.

'Your committee also suggests that the Federal Government be asked to take immediate steps to regulate, in an equitable manner in favor of the interested parties, the price of electrical energy and thereby benefit the public.

'Your committee further invites the City Council, pending these reports, to make no grants or renewals of exclusive rights for the furnishing of electrical energy.'

MR. LAGUERRIER DENIES CHARGES.

A letter was submitted from Mr. Leguerrier, superintendent of the Incineration Department, in which he denied all allegations made against him in connection with the control of his department, declaring that if he had kept any portion of the money belonging to Mme. Desy, it was because she owed it to him, she having borrowed money from him—a fact which he was ready to prove, under oath. He asked for an investigation to enable him to do this, and declared that his department had been properly and honestly conducted.

ARCHBISHOP ON POOL ROOMS.

A letter was laid over from Archbishop Bruchesi, dealing with the closing of pool rooms at midnight. The letter said:—

'I have taken communication of the by-law recently adopted by the council on the subject of billiards and pool rooms. This by-law appears to me to be very wise and opportune. It should prevent disorders. The aldermen have thereby earned the gratitude of the public, and I congratulate them. I have confidence the council will maintain its decision, and that it will see that all conform to the provisions of the by-law.'

MIDNIGHT IS LATE ENOUGH.

In this connection a letter was read from Mr. Campeau, chief of police, in the course of which he said, regarding the proposed amendment to this pool-room by-law, under which permission would be given to the pool-rooms to keep open until two o'clock in the morning: 'The by-law, without the proposed amendment, has rendered great service to the police. It had the effect of ridding public places of a number of young culprits. By allowing pool-rooms to remain open after one a.m. the police are deprived of an efficient means of supervision. It has often occurred that thefts were planned in such rooms after midnight. After committing the crime, the culprits found a safe refuge and alibi in the pool-rooms, and their arrest was often prevented, or very long delayed. Midnight is long enough for the frequenters of these rooms, and it would be dangerous to extend the time by two hours—the time fixed in the permits for closing the same. I have received so many complaints from fathers and mothers of families before the adoption of the by-law, that I was compelled in consequence to approve the amendment concerning the closing at midnight of pool rooms. My sub-chiefs have sent in reports to me in which I find the sad confirmation of these complaints from these fathers and mothers. They have come to me almost on their knees, asking me to close such establishments. I know there are noble exceptions, but as a rule pool-rooms are the resort of inexperienced youths who have there before their eyes demoralizing examples. I am of opinion that the proposed amendment to the by-law would constitute a serious hindrance to the good administration of the police force. I submit to you these remarks, hoping they may be useful to you, and pray you to invoke these arguments against the amendment.'

Ald. Giroux, at the commencement of the meeting, made a protest against the criticism which the 'Canada' had directed against him when it declared that he had gone back on his pledge when elected to support no gas proposal that did not provide for 87-cent gas. The gist of his argument was that he had not yet voted for such a proposal, and that until he did so the criticism was premature.

Speaking with reference to the documents from the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the Chambre de Commerce, the mayor remarked that some practical solution of the gas question would be more useful than such protests.

This brought out a protest from Ald. Sadler, who declared that the opinion expressed in the documents referred to —that the council was going beyond its power in making an exclusive contract —could not be expressed too often or with too great emphasis.

The Leguerrier report will be taken up at the next meeting of the council.

## ONTARIO'S RAILWAY

CABINET AUTHORIZES AN EXTENSION OF 100 MILES TO THE NORTH.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The government has decided upon the extension of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway from the end of the present contract to the junction of the Black and Abitibi rivers, to connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, between the city, seven and forty miles further north. The necessary order-in-council required under the act was passed at a meeting of the cabinet held yesterday afternoon, and the T. & N. O. Commission will now proceed to call for tenders for the work.

The junction of the Black and Abitibi rivers is one hundred miles north of New Liskeard, or about two hundred and four miles north of North Bay, where the railway starts. The extension now authorized will, therefore, bring its total length up to about two hundred and fifty miles. The decision as to the extension is another step towards the eventual construction of the road up to James Bay, an idea which has been more or less under consideration since the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway was commenced.

A FATAL FALL.

Welland, Ont., Dec. 20.—John McCallister was instantly killed here today by a fall from a scaffold on M. Beatty & Son's Works. Alex. Brown was also badly injured.

BUFFALO NEAR WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Reports that two buffalo had been seen recently near Stonewall, about twenty-five miles from here, have been confirmed, and to-day the Provincial Government despatched men to attempt to capture the animals, which are at present in the bluffs near there.

# FRUIT GROWERS MEET.

## Successful Meeting Being Held at Knowlton, Que.

Knowlton, Dec. 20.—As sometimes happens with the first of a series of meetings, the opening session of the thirteenth annual convention of the Pomological and Fruit-growing Society of the Province of Quebec, which took place last night in the Pettes Memorial Hall, was not very largely attended.

The platform was decorated with potted ferns, and some fine specimens of apples were also in evidence. There was a delay in beginning the evening's proceedings, owing to the lateness of the train on which a number of the speakers were to arrive. Considerably after eight o'clock, however, the president of the society, Mr. R. W. Shepherd, of Como, took the chair. After expressing appreciation, on behalf of the members of the society, to Mr. H. S. Foster for using his influence with the railway officials in allowing the local train to bring them on an hour and a half sooner than it would otherwise have done, Mr. Shepherd said that he was sorry to be obliged to announce that the Hon. Sydney Fisher was not well enough to attend the meeting. Considering his own bad cold and consequent hoarseness, in addition to the delay in beginning the meeting, he thought that his address might be dispensed with. (Emphatic: 'Oh, no!' from Mr. Brodie, of Notre Dame de Grace.)

In the opening words of his address, Mr. Shepherd referred with pleasure to the former visit of the Fruit Growers' Society to Knowlton in 1894, the first year of its existence. Proceeding, he said the society had held two meetings a year—summer and winter—the effects of which had been, in his opinion, far-reaching and beneficial, by giving an impetus to orcharding throughout the country. St. Anne de Bellevue, Lake of Two Mountains, and other localities were cited as examples of places where orcharding had shown improvement of late. With our great North-West as a special market; with careful attention to proper cultivation and packing, Mr. Shepherd affirmed that there was no fear of over-production. Continuing, Mr. Shepherd gave a 'pomological retrospective glance' over the past year. The marked changes of temperature had had a disastrous effect on fruit buds, but a circumstance which the speaker had particularly noticed was that the Fameuse apples, though small, were possessed of a finer flavor than he had ever observed before. He attributed this fact to the dry, sunny summer. Various noxious insects which invade apple trees were touched on, and Mr. Shepherd dwelt with earnestness upon the necessity of constant spraying to avoid fungus and similar ills. Farmers should regard the spraying of their fruit trees as much a matter of course, as the putting of Paris green on their potatoes. In closing, Mr. Shepherd referred to the successful meeting held at Ottawa last March under the able supervision of the Minister of Agriculture, when the Fruit Marks Act had been inaugurated, which act had elicited high commendation from our American neighbors in Maine. At the conclusion of the president's address an animated discussion ensued, dealing mainly with the various conditions which affected the flavor and color of the Fameuse variety of apple previously cited.

Professor W. T. Macoun, horticulturist of the Central Experiment Farm, Ottawa, held that the question of color was largely a matter of maturity; that trees grown in sod arrive at a more thorough degree of maturity than those grown in cultivated ground, and are characterized by a higher color. It was also stated as a fact of interest that early apples had kept better during the past year than almost ever before.

In the absence of the Hon. Mr. Fisher, who was to have spoken next, Mrs. Fraser Torrance, of Chateauguay Basin, was called on for her paper, and was greeted with applause. Mrs. Torrance thought that her subject, 'The preservation of fruits,' embraced a wide area, and one difficult to cover in a limited space. She would, therefore, restrict herself to that province commonly relegated to women, viz., the preservation of fruits in our kitchen. The paper which followed contained much interesting and practical information regarding various kinds of fruit, with special reference to proper sterilization and pure food laws. Much patience and watchfulness were needed to secure good results, but it was a watchword with Mrs. Torrance that 'knowledge pays,' and that science is ready at any time to aid the housewife in her problems if she is willing to be so aided. Mrs. Torrance touched on the subject of dried fruits and crystallized fruits, and among other things in the course of her address, she said that for some time she had felt the need of a law to establish standards of honest packing with regard to canned goods. As a manufacturer recently said, people go by the label. If that says 'currant jelly,' they believe that is what they are eating. Mrs. Torrance cited the case of one poor woman who paid $1.80 for groceries which a subsequent analysis proved would have been rated high, retail price, at 80c; wholesale adulteration practices being responsible. Mrs. Torrance brought her paper to a close with a bright piece of poetry, which eulogized the apple as a panacea for all the ills that flesh is heir to. In the discussion which followed, the gentlemen availed themselves of the privilege (which the ladies present were apparently too diffident to embrace) of asking questions regarding fruit canning, and their naive inquiries evoked considerable merriment.

The composition of soils and location of orchards was the subject of a masterly paper by Mr. Harold Jones, of Maitland, Ont. By way of preface to his address, Mr. Jones said that he had hoped to see some boys and young men present, as these would be the coming horticulturists. Since the young men were not present, the next best thing he could think of, was for all those in the audience to become members of the society, obtain a copy of the annual report, which would be published presently, and in this way carry what he had to say to the rising [illegible]. In eloquent but [illegible] speaker proceeded to [illegible] ments of which our [illegible] mineral or rock [illegible] ions material. There are [illegible] of soil, viz., the sandy [illegible] grains predominate; [illegible] grains are equal in [illegible] clay and where the [illegible] in preponderance. From [illegible] point of view, the [illegible] a medium degree of [illegible] desirable, especially in [illegible] Quebec. In planting an [illegible] conditions regarding [illegible] tain etc., had to be [illegible] but in Mr. Jones's opinion [illegible] ation for an orchard [illegible] what elevated from the [illegible] or, better still, sloping [illegible] of water. Mr. Jones's [illegible] deciduous trees constituted [illegible] windbreak than evergreens [illegible] lively discussion. Mr. [illegible] strong advocate of using [illegible] but he approved, as a [illegible] one which would not [illegible] a dead air space where [illegible] settle, as is apt to be [illegible] evergreen windbreak. An [illegible] interested in the question [illegible] of an evergreen windbreak [illegible] one at that.

Professor Macoun mentioned [illegible] late they had been accustomed [illegible] at the Experimental Farm [illegible] ing their choice seedlings [illegible] hardy crab trees on the [illegible] cold subsoil.

At the conclusion of [illegible] which followed Mr. Jones's [illegible] president appointed Mr. [illegible] Chapais and Dr. Wood [illegible] nomination committee at [illegible] morning business meeting [illegible] ed that Dr. Wood was [illegible] nomination committee as well [illegible] ed his secretaryship on account [illegible] removal to Ottawa.

Mr. R. Brodie's [illegible] ness of the hour was [illegible] he was greeted with [illegible] he reluctantly made [illegible] platform. His paper on [illegible] and care of apple trees [illegible] scintillated throughout [illegible] humor and wit. He [illegible] opening, that what he [illegible] be more interesting [illegible] than to grown people, and [illegible] draw comparisons between [illegible] tions, growth and culture [illegible] that of a child. He was [illegible] that a tree should grow [illegible] straight, and so should a [illegible] process of outgrowing bad habits [illegible] a difficult one in both cases.

'I had a friend,' said Mr. B. [illegible] who could never look at a [illegible] birch without being reminded [illegible] school days, only then it was [illegible] birches that wept.

One piece of advice given by Mr. Brodie to orchard growers created a [illegible] of merriment among his listeners [illegible] was: 'Don't plant too many varieties. Ten or twelve kind are enough. It [illegible] is interesting to test new sorts, but [illegible] is more to the orchardist's profit [illegible] the Experimental Farms do the [illegible] menting. The apple was like the [illegible] berry in that there were both [illegible] and imperfect varieties and [illegible] best side by side.

Reference was made in Mr. B[illegible] address, and in the discussion which followed it, to the deceptions practised [illegible] unqualified tree agents. [illegible] grow your trees yourself,' [illegible] Mr. Brodie, 'procure them from a [illegible] nursery.' He instanced his own experience when out of a lot of [illegible] apple trees which he had [illegible] certain occasion, the only ones that lived were Tolman Sweets and [illegible] cendent Crabs. (Laughter.) [illegible] members of the society had [illegible] morous and tragic amost [illegible] a similar nature, and Mr. [illegible] posed that a petition be [illegible] Provincial Government [illegible] a license which should [illegible] all peddlers of fruit trees [illegible] dent finally retired [illegible] resolution committee [illegible] purpose, and consisting [illegible] Macoun, Mr. Chapais, and Mr. [illegible] man; after which the [illegible] brought to a close.

Knowlton, Que., Dec. 20. [illegible] nual business meeting [illegible] Growers' and Pomological [illegible] morning, Mr. R. W. Shepherd, [illegible] dent, in the chair. The [illegible] ers resulted as follows: [illegible] Hon. Sydney A. Fisher; [illegible] Allard; hon. secretary, Mr. [illegible] Mr. R. W. Shepherd; [illegible] Augustus Dupuis, Yamachiche; R. Brodie, Montreal; [illegible] Reid, Chateauguay Basin; [illegible] E. B. Edwards, Cox; H. [illegible] Fisk, Abbotsford; S. P. [illegible] sawippe; A. D. Narraway, [illegible] M. Lapointe, Malbaie; C. P. [illegible] Lachine; A. Reynard, [illegible] Jack, Chateauguay; W. W. [illegible] Outremont. The financial [illegible] very satisfactory. Discussion [illegible] over the answers to [illegible] Encouraging reports of [illegible] districts followed the [illegible]

KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Komoka, Ont., Dec. 20. [illegible] lor, night watchman of the [illegible] at the G. T. R. [illegible] while walking on the [illegible] just west of the station, [illegible] was struck and instantly [illegible] eastbound freight train. [illegible] from Manchester, England, [illegible] relatives in this county.

A RECORD MAIL.

New York, Dec. 20. [illegible] tity of mail matter ever [illegible] from a foreign country [illegible] on the steamer Mauretania [illegible] pool and Queenstown [illegible] 4,570 sacks of mail and [illegible]

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