

THE trouble at Ottawa has been ended by Bowell coming to terms with the seven strikers, who resume their places in his cabinet with the exception of young Tupper, who temporarily withdraws to make room for his father, who is to be premier after the session closes. Whether this patched up peace will last, time alone can show. In a speech in the senate, premier Bowell dealt at length with the allegation of the strikers that he was incapable for the position he held. In this estimate of his ability, he, of course, did not agree, and declared if he had been loyally supported by his colleagues his administration would have been as successful as that of Macdonald, Abbott, or Thompson: If proof had been needed that he is a small man in a big position, his statement would furnish it. The house will now settle down to business and the Manitoba school bill is expected next week.

THE international relations of the Empire are brighter than they were a week ago. The president of the Transvaal has surrendered Dr Jameson and his followers to be dealt with by the British authorities, who will try them for disturbing the peace of a friendly power. The Emperor of Germany is understood to have offered explanations of his despatch to President Kruger, to the effect that he meant nothing offensive to Britain. Whether he did or not, Britain is preparing for any emergency, and is getting her fleet ready. There are rumors that should Germany provoke a contest, an alliance will be formed between Britain, France, and Russia. Among those arrested for the trouble in Transvaal were several citizens of the United States. The Washington government has asked Britain to intervene for their protection, and Mr Chamberlain has promised they will be looked after.

OF Shortis there is little news to report. He has been assigned to the tailor shop at St Vincent de Paul. Until the papers are brought down at Ottawa, it will not be known whether the sentence was commuted on the score of his alleged insanity. If it was, he ought to be sent to a lunatic asylum and kept in the dangerous ward. The Witness has a story that he has made a statement of his crime, to the effect that he wanted a postage stamp, and the office being closed went to the cotton mill for one, picked up the revolver, which went off accidentally, killing Loy (so the Witness has it) and then, at the sight of blood, he lost control of himself. The story does not hang together and it is highly improbable Shortis made it.

THE financial statement of Franklin agricultural society is a study for farmers. Its income during 1895 was \$12,343. Of that large amount there was paid in prizes to farmers and other exhibitors \$1839 only, while in prizes for horse races no less than \$4715 was paid, and nearly \$600 for bicycle, baseball and other prizes. Adding work on the track and other expenses, the horse races seem to have cost the society six thousand dollars. Against that stands the fact that the society paid a great deal less to the farmers in prizes for stock and produce than the grant it received from the state for their benefit. Here is a rich specimen of a society designed to promote the interest of the farming community—paying \$6000 for the horse jockeys and less than \$1500 to the farmers. The Franklin society is sailing under false colors. The sooner it drops "agricultural" from its title and calls itself Franklin county trotting society the better.

We regret to learn from the columns of the Palladium that additional investigations tend to show that tuberculosis, or consumption, is more widely spread in the neighborhood of Malone than was at first supposed. Out of six herds examined since those already reported, the disease was found in four. The examination heretofore has been only among cows whose milk was sold in Malone. It is not improbable that the enquiry will be extended to the herds of farmers generally. 33 head have been slaughtered of the dairy of Hiram P. Porter, the state allowing half their value. An interesting point in the investigation is, that where single cows have been kept the disease has not been found, tending to support the view that consumption is generally communicated by actual contact. The Chateaugay supervisors have ordered that no milk be sold from cows that have not been tested.

Last week we heard of the report being current in Ste Barbe that the murderer of Myre had been discovered. We did not give it currency because we did not believe it. The Witness printed the story on Tuesday. There is not a shadow of truth in it. The man it refers to as having made a doubtful confession is very much alive.

JAMES L. HUGHES, Orange grand master for Ontario west, has issued an address on the subject of the Manitoba school law, and which is intended as a warm exhortation to Orangemen to beware of the Grits and of McCarthy, and to solidly support ex-grand master Bowell and his policy of remedial legislation. The address is of such a character that it is hailed with satisfaction by the hierarchy and their organs, among them The True Witness, which copy it with words of commendation. That Orangemen should go flat in face of their professions rather than give any advantage to either McCarthy or the Grits is their business, but in blindly upholding the Conservative party they have no right to misrepresent the Quebec minority, and that is what too many of them are doing, from Bowell down to James L. Hughes, who says in his address—

"Remember that the demagogue's cry, 'Hands off!' or, 'Let Manitoba manage her own affairs,' or, 'The people of Manitoba understand their own business,' would be just as logical and as constitutional if applied to Quebec as to Manitoba. If the legislature of Quebec should pass a law taking away of the educational rights of the Protestant minority, how would Orangemen receive the cry, 'Hands off Quebec!' Every one who is a Canadian in Canada understands their own business, and that is what the British North America act provides for an appeal from a provincial educational act, and would insist that a remedy should be found for the grievance of the Protestant minority. If you would not shout, 'Hands off, Quebec!' do not be base enough to shout, 'Hands off Manitoba!'"

Here we have the schools of the minority in Quebec described as equivalent to those sought for the Manitoba minority, and the demand for Manitoba as being of equal constitutional force. In other words, Mr Hughes tells the Orangemen under his jurisdiction that between the claims of the Quebec minority and those of the Manitoba minority there is no constitutional or legal difference. The depths to which party feeling will lead men who affect to be truthful, is revealed by such instances as this, of a leader among the Orangemen trying to persuade his brethren to support the Conservative ticket by the assurance that the Manitoba minority are only claiming what the Quebec minority enjoy. What does it signify to those Orange leaders that the Protestants of Quebec are thus held up in a false light and their sufficiently precarious position is made more difficult? Bowell candidates in the by-elections must be supported at all hazards, cries Hughes, and, to that end, let us join their enemies by kicking the few Protestants of Quebec in re-echoing the lie that their schools exist by virtue of the same law that Bowell wants to ram down the throats of the Manitobans.

We do not appeal to Orangemen like this Hughes, whose Protestantism consists in wearing scarlet gowns and orange badges, and who run the association for their personal aggrandizement, but we appeal to those Ontario Orangemen whose Protestantism is genuine, to consider a few facts. First, the schools of the Quebec minority do not exist by virtue of the British North America act, and the repeal of the clause referred to by Mr Hughes would not affect them in the slightest degree. What may be done with regard to Manitoba cannot possibly affect our right to the schools we now have. The interests of the two minorities are in no way bound up together, and whoever tells you, if you refuse to vote for Bowell and separate schools in Manitoba, you are endangering the position of the Protestants of Quebec, is not telling you the truth.

Second, there is no resemblance whatever between what the minority are alleged to be asking in Manitoba and what the minority in Quebec enjoy. The Protestants in Quebec never had separate schools and do not want them. A separate school is one where the doctrines of a religious denomination are taught. The Protestants of Quebec have no use for such schools. They want schools that teach reading, writing, and counting, and leave religious instruction to be imparted outside their walls. There ARE separate schools in Quebec but they belong to the Catholics, they are of comparatively recent origin, for the common schools existed before them, schools where Protestant and Catholic boys and girls sat on the same bench and learned from the same book. The separate schools of Quebec are an innovation, they belong to the majority, and were instituted by the hierarchy; the schools of the minority are a survival of the old system and are in touch with the common schools of the rest of the Dominion. The schools of the majority in Quebec are exclusive and denominational; those of the minority common and non-sectarian. When Mr Hughes talks of the danger of the Quebec Protestants being subjected to the same treatment as the Manitoba Catholics, he must

show that the schools of the Manitoba majority are equivalent in intensity of Protestant teaching to the schools of the majority in Quebec in Catholic teaching. It will trouble Mr Hughes to find a single school in Manitoba that resembles the schools of the majority in Quebec, taught by nuns and brothers, and the burden of their teaching, catechism and ritual.

Third, and this is simply a deduction from what has been stated, it is not the privileges of the Quebec minority that Bowell proposes to root in Manitoba, but the very opposite—the exclusive privileges of the Quebec majority. When you hear or read that it is only asked that the Manitoba minority should be placed on the same level as the Quebec minority, know that it is an attempt to deceive you, to beguile you under an appeal to your sense of fair play to do the very opposite. The Manitoba minority already have the same school privileges as are exercised by the Quebec minority. That is not what the hierarchy want; they want the Manitoba minority to have the privileges of the Quebec majority. That is what they are after; that is the true inwardness of the whole agitation, and that is what Bowell has agreed to give them. Keep this simple distinction in your memories, that when it is said, We believe in giving the Catholics of Manitoba the same privileges as are enjoyed by the Protestants of Quebec, the writer or speaker who uses those words is trying to entrap you into supporting a measure to give the Catholics of Manitoba the same privileges as are exercised not by the Protestants but by the Catholics of Quebec. If you want to create a second province of Quebec in the Northwest, and entail on that virgin territory all the puzzling difficulties that arise from the anomalous state of affairs in this province, all the heartburnings and divisions which a church placed by the state on a different level from other denominations inevitably give rise to, vote for Bowell and remedial legislation, but, in doing so, be honest about it. Do not pretend you are measuring out to the Manitoba minority the same rights as the constitution confers on the Quebec minority; candidly proclaim you are helping the hierarchy to fasten the system of church and state that prevails on the banks of the lower St Lawrence to the region through whose midst flows the Red river.

Men of Ontario, act justly by the Quebec Protestants and seem to do a great wrong under pretence of securing them. You cannot help the Protestants of Quebec better than by refusing, under any shape, your sanction to connection between church and state. It is the hope and prayer of the Protestants of Quebec, that the Northwest may be spared the blight of sectarian schools and have a national system. In the defeat of remedial legislation, there will be encouragement to us in our struggle, feeble though it is, to break down unjust barriers and bring about a condition of equal rights. If, on the other hand, the people of Manitoba are compelled to allow the Quebec system to be grafted on their soil, our cause will be hopeless, for those to whom we looked for help have betrayed us. The issue before the country is such a plain one, that there is no excuse for any elector of Ontario being deceived. The hierarchy want to make Manitoba another Quebec, and, as the entering wedge, demand that the system of Quebec sectarian schools be established there. This Bowell and his cabinet have agreed to do, receiving in exchange the bishops' support. Do not endorse that unholy bargain, but by your votes proclaim to the Dominion that you will never assist to force on the Northwest the schools of the Quebec majority.

Let the people of Ontario beware of those who are deceiving them and stand up for the principle supported by the Quebec minority, that while the state is bound to see that every child gets an elementary education it has no right to give a cent to teach the doctrines of any church. Laurier is no more sound on this great issue than Bowell, but McCarthy is, and it is one of the wonders of our day that an association like the Orange body should not give him his hearty support.

ORMSTOWN
On Thursday evening, 9th inst., the members of Court Ormstown, Independent order of Foresters, held a very pleasant meeting in Mr Gibson's hall, and after the usual ceremony and business had been gone through, Bro. Henry Winter, the acting chief ranger, presented to Bro. Wm. Bryson, the retiring finance secretary, in the name of the members of the court, a handsome pair of plush slippers for the efficient manner he had conducted the financial affairs of the court, and also for his unceasing efforts to advance the welfare of the order. Bro. Bryson thanked the brethren in a neat little speech and hoped the same kindly feeling would long exist between the members of our court. Bro. John Maw and others made short addresses, after which the meeting was drawn to a close.

The creamery closed last week owing to the delivery of milk having fallen below the paying point. The bad roads since Christmas was one cause of farmers stopping to draw.

HOWICK
Quite a number of electors were present at the election of councillors on Monday, apparently much interested in the proceedings. When the hour for nominations was past, however, only two candidates had been proposed, and as that was the number reserved for the week, the meeting was dissolved.

With the exception of one or so in December, wheeling has been better than sleighing, and, in consequence, business generally is dull and farm work almost at a standstill. No snow has been hauled and there is an absence of logs in the mill-yards. Owners of bush lots are specially anxious to get their timber, as the recent high gales played havoc with standing trees.

Ice-houses are being filled with a season's supply, but the quality is not the best. The high water having carried away most of the bridge at Allan's Corners, new timbers will be required for next spring. The bridge is reported as requiring not only new timbers but repaired abutments. If so, it is thought that new abutments should be erected and an iron bridge made.

STE MARTINE
The county council met here on Saturday; all the mayors were present but one. The accounts for the year ending last December were submitted and adopted as audited by Messrs N. P. Laberge and J. Landry, N.P. A motion was passed authorizing the secretary to have the statement printed in English and French and copies sent to the parish secretaries. The secretary was also authorized to collect by law, all arrears due on the bridge in St Urbain, commonly called "Bellefleur bridge." The result of the meeting was that the farmers in St Isidore say they cannot be compelled to pay for it. The object of the special meeting was the difficulty of the road, existing between the town of St. Isidore and the town of Ste. Marie. The land between them gave the land to erect the court house on the east side from an old fence at the bottom of a gully, existing between his lot and that of Taillefer thinking it was the true line, everybody saying it had been there over forty years. Marchand passed the deed with the county council, saying the piece of land given was bounded on the north-east by the property of J. Bte Taillefer. Now Mr. Marchand thinks the old fence is not the true line, and asking the county council to make a change in their deed, and let him get what land he can by having the line set in the right place. The majority of the mayors were in favor of taking legal advice before doing anything.

VALLEYFIELD
The change in railway service between Valleyfield, Montreal, and Huntingdon meets with general approval from the travelling public. When Doctor Webb arranged with Mayor Loy and the council for free water he promised that Valleyfield would be given railway accommodation as good as any town could desire, and he has kept his word. The mail service is also somewhat changed. The two daily lines occurred, either of which might have led to disastrous results. In both cases the buildings on fire were surrounded by other wooden buildings. The greater of the two fires was in Dumouchelle's store, in Belleville. The fire took between the ceiling and upper floor, supposed to be from a defective stove-pipe. It was put out with buckets of water, but not until damage amounting to \$100 had been done. The other fire was from a stove falling in Desrosiers' store, in Belleville. The loss in both cases covered by insurance.

There was a large gathering of Odd-fellows at Valleyfield lodge Monday evening, the occasion being the installation of new officers, to take place June next. The installation ceremony was performed by D.D.G.M. Hicknell, assisted by grand lodge officers and past grand officers, from Montreal and London. The following are the officers installed: Walter Rice, N.G.; Hughie Wilson, V.G.; Ernest Loy, Rec.-Secy.; Harry Ketchum, Treas.-Secy.; John Wilson, Treas.; George Shindler, Wood Warden; Geo. H. Loy, Conductor; John Ellis, I.G.; Robt. Bothwell, O.G.; John Moffat, R.S. of N.G.; Walter W. Wainwright, R.S. of O.G.; Brown, R.S. of V.G.; Fred Moore, L.S. of V.G.; Wm. McPherson, R.S.S.; Wm. Wattle, L.S.M. Amongst those present were Deputy Grand Master John Wilson, J. W. Macdonald, and Andrew Philips, Grand Warden of Huntingdon. At the close of the ceremony the visitors were entertained to a banquet in the hall by the members. A flashlight photograph was taken of the gathering.

The municipal elections closed Tuesday after a spirited two days' voting, resulting in the return of William Scott, David Lalonde, and Cyrille Hainault. The whole contest centered around the personal ambition to attain office, and it is creditable to the parish electors that they re-elected those councillors who have carefully looked after their interests during the past year, and left at home those who have the expense of an election against the wishes of the majority of the electors.

HEMINGFORD
The prayer meetings held last week, alternately in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, were pretty well attended and were followed, apparently, by good results in awakening a spirit of devotion in the community. The meetings were conducted by the pastors of the churches, and were held on the 6th and 7th inst. A satisfactory result was obtained, as shown by the secretary, showing the balance in his hands, to the credit of the association, to be about \$20. The number of books taken out for personal use, during the past year, was in excess of the usual number. The increase of membership during the past year was not so large as it should have been, in view of the advantages to be had through membership of the association. The opportunity of obtaining the privilege of cost of \$1 for admission fee and the privilege of reading any one of 1200 volumes of standard general literature, at a cost that should be taken advantage of by a much larger number of our people than do so, to avail themselves of it. The secretary, J. S. Seriver, W. W. Wark, Rev. Mr. McKay, Julius Seriver, R. Ellerton, W. W. Wark, and F. S. Proper. Executive officers, Julius Seriver, President; W. W. Wark, Vice-president; Ellerton, Sec.-Treas; Miss Ella Dunlop, Librarian.

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MAJORITY FOR BAIRD
The village of Hemmingford—Robert Ellerton elected in place of Joseph Latham; John F. Seriver and W. W. Wark re-elected by acclamation.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING
AT FRANKLIN CENTRE
The 3rd annual meeting of the Beauharnois District C. E. Union was held at Franklin Centre on January 3rd. Despite the blustery morning, quite a number of Endeavorers were on hand for the prayer-meeting at 11 a.m. It was held in the Congregational church, which was tastefully decorated with suitable mottoes and C.E. flags. The meeting was led by Mr B. C. Adams, who announced the topic for discussion, "The Endeavorer in Prayer, in Action, in Testimony." The Rev. J. S. Brown gave a short address on the topic, full of good advice to Endeavorers, urging them to be earnest in prayer, to fill their lives with kindly deeds and give the testimony of a noble life. Many others took part and an interesting and profitable hour was spent.

The afternoon session opened at 2 p.m., when the church was packed to its utmost capacity. James Winter led the praise service, after which the convention was formally opened by the president, Rev. D. W. Morrison, who, in a brief address, stated that, in point of numbers, we could not make a much greater showing than last year, but he thought the work was better rooted, and more interest was manifested. The regular meetings were a means whereby the young may use their gifts for the Master. Their prayer, in the commencement of 1896, should be for more of the fullness of God's spirit.

The secretary, W. P. Stephen, presented his report, which showed 23 societies, with a membership of 410 active, 305 associate, and 39 honorary; a gain of 4 members during the year. \$188.47 had been raised for missionary purposes. 5 junior societies represented 101 active and 35 associate members, a gain of 29 during the year. As delegate to Boston, '96, he gave a brief account of that great convention.

Fifteen societies responded to the roll call and brief reports were heard from each, also from the 4 local unions. Many were disappointed when it was announced that the junior superintendent work, Mrs C. E. Amaron, was unable to be present owing to illness, but Mr Amaron spoke briefly on the junior work that had been done in our province and what might be done if our senior societies were as active as they ought to be. With the problems we had to solve in this country, if we want to be successful we must begin with the children, as they were the coming men and women and our future voters and legislators.

Missions were ably treated in three well prepared papers. Miss E. Goodall, on "The Missionary Outlook," cited many cases to prove that never was there a brighter outlook than today for the missionary cause. Miss Sallie Welch, on "The C. E. in Relation to Missions," claimed that a wide field of work was open in this line for Endeavorers. Miss M. E. Rennie, on "Self-sacrifice for missions," stated that this involved a great deal and the carrying out of this principle presented a wide field of work and grand opportunities for good literature.

The Rev. E. Thomas gave an interesting address on "Good Literature," and urged them to persevere that literature that will deepen and broaden the mind and better fit them for life work and to shun that which stunts, starves and poisons the mind.

The evening session was held in the Methodist church, and it, too, was fitly decorated for the occasion with flags and mottoes. Here, again, was a large and appreciative audience. The praise service was led by Rev J. Beatt, after which the following committees reported: Finance, resolutions, and nominations. The last named the following as officers for ensuing year: President, Rev H. Walker, Kensington; Vice-President, Rev J. L. Rennie, Beauharnois; Secy.-Treas, Miss M. E. Rennie, Huntingdon; Junior Supt., Miss Bazin, Ormstown; Rev. on Prov. Executive, William Orlivie, North Georgetown.

closing address on "Deeper Spirituality," spoke with much power. We are individuals of different powers but we increase our powers by exercising them. He contrasted enthusiasm, loyalty, and morality with spiritual life and defined it as the relationship between the inward soul and God, it is governed. There must be a desire in our hearts for this deeper life. If we wish to attain it, and to make sure that we are born again. Be true to conscience even in the smallest matters. Some of the evidences of a deeper life was the purification of character by the indwelling of the spirit, strong passions were removed, because we are made new creatures. He urged all present to earnestly seek this deeper life.

Rev Mr Craig conducted the Consecration service, in which many took part. The Rev Messrs Reid and Beatt favored us with solos during the day and evening, also the choir gave some very excellent selections, which were much appreciated. Too many cannot be given the people of Franklin Centre for their kindness and hospitality on this occasion; no pains were spared to make the occasion a success, and had the weather and roads been more reasonable, the churches would not have held all who would have been present.

GODMANCHESTER COUNCIL
MET on Jan. 7th, present, the Mayor and Couns Bell, McCarthy, McNaughton and Cunningham.
It was decided to purchase from the Imperial bridge company, an iron bridge to replace the wooden one over the stream near the cheese factory at Dewville.

The financial statement for 1895, was confirmed. The council rescinded the resolutions giving a bonus for wire fences on both sides roads and front roads. The financial statement for 1895, was confirmed. The council rescinded the resolutions giving a bonus for wire fences on both sides roads and front roads. The financial statement for 1895, was confirmed. The council rescinded the resolutions giving a bonus for wire fences on both sides roads and front roads.

ELGIN COUNCIL
MET on the 7th inst.; all the members present except Couns Gavin and Wood. Complaining having been made that the road fence along the property of James Stack, in range, had not been levelled, as required by bylaw No 64, it was moved by Coun Barrie, seconded by Coun Barrie, that the road inspector be instructed to have said fence levelled without delay.

The financial statement for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1895, was read and on motion of Coun Seely, seconded by Coun Mack, accepted, and ordered to be published.

Moved by Coun Barrie, seconded by Coun Seely, that the secretary be instructed to return to the secretary of the county council the amount of municipal and school taxes due on lots Nos 59 and 60 in the 1st range, and 50 in the 2nd range, and that he be notified to have said lots sold for taxes according to law.

ST ANICET COUNCIL
AT a special session, held on 8th instant, all members were present.
On motion of Coun Masson, seconded by Coun Finn, the process-verbal of D. W. Campbell, special superintendent, prepared at the request of John McNeil and Allan McNeil, was homologated with the following amendment, viz.: The watercourse in question is not to extend further west than the line between lots Nos 586 and 587, consequently, lots Nos 587, 588, and 591 shall be excluded as disinterested.

TOPICS OF A WEEK.

The Important Events in a Few Words For Busy Readers.

CANADIAN.

Warkent wants an electric railway. Dundas has a whooping-cough epidemic.

Port Elgin is to be lighted by electricity. Montreal's license fee is \$600; Quebec's \$450.

London complains of its street corner tongs. Another good gas well has been struck on Pelee Island.

A ferry company is to be organized at the Canadian Soo. The Brantford W.C.T.U. has established a soup kitchen.

Kempville will have another building boom next season.

Quebec was expected on Christmas day in St. Hugh's garden.

Twenty-six families are spending the winter at Island Park.

At Collingwood winter steamers are tied up for the winter.

American capitalists want to buy the Windsor hotel, Montreal.

Hay is being exported from about Ottawa to Western Ontario.

Caribou are reported to be excellent and plentiful north of Quebec.

Icebreakers will soon vote on the question of waterworks and sewerage.

Hockey clubs are becoming numerous in Ontario towns.

The fisheries of Canada last year yielded more than those of France.

A Hamilton man lost \$10,000 by the decline in stocks at New York.

At public auction the other day Brantford market fees brought \$1,450.

The Kingston Horticultural Society is a 1,200 pound pudding on Christmas day.

Willie Green, aged 16, just died at Niles, Ont., of elzaretic smoking.

Mayor Little, London, gave 100 Christmas turkeys to corporation laborers.

Vehicle works are to be established in Toronto, N.S., by some Kingston capitalists.

The German press of Detroit is red-hot for war between Great Britain and Germany.

Ottawa offers the Westinghouse Brake Company free site and water to locate there.

The Hale des Chalures railway is to be sold to satisfy workmen's claims for \$20,000.

Ottawa capitalists have bought a plumage shop near Chalmers for \$25,000.

Berlin's old town park is now called "Woodside Park" and the new one "Victoria Park."

During November the Galt and Preston railways carried 15,000 passengers and 520 tons of freight.

Ottawa will vote on the establishment of a public library. A \$70,000 house is offered as a free gift.

Miss Lizette Cowan, of Worcester, recently found some diamonds in a man which was bought by Queen Victoria.

The death rate in the city of Ottawa for 1895 was 20.22 per thousand, compared with 21.66 for the year previous.

The River St. Lawrence has frozen over at Montreal. This has been delayed to a later date than ever before known.

The new buildings at Albert College, Belleville, were formally transferred to the Board of Managers on Friday.

Toronto bank clearing returns for the past week were \$12,312,312—the largest in the history of the local clearing house.

C. W. Bunting, managing director of the Mail and Empire, died at his residence, 25 Queen's Park Toronto, on Tuesday morning in his 69th year.

The dead body of Wm. Coles, 82, of Strabana, Ont., was found in his home in that village. The man was nearly eighty years of age, and had lived alone for a long time.

At a general meeting of the shareholders of the Banque Populaire held Friday in Montreal, it was decided that the bank's affairs should be put into liquidation.

Mr. J. A. Girard, a widely-known insurance agent and manager of Montreal, swallowed Paris green on Thursday night, from the effects of which he died early Saturday morning. An inquest will be held.

The house of a resident of St. Pierre, Quebec, named Pierre Letourneau, caught fire during his absence in the woods. Madame Letourneau, aged about 50, was unable to make her escape in time and perished in the flames.

A resolution of sympathy with the Armenians, and praying the British Government to take steps to arrest the lawless actions of the British Consul-General at Constantinople, was passed at a public meeting in the Central Methodist church, Woodstock.

While a young mechanic in Brantford, Ont., named Harrison, was taking down a gun from a shelf in the house Monday, it went off, the contents lodging in the head of his mother, who was reading a paper containing a description of the Newport tragedy.

A militia order has been issued announcing the retirement from the active force of Col. Walker Powell, adjutant-general of the militia, with a retiring allowance, and the rank of colonel on the retired list. The colonel received a high and unusual tribute to his personal and official character.

UNITED STATES.

A Baptist preacher in Georgia refuses to baptize converts except in running water.

A branch of the State Anti-Saloon League will be formed in Cincinnati early in January.

Pearl Barton, the Wilkes-Barre girl who has been asleep since Nov. 28, died without awakening.

Joseph L. Ingalls, of Bridgport, Me., is 90 years of age and was shaved for the first time last week.

A large stove works has been shut down throwing over 200 men out of work, at Geneva, N.Y.

People in Madison County, Ky., who have paid their taxes are entitled to be manured free by the sheriff.

Several horses have died through eating pulverized glass, which was placed in their grain at Massillon, O.

It is an expensive luxury to swear on the streets of New York. The justices impose a fine of 25 cents for each oath.

A South Carolina widow became her own mother-in-law recently. That is to say, she is now the wife of her husband's father.

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—The Greenway government, in the general election to-day, practically swept the province on the school question issue. The returns at a late hour tonight indicate the return of 30 government supporters, 4 straight opponents, 3 Independents, and 1 Patron.

Goderich, Ont., Jan. 15.—Another Liberal victory and West Huron redeemed. That was the result of the election in this constituency yesterday. So far as heard Mr. M. C. Cameron, the Liberal candidate, has a majority of 250 over the Conservative candidate.

George W. McCammon, the Adams Express agent at Terre Haute, Ind., has disappeared. Several thousand dollars are also missing.

A duke in Philadelphia was turned out of the club to which he belonged because he paid his tailor's bills two days after he got the clothes.

Young Darling killed a man in Washington County, Ky., the other day, and Love Divine stole a wagon load of tools in Fayette County.

An Arkansas hunter has a hound that will catch his tail in his teeth and roll down a hill with any other hound in the pack can run.

A despatch from Saginaw, Mich., says the demand for men in the lumber woods exceeds the supply, and wages range from \$10 to \$12 a month.

A West Virginia man is so peculiarly affected by riding on a train that he has to chain himself to a seat to prevent his jumping out of the car window.

A Minnesota girl of 15 can distinguish red from blue by the color of her hair, and she is compelled to wear dark glasses to protect her eyes from the glare.

The servants in a school for girls in Connecticut, while cleaning up the room after the school, discovered several swabs of chewing gum stuck about in various places.

Warsaw has a peculiarly named couple who will marry shortly. The prospective bride is named W. Olsen, while that of the bride is Tindler. It makes a good combination for cold weather.

Jan MacLaren, the Scotch novelist who has sprung into sudden fame, will leave for London on Monday, and will, it is said, come to this country to give readings under the management of Major Pond.

Barn Nils Posse, who recently died in Berlin, introduced a new system of gymnastics into this country some ten years ago. The King of Sweden and Norway ennobled him in recognition of his eminence as a teacher of physical culture.

Four hundred horses have been killed during the fall and early winter on one range near Pyramid Lake, Nevada, and 25 were realized on each animal. The hide and mane and tail of the animal, and the carcass was valuable. But at this price it was cheaper to kill the animals than keep them.

M. Livingston (Dem., Ga.) introduced in the House of Representatives a resolution calling upon the President to investigate the report that Great Britain had advanced her outposts on the Venezuelan coast, and to demand their withdrawal to the lines occupied on Dec. 17, 1895.

There are now 970,524 persons on the pension roll. Of these 3,820 are widows and 1,120 are widowers. The total number of widows and widowers is 4,940. There are 1812, 3,911 are widows and 3,012 are survivors of the Indian wars, 7,863 are widows and 12,526 are survivors of the Mexican wars.

During the past week two interesting decisions have been rendered by the courts of this country. Attorney-General Olney has held that the United States cannot sue a foreign government.

The National Zeitung, of Berlin, says that no correspondence in the nature of a diplomatic or state paper has passed between the United States and Germany.

Newspapers have been received in Rome that the Italians in Abyssinia have defeated Emperor Menelik's forces at Nakala. The Shrans are said to have lost heavily.

It is stated that Dr. Jameson's force, on its way to Johannesburg, has killed one hundred and sixty miles in ninety hours, never halting more than two hours at a time.

The Westminster Gazette says that if its information is correct the Marquis of Salisbury's desire to be better friends with France has already brought forth fruit.

It is reported in Portsmouth that a second special squadron of warships, consisting of fast cruisers, has been told off, and will be in readiness for commission at a moment's notice.

Nine survivors of the crew of the wrecked steamer "Herald" arrived at Canoe. Their sufferings were dreadful, and nine others who started in the boat died before land was reached.

It is understood that the Imperial Cabinet on Saturday considered the question of re-establishing direct diplomatic relations with Venezuela, but no definite conclusion was reached.

The matter of the proposed arbitration in the Venezuelan question with the United States is increasing in London. The feeling is in favor of establishing a permanent Court of Arbitration.

The Porte has decided to prohibit the distribution among the destitute Armenians of the funds collected in foreign countries for their benefit, and says that the alleviation of their distress is the function of the Turkish Government.

President Kruger, of the Transvaal, has replied to Secretary Chamberlain, thanking the Queen for her kind expressions, and renewing his promise to hand over to the German Emperor his own, and to the British Government for punishment.

The United Press correspondent at Honolulu reports that on New Year's morning the eight remaining political prisoners, Guittes, Ward and Howies, with Wilcox and Wise and three natives, were released.

The suggestion of Mr. Norman, the special commissioner of the London Daily Chronicle at Washington, is that Great Britain appoint five commissioners to the United States, and the United States to appoint five to Great Britain, and that these ten men constitute a board of arbitration to virtually decide the location of the disputed Venezuela boundary line.

VALLEYFIELD MARKET PRICES

Oats \$10.25 @ 20c, Barley \$10.40 @ 60c, Peas \$7.00 @ 60c, Buckwheat \$14.50 @ 32c, Bran \$10.50 @ 15c, Shorts \$10.50 @ 100c, Moulie \$10.50 @ 20c, Corn Meal \$18.00, Meal \$18.00, Wheat Meal \$18.00, Eggs \$1.00 @ 10c, Butter \$1.00 @ 18c, Potatoes \$1.00 @ 35c @ 60c, Dressed Hogs \$10.00 @ 60c @ 100c.

WAR EXCITEMENT IN BRITAIN.

Dying Out. THE FLYING SQUADRON.

The Times on the Ottawa Crisis—Being Sea Arbitration—Boundary Negotiations With Brazil.

London, Jan. 12.—There has been a death of news to-day regarding the situation in South Africa and England's relations therewith, but it can be said that the outlook in general is better now than it has been for some time past. The excitement has almost completely died away, but the naval preparations of the Government are proceeding apace, and so far as is known the public, have almost been completely lulled.

Nothing has yet been learned of the movements of the flying squadron, although much conjecture is indulged in as to where its field of duty will be. The fact that Count Von Hatzfeldt, the German Ambassador, went from London to-day to make a visit to Berlin, is pretty strong evidence that there has been no further tension in the Anglo-German relations. The German attitude towards the Transvaal has been very friendly, and there are indications of any great desire to open active hostilities against Germany. It may be stated, however, that the British Government has made it plain that its preparations now under way are not intended to be used against any one of the nations of the world, but are intended to be used against any one of the nations of the world, but are intended to be used against any one of the nations of the world.

So far as the Transvaal is concerned, the British attitude is undoubtedly friendly. As stated, these despatches yesterday the rank and file of the British public are undoubtedly friendly to the Transvaal, and the British public are undoubtedly friendly to the Transvaal, and the British public are undoubtedly friendly to the Transvaal.

Paris, Jan. 12.—The Temps publishes an interview with Junker Berthelot, the French Minister to the Transvaal, and the French Minister to the Transvaal, and the French Minister to the Transvaal, and the French Minister to the Transvaal.

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