

MISSING MAN CAUGHT.

McWhirrell, "the Englishman," Arrested Near Toronto.

WANTED FOR THE WILLIAMS MURDER

He Was Captured at the Residence of Mr. Stabelford in Woburn—Admits Satisfying the Murdered Man's Horse to Lowry, the Butcher—Says He Purchased It From Another Party.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 26.—McWhirrell, the man suspected of the murder of old farmer Williams and wife, last Thursday or Friday, was caught by Detective Davis at midnight last night at the little village of Woburn, just the other side of Scarborough, and was landed in police headquarters at seven o'clock this morning. McWhirrell's arrest was due to the fact that his pal John Walker, alias Kean, was caught at Havelock, on the Canadian Pacific Railway east of Peterboro on Sunday morning by Constable Williams of that place, and was brought back here by Detective Slemin Sunday night.

The arrest of McWhirrell was quite sensational. Detective Davis, who was first detailed on the case, was spending his Christmas evening at police headquarters when he entered a man named Gallagher. Whatever Gallagher had to tell, a very few minutes afterwards Detective Davis put on his big coat, pulled his cap well down over his ears and vanished into the darkness of Court Street.

The detectives were driven to Woburn, or Donnybrook, as it is familiarly known. One of the best houses in Woburn is that of Henry Stabelford. It is a two-story frame building, nicely painted and showing evidence of comfort and at this place the buggy drew up and Detective Davis alighted.

Mr. Stabelford was quickly aroused and the mission of the detective made known. It was then three o'clock in the morning and the master of the house, lamp in hand, led the way to a room on the second floor. Undressed in bed and asleep lay McWhirrell, the "Young Englishman," who had been seen so many times in the Williams' murder case. Going over to the bed the detective caught the young man by the shoulder and shook him roughly. "Get out of this," he said. McWhirrell sat up instantly and started at the burly form at his bedside. Seven o'clock saw McWhirrell behind the bars at police headquarters with the charge of "murder" written against his name on the station card.

From Mr. Stabelford it was learned that McWhirrell has been at his place since Thursday last. He had worked there for a previous period of some months, had turned up last week and asked for work for the winter.

The family had noticed that he had been acting peculiarly since his return. McWhirrell, who admitted that he had bought and which had been identified as Williams', but claimed he had bought it from another party, whose name he did not know, but whom he would know if he saw him.

William W. McWhirrell was arraigned the City Police Court to-day. The prisoner looked entirely unconcerned. His countenance expressed neither fear nor confidence. The Crown asked the jury to return a verdict until to-morrow, which was granted, and McWhirrell was immediately driven to the jail. John Kean, alias Walker, arrested on suspicion of being connected with this tragedy, was also shut up, and at the request of the Crown, he too was verbally remanded until to-morrow, when he and McWhirrell will be taken to Cooksville, to be present at the inquest on the death of the murdered couple, which resumes there to-morrow.

CANADIAN IRON ORES.

AMERICANS ARE IN NO FEAR OF COMPETITION.

Those of the East, They Say, Are Low Grade, of the West Inaccessible.

DULUTH, Dec. 26.—In the discussion of the new tariff bill and its connection with the iron mining industry great stress has been laid on the competition that Lake Superior miners would meet from the "slave labor" of Cuba, while little attention has been paid to the vast deposits of iron lying north of the northern boundary, from Ottawa to the western end of Lake Superior. Here for a distance of nearly 1,000 miles are deposits of iron ores of various kinds, many of them of the highest economic value. These for the most part lie within easy access of the great lakes or on close to lines of railway. Some of these deposits lie so well exposed that they can be easily and quickly opened and mined at very low cost. These ores would, however, have no advantage over those of the Lake Superior region south of the boundary, except so far as Canadian labor might be cheaper than American were the tariff removed.

The province of Ontario possesses great mineral wealth. In one of its central and eastern counties north of Lake Ontario have large deposits of magnetite and hematite ores; along the north shores of Lake Huron and Georgian Bay are large iron deposits, and these continue along the north shore of Lake Superior. It is, however, in the western part of the province, directly north of the Minnesota ore bodies, that the largest and most valuable deposits are located.

The Mesabi range crosses into Canada at Goufflet Lake and continues in a north-easterly direction for many miles. Just west of this is Hunter's Island, on which are many thousands of acres on which ore outcrops. Further to the northwest, but south of the Canadian Pacific road, are the Aitken deposits, which are probably the largest, richest and most easily mined of all Canadian iron ores. Hunter's Island is about sixty miles long and fifteen wide, and the entire island seems to be mineralized. Its ore is a hematite, hard, and very like that from the Minnesota Iron Company's mines. Fully nine-tenths of the mineral locations here, as well as on the Aitken, that have been taken from the Government are held by Americans, the Canadians seeming to have little interest in the matter.

The Aitken range was first discovered in 1885, but no attention was paid to it till 1889, when extended deposits showed the extent of the range to be very great. The ore outcrops in great bluffs from fifty to one hundred feet high and has been traced for a distance of twenty-five miles along the Aitken and Seine rivers. It is a hard magnetite and samples taken by the Canadian Geological Survey averaged nearly 65

EYES ON THE COUNCIL.

What Will They Do About the Beauport Deal?

THE MATTER WILL COME UP TO-DA.

Owing to the illness of Two Prominent Liberals, the Government Hope to Carry the Deal—Yesterday's Proceedings in the House of Assembly—Judges and the Code Revision.

So far as competition of Canadian ores is concerned after the removal of the present import duty, it may be summed up in the words, of no effect. The ores of eastern Canada, generally speaking, low grade, while those of the West are distant at present from railways, and even with railways built, would disadvantage in point of transportation over those of the Lake Superior region. They might have a small advantage in point of wages. But with pig iron made in Canada from native ore the situation is different, owing to a bonus of \$2 on every ton smelted, which is given by the government. This would be enough to give a decided advantage.

However, without an infusion of American capital little is ever likely to be done with these vast deposits of ore. The iron ore production of Canada has constantly decreased until last year it was practically nothing, and whatever ore and iron and products were consumed were imported.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

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THE CLUB CONSERVATEUR.

Last Night's Meeting of Tories Found Fault With the Liberals.

A meeting of the Club Conservateur was held last evening in the Monument National building in honor of the Hon. J. Alder, Minister of Public Works. There was a good attendance. George W. Marsan presided, and amongst those present were Hon. J. A. Oimmet, J. J. Curran, J. U. Emard, Mayor Desjardins, Gustave Bourbeau, T. Cardinal, Ad. Dagenais, Stevenson and Cleland, Provincial Chief of Police Chevalier, Senator Tasse, S. Boivin, Q.C., ex-Mayor Rolland, J. Boivin and others.

The proceedings were opened by a short speech by the Chairman, in which he stated that the question to be discussed was, "Is the Federal Government worthy of the support of French Canadians?" Messrs. Gustave Bourbeau and T. Cardinal made long speeches, in which they repeatedly stated that the Ottawa Government was all right, and deserved the support of all French-Canadians. According to their views the policy of protection devised and carried out by the conservative party had made Canada a rich and prosperous country, singularly blessed and prosperous country. Amongst the others who spoke were Hon. J. A. Oimmet and J. J. Curran.

The Manitoba school question was touched upon by the speakers, and the usual denunciation of the Liberal party and the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier in particular was indulged in by all including Mr. Oimmet. There was, however, no more light thrown upon the subject than before. The Liberal party was accused of changing its politics and policy continually and was proclaimed as utterly unfitted and incapable of successfully running the affairs of the country. On Thursday evening next a complimentary banquet will be tendered Mr. Oimmet at the St. Lawrence Hall.

Only a Practical Joker.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The police at Zieker have learned that the alleged bomb explosion that occurred in the church there, Christmas eve was the work of a practical joker. A man who thought it would be funny to startle the worshippers, set off a squib in the church and caused a momentary panic. It is probable the authorities will compel the man to pay dearly for his joke.

Five Steamers Bought by Russia.

New York, Dec. 26.—C. P. Huntington last night reported that the Russian Government had bought of the United States and Brazil Mail Steamship Company, in which he is largely interested, five steamships to be used by the Russian Government in connection with the Russian Government's trans-continental railroad in Siberia. The vessels are all big ships, supplied with modern machinery and according to Mr. Huntington the price received for the five was \$1,000,000.

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This should be remembered, however, that this series of views is not on sale, therefore cannot be bought at any price. They are not even on public view. They positively cannot be obtained except by presenting the necessary coupons. This statement is repeated so that readers may not neglect to clip the coupons as issued, hoping to secure the views in some easier way. In this place, there is no other way, and if there were it could not be easier, since all they now cost practically is a little trouble, and a few good things are enjoyed without some small outlay of time and effort. In short, their possession will be a perpetual delight, and will repay a thousandfold the trifling expenditure either of time or money necessary to secure them.

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Remember only one coupon is needed. The coupon for Portfolio No. One will be repeated for six days in succession so that six different members of the same household may secure a portfolio. Each portfolio of the series will have six coupons published, anyone of which will get a copy of the portfolio if sent to The Herald accompanied by ten cents.

Yesterday through error a coupon for Portfolio No. Two was printed instead of Portfolio No. One. Those who sent in that coupon will in due season receive the second series, but the regular coupons for the second portfolio will not appear until next Monday.

The portfolio will be sent by mail only and probably from a week to ten days will elapse between the mailing of the coupon and the receipt of the portfolio.

McKane Gets a Stay.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 26.—Justice Cullen in the Supreme Court this morning handed down his decision in the case of the application of John Y. McKane and others, for a stay of execution of their recent sentence pending an appeal. Justice Cullen grants the stay.

Brigantine Alaska Wrecked.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 26.—Brigantine Alaska, Bowdoin, master, bound here from St. John's, for coal, is ashore at North Sydney, and the crew are safe. The Alaska is owned by John Woods and Sons, of St. John's. She will probably prove a total loss, as there is a heavy gale from the eastward raging, with snow.

The Fire Record.

NORTHPORT, Ont., Dec. 26.—W. A. Benson's residence was burned to the ground last night. The fire appliances of the village being what they should, and the wind blowing a gale, nothing could be done to save the building, and only for heroic work on the part of neighbors, the whole village would now have been in ashes. The building was insured in the Commercial Union Insurance Company.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 26.—The St. Thomas Flax Mills, operated by W. Keith, were totally destroyed by fire about noon to-day. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have been a spark from the chimney. Loss on buildings and stock about \$4,000; no insurance. Eighteen men are thrown out of work by the fire.

The Grand River Flood.

BRANTFORD, Ont., Dec. 26.—The flood in the Grand River is abating somewhat, but still continues to be serious. After the forenoon it was discovered that the head gates of the canal were in a very dangerous condition, and that the water was washing its way through the banks there. A gang of men was immediately placed at work filling the place with sand bags and all available material to stop the water. So far the men have held their own. Had this bank at the head-gate given away the river would have changed its course to the canal and done great damage to factories along the canal and property in Eagle Place. The water still continues to run through many streets in West Brantford. Main Street is in a very bad condition.

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FATAL BULLET WAS WELL AIMED.

Domestic Troubles Led to the Sad Tragedy—Mrs. Gass' Husband Was a Worthless Fellow—She Was Once a Favorite in St. John Society—Two Children Left Orphans.

[Special to The Herald.]

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 26.—A sad tragedy was enacted this morning at the residence of a prominent citizen. Crazy by domestic trouble, a young wife and mother deliberately ended her existence by putting a bullet from a revolver through her heart.

The victim of the tragedy, Mrs. Thomas B. Gass, lived with her stepfather, Charles G. Turnbull, on King Street East. She was a lady highly accomplished and was in former years a great favorite in society. Her marriage to Gass, nine years ago, was the commencement of her trouble. He turned out to be a worthless fellow, who after squandering a fortune in a reckless manner, could not earn a living for himself and family. About a year ago he left his wife and went to Boston, where he has since lived.

Mrs. Gass remained in St. John and by her own efforts entirely supported herself and her two children. She took her troubles greatly to heart, and sometimes expressed her intention to end her life, but nobody thought she was in earnest, so the news of her tragic end was a great shock to all who knew her. She had evidently laid her plans with considerable forethought. She had carefully changed her clothing and attire herself in a white flannel wrapper. Drawing a couch in her room up in front of the fire, she placed the revolver against her left breast and fired. Death must have been instantaneous, for the bullet passed through her heart.

OBITUARY.

VICTOR SCHOELECHER.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Victor Schœlecher, the well-known French statesman, author and traveler, died to-day of his wife and family.

Mr. Schœlecher was born in Paris on July 21st, 1805; being the son of a prominent



THE USEFUL APRON.

APRONS FOR HOME WEAR, FOR FAIRS AND FOR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL.

The Plain White Apron Symbolic of Neatness and Womanliness—Lace Ruffled Aprons Become Coquettish Articles of Attraction—Quaint Shapes For Little Girls.

The white apron is a relic of sweet, old fashioned days, when a woman's sphere was home and the babies at her knee represented her mission. There is something symbolic of neatness, purity and womanliness in a white apron, and, paradoxical as it may seem, it is also the most co-



TWO VIEWS OF FICHU APRON.

quettish article of attire which a woman can wear. The woman of fashion who has an eye for artistic effect dons a ridiculous little bit of ruffled Swiss or chiffon and ties it about her waist with a satin ribbon. It is the piece of resistance of her toilet. The men for whom she pours tea may whisper compliments about her eyes, her hair, her little hands, but they regard her apron with masculine awe and reverence. The lace ruffle is very full and the "bib" is formed entirely of points. The material used is the lawn.

The dotted Swiss apron has become identified with the church fair, but it is nevertheless one of the prettiest kinds. The New York Herald tells that in the round and square designs, with wide lace ruffles or narrow edge, it is a becoming and useful article, either for afternoon tea or while embroidering, as it will protect the dress from the crumbs and threads which follow in the wake of these occupations. Novel sewing aprons are made from embroidered bed ticking, with pockets for the scissors, thimble and the various implements of sewing. Another curious apron seen at a fair was made from a fringed linen towel with a colored border. One end of the towel was cut off, and the remaining portion, apron length, was gathered to a band. The remaining piece of towel—border and fringe—was "herring-boned" across the front of the apron with thread of the same color as the towel border. Sewing pockets were formed by this odd ornamentation.

There is nothing prettier or more dainty for little girls than white aprons, and when worn over dark dresses the contrast is pleasing. This season brings a revival of the fashion, especially for school wear—even for misses of 12 and 13 years. The Household Illustrates and describes some quaint shapes for girls from 4 to 10 years of age. One of these has fichu ties crossed in front and tied in the back, as shown by the sketch. The



WITH SHOULDER CAPS. WITH COLLAR.

body of this apron is a plain yoke, with the skirt gathered on in Mother Hubbard style. The fichu is confined to the yoke in the back, and half way from the shoulder to the middle of the yoke in front, forming a gathered cape. From here the fronts are left unconfined and are crossed to tie at the back. This is a dainty little apron for school or house wear.

Another pretty style is made with a full front and back, with plain side pieces which are shaped somewhat at the waist. The shoulder caps are made very full of the material, trimmed with embroidery, and are sewed into the plain side seams. A quaint style for misses' aprons shows a biblike front without back, and upon this is fitted a wide sailor collar, low and pointed in front, that may be slipped over the head. The skirt is full and plain, and a wide belt of the same is tied with bow and ends at the back.

Revolutions in Fancy Work. There is a decided return in the art embroidery shops to the canvas work, cross and overwork of our grandmothers' samplers. The revivals come, too, with all modern improvements. The garish red, green and blue wools combined without any other idea than to get a variety, after the manner of the beginning of the century work, have vanished, and the pale tones of the art workers of today are in their place. Banners, sofa pillows, screen panels and the like are shown in the canvases and will be welcomed by many women who have never attained the Kensington stitch and to whom the mysteries of brush and color are still a sealed book.

Inexpensive Toys. An ingenious father has amused his children by building houses, fences, trees, etc., of red and white gumdrops, held together by wooden toothpicks. It is even better than an expensive toy introduced some years ago, which consisted of corals and bits of steel, like hairpins, broken in half.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BEDROOMS.

The Pretty Idea of Each Room Having Its Flower.

These are days when the labor of furnishing a house becomes an artistic pleasure, and the perfect harmonizing of carpets, wall papers, furniture and even bric-a-brac is by no means a difficult task. Housewives have gone through with various crazes, such as the color rooms, the nations room, etc., and now comes the pretty idea of flower rooms. As explained in the New York Tribune, each bedroom has its flower. The walls are covered with a paper on which is a design of the flower. The bedspread, which is made of a heavy cotton cloth, is in the French shape, is drawn up to cover the round bolster, and no pillows are used even when the bed is arranged for the night. The edge of the cloth is cut in large scallops finished with a deep buttonhole stitch in silks of the shades of the flower, and this flower is also embroidered in some artistic manner upon the cover. A deep fleece of heavy lace falls from under the scalloped edge.

Pincushion and bureau covers are embroidered in the same flower, and the towels that hang inside the white wash stand have the monograms in the same shades. The bedsteads are of brass, and the rest of the furniture is white. Dainty muslin curtains tied back with ribbons of the proper hue hang at the windows. Even the bric-a-brac in these beautiful rooms correspond in color, and on the walls, framed in white, are etchings or soft water colors—sometimes these latter are clusters of the room's flower. In the guests' rooms even the writing tables boast exquisite china accessories that are decorated with the flower. Each room is called by the name of its flower—the "violet," "clove," "golden rod," "wild rose" or "chrysanthemum" room.

To carry out in detail the foregoing a somewhat heavy purse is necessary, and there are many pleasant homes where less expensive decorations are desirable. It is surprising to see how attractive simple rooms can be made by the aid of flowered cheescloth, deal boxes and a little ingenuity. For the iron bedstead, painted white, a French cover can be made of the cheescloth, with a valance of the same material. A large box forms the dressing table. This is covered with cheescloth, a deep ruffle forming the front and sides, the top being plain. A strong board a few inches wide and about four feet high should be nailed in the center at the back of the box in an upright position, and to the top of the board may be fastened a small crossbar extending out over the dressing table. From the top of the board to the two back corners of the box the cheescloth is to be draped so as to form a triangle and conceal the board. Another long piece of the cloth edged with lace on one side is thrown over the crossbar, falling below the sides of the table and forming a small canopy. A square mirror, its frame covered with folds of the cheescloth, should be hung diagonally on the board at the back.

Shelves made like a simple boxcase and painted white provide a place for the usual contents of bureau drawers, and before these are hung curtains of cheescloth. The washstand may consist of a white table, but it would be a mistake to drape this in any way with the cloth, as it would soon assume a bedraggled appearance if water was spilled upon it. White muslin curtains tied back with ribbon to match the flower on the cheescloth should hang at the windows. A rocking chair, three or four other chairs, a small writing table, a neat matting on the floor, and the walls simply papered or painted in tints that harmonize with the general coloring complete a room where any one with an easy conscience might delight to rest.

The Convenient Linen Bag. When there is space for it, a wicker hamper with cover is the very best receptacle for soiled linen. Many house-



A FANCIFUL LINEN BAG.

wives, however, give preference to bags for this purpose. Some very pretty linen bags are made of colored linen for working with white flax threads; others are of twill or drilling. The average bag is made square and arranged to draw up at the top with a string or tape. There are also more fanciful arrangements of this useful article, such as the one here reproduced from The Housewife.

Homely Hints. In purchasing canned goods it is a safe rule to observe whether the head of the can is concave, a bulging appearance being indicative of decomposition. Dishes that stick to rolling pin, board and hands in a hot kitchen should be set away till thoroughly chilled, but all trouble might have been saved by using cold fat, flour and liquid at first, and the texture of the dough would have been better.

The most delicate way to boil an egg is to pour boiling water over it and allow it to remain without boiling for 10 minutes. It will be found perfectly cooked. To polish zinc, wash clean, wipe dry and rub with a woolen rag moistened with coal oil.

Do not boil turnips or carrots or any other vegetables with meat, as both are spoiled thereby.

Social Notes.

Under the auspices of the Gaiety Canadian Club, assisted by a number of their friends, Miss Rose Bourdon was agreeably surprised at her residence, 2,013 Notre Dame Street, on Christmas night. The occasion being the young lady's birthday, it was made doubly interesting by the presentation of an elegant gold watch and chain. The evening was pleasantly spent in dancing, music being furnished by the Toronto Orchestra.

The ladies present were: Miss Leroux, Mrs. Hulart, Miss Demers, Mrs. Prinaut, Mrs. Bourdon, Mrs. Pelletier, Mrs. Desautels, Mrs. Duquette, Mrs. D'Amboise, Mrs. Quillet, Mrs. Prinaut, Mrs. Hubert, Mrs. Bergevin, Mrs. Terrier, Mrs. Dubois, Mrs. Bellise, Mrs. Gagne, Mrs. Montpetit, Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Perreault, Mrs. Cardinal, Mrs. Boibert, Mrs. Baker.

Assisted by Messrs. A. Martin, A. Janard, G. Boudon, A. Perras, A. Deland, O. Brunelle, Berard, G. Toupin, E. Lehoucq, D. Bourdon, G. B. Brunelle, E. J. Fortin, S. Warren, A. Denon, M. St. Marie, A. Bertrand, C. Senecal, P. Bergevin, N. Lalonde, E. Bergevin, L. A. Morin, N. Lachapelle, G. A. Daoust, G. M. Daoust, S. L. Herman.

AFTER LONG YEARS.

PART THIRD.

CHAPTER XII.

AT THE BAL D'OPERA.

I hate her! I wish she were dead! Oh, why, why, why did I ever leave Scotland and come to this horrible place—to her? I will starve myself and die if I cannot get my freedom in any other way! Oh, I wish I had died before I ever came here!"

It was the burden of the moan. "Mademoiselle Donny" had been making herself for the last two days. To Pauline, who brought her her meals, she seemed to speak at all. She lay like a stone, asking no questions, answering none, scarcely touching the food. Then again at times the fierce passions inherited honestly enough from those who had given her life would assert themselves, and her piercing cries would ring through her rooms. She would beat on the locked door and barred window until her hands bled and she sank exhausted and faint upon the floor. It was known to all Madame's household that the poor child, having so madly in that bolted and barred upper room, was hopelessly insane, and in another day or two would be safely shut up in a maison de sante.

She lies now prostrate on the floor, her head resting against the side of the bed. All day long at intervals, her wild cries have rung out, the little dark childish hands have beaten against the unyielding door. Madame's nerves have not been disturbed thereby. Madame has spent the long sunny day amid the wooded glades and sunlit glades of St. Cloud with her cavalier servant, Lord Viscount Dynely, and the pallid curate's widow. Now it is past eleven at night, and she grovels prone here, spent, white, exhausted, her dusk eyes gleaming wildly in her pallid child's face, her elfish black hair all tossed and dishevelled over her shoulders.

"If he were here," she thinks with a great sobbing sigh, "he would save me. Oh, if I had only stayed with him that night, and never come here! He was good, he was kind; I would have been happy with him."

The face of Perry Dennison rises before her—the honest eyes, the frank smile, the man's strength and woman's gentleness, and her heart cries out for him now in her trouble, as though he had been the friend of her whole life.

"He asked for me," she thinks, with another long shuddering sob. "Twice he asked for me, and each time she told him a lie—told him I was sick and did not want to see him. And she struck me in the face. Oh, I hate her! I hate her!"

Her folded arms rest on the bed—her face drops on them, and a poor ill-used, ill-tempered, passionate Donny lies still. She falls into a sort of lethargy that is not sleep, but the natural result of so much fierce excitement, and in that half-dream—dreams Terry Dennison is coming to her rescue once more, the draggle she remembers so well, and trusts so entirely, on his face—that his foot is ascending the stairs, that he is turning the key in the door, that he is in the room. Then a light flashes through the darkness, and she looks up with dazed dreaming eyes to see a man in the room, shading a light and looking at her.

"A man who is not Terry Dennison. 'Hush-h-h!' this man says, putting his finger on his lip, and noiselessly closing the door. 'Not a word, not a sound, mademoiselle! I am a friend. I have come to save you. But all depends on your being perfectly still.'"

She does not rise. She lies and looks at him, her wide-open black eyes full of silent wonder and suspicion.

"Who are you?" she asks.

He is a little yellow man, in a richly-furred coat, and with an air of distinction, but Madame Donny does not like his look.

"I am a friend, as I told you. I have been sent to save you. I have been sent by him—the gentleman who brought you here—Monsieur Dennison."

She springs to her feet now, the sound of that name electrifying her.

"Take me to him," she cries, breathlessly. "Oh, sir! take me to him. He is strong, and he braves, and he kind. Oh, take me from this dreadful house, from that dreadful woman to him!"

"Hush-h-h!" he says again; "softly, mademoiselle—some one may hear. I have come to take you to him presently, but first—madame is your mother, is she not?"

"Why do you ask that?" she impatiently demands; "what has that to do with it? Oh! let me go away at once."

"It has everything to do with it, madame," Monsieur Dennison told me to ascertain. He would have come himself, but you know Madame distrusts him and will not let him see you, lest you should tell him the truth."

"I know I know!" she impatiently interrupts. "She lied to him! She told him I was ill, when he asked for me, and I was dying to see him. She slapped my face, and locked me up here, and I hate her!" Her eyes flashed fire, her hands clenched.

"What is it you want to know?" she cried excitedly. "I'll tell you anything—everything, so that you take me from here, to him."

"Tell me your story—who you are. She is your mother, is she not? I see the likeness in your face. Who is your father, and where is he?"

"I don't know! I wish I did. I would make Mr. Dennison take me to him. She is my mother—oh, yes! and I was born in Quebec, more than sixteen years ago. My father would not live with her, I don't know why, and there was a divorce. So Joan told me. Joan was left when I was born, and my mother left me with her and went away. Joan brought me up; now she is dead, and so I came here. I wish I never had—oh, I wish I never had. Her name is not Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria.

Madame Felicia—her name is Rosamond. She called herself Mrs. Gordon when I was born; and my father's name was Gordon Caryll. I don't know whether he is living or dead. Joan did not know. That is all. And now I have told you. I want you to take me away."

Then, before the bewildered child can quite realize it, the little man with the yellow face and furred coat is gone, the key turned in the lock, and she is alone in her prison once more.

"Not to-night, petite. It is late for you to be abroad. But you shall be taken away, and that speedily—you may trust my word when I say so."

Then, before the bewildered child can quite realize it, the little man with the yellow face and furred coat is gone, the key turned in the lock, and she is alone in her prison once more.

The bal d'opera was at its height. The vast building was one sheet of the white gaslight; perfumes, pastilles, and the rich odor of flowers made the atmosphere almost overpowering. The orchestra, playing the sweet Strauss waltzes, filled the air with quivering melody. And above the shrill strains of the music arose the shrill laughter, the shrill clatter of countless gay voices, as dominoes' white and black, flower-girls, debaudeurs, gypsies, paysannes, corymbes, princesses, and men in plain evening dress, with masks off or on, as the whim took them, flashed and flitted ceaselessly and noisily to and fro. A gorgeous picture of one of the most restless black eyes. He made his way to the centre of the assemblage, and leaning negligently against a statue of the Apollo, watched the brilliant phantasmagoria as it flitted before him. Suddenly he started slightly and drew in his breath with a sharp, sibilant sound. What he looked he saw.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

BIRTHS. COLEMAN—On December 25, at 157 Park Avenue, the wife of Alfred C. Coleman, 311 Pratt, of a son.

PRATT—On the 22nd inst., the wife of Fred. Pratt, of a son.

POWELL—On the 23rd inst., the wife of Mr. Powell, of a son.

MARRIAGES. McGLASHAN-TAYLOR—In this city, on December 18, 1893, by the Rev. J. Edgar Hill, M. A. B. D., Robert Hume McGlashan to Mary Taylor, both of Montreal.

PERRY-DORMAN—On the 23rd inst., by the Rev. James F. Dickson, Arthur Perry to Harriet Dorman, both of Montreal.

WHITMORE-PEPPER—December 20, 1893, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. Edgar Hill, M. A. B. D., William Whitmore, Esq., of Rocksprings, to Miss Charlotte Pepper, daughter of John Pepper, Esq., of the township of Elizabethtown, county of Leeds, Ont.

DEATHS. BAILEY—Suddenly on the morning of the 26th inst., George Bailey, aged 33 years, younger son of Andrew Bailey.

BAILEY—Suddenly on the 26th inst., James Bailey, late of the P. O. Department, Montreal, in his 68th year.

CRUIKSHANK—At his residence, 125 St. Famille street, George Cruikshank, a native of Kilmarnock, Scotland, after a short attack of grippe-pneumonia.

The funeral will take place on Thursday, at 2 p.m.

KENNEDY—On the 17th inst., at 65 Byron Avenue, North London, Ontario, of a group of illness, KENNEDY, daughter of the late William Kennedy, formerly of Montreal, and loved wife of William Kennedy, of Bowmont, Ontario, in her 72nd year.

BENNETT—In this city, December 22nd, Margaret M. Bennett, aged 30 years, widow of the late John Bennett, funeral from her son's residence, 75 Condo Street, Point St. Charles, Monday, December 23rd, at 2 p.m., for St. Ann's Church, thence to the new St. Charles Cemetery. Relatives and friends will please accept this invitation. (Herald paper please copy.)

RILEY—At Verdun, on the 23rd inst., Agnes Riley, of Montreal, aged 21 years. The funeral will take place this afternoon, at 2 p.m., from 401 Richmond Street.

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SPORTING WORLD.

The Prospects for Winter Ice-Trotting Around Montreal.

The Clubs Getting Ready—Latest English Football Matches—The Independent Junior Hockey League—A Horseman Leaves Montreal.

The trotting track at Point St. Charles has been flooded and is now in a superb condition for speed and racing, in fact, it was never better. The park is under the management of Messrs. Lowry and Clime, two gentlemen well qualified to look after the interests of the horse racing public. The first matinee of the season will take place on Friday afternoon next, when two attractive races will be decided, viz., a 2:30 and a 2:55 class, both events being open to trotters and pacers. There are a large number of horses now in the city preparing for the Canadian winter meetings, and the course at the Point will likely be taken full advantage of by owners to "key up" their flyers for the big events.

JACQUES CARTIER ICE TRACK.
Work was commenced yesterday on the Jacques Cartier Track, which, as usual, will be located on the river opposite the square. The ice has formed splendidly, and a course even better, if anything, than last year will be the result of the contractor's work. Matinees will be held every week at this track prior to the big meeting which begins February 6. It is expected everything will be in readiness for the opening by the New Year.

Frank Vail Going to New York.
The many friends of Mr. Frank E. Vail, of Blue Bonnets, P.Q., will regret to hear that he has decided to leave Montreal, and will take up his residence in New York early in January. Mr. Vail has been a prominent figure on the trotting turf in these parts during the past eight years, and all will wish him the best of success in his new field of labor. Among the good ones owned here by Mr. Vail were Holmdel 2:12, W. Van 2:24, Walter 2:28, etc.—The Canadian Breeder.

THE RING.
Corbett Will Have to Fight at Night.

New York, Dec. 26.—Contrary to general expectations Corbett and Mitchell will fight by daylight. This information was conveyed to the Eastern representative of the Duval Club yesterday. The club and principals favored the daylight scheme, but many letters were received from sporting men suggesting that the fight take place at night, and so the former plan was abandoned.

They Want to Capture Costello in Canada.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—Governor Matthews is in correspondence with officials of Lake County concerning an attempt to capture Pugilist Costello in Canada, and bring him into Indiana for sentence. It is doubtful if prize-fighting is an offence serious enough to enable the officers to secure Costello. But the fact that he is a fugitive from justice will in all probability be sufficient to obtain the approval of the Canadian officers.

Sure the Fight Will Come Off.

A great deal of consternation was caused the other day by the fact that the fight between Corbett and Mitchell was to be held at night. When it was learned the Governor would prevent the Corbett-Mitchell fight taking place in Florida; even saying that if necessary the militia would be called out. The Duval Athletic Club, under whose auspices the fight will be held, was, however, in no way disconcerted about the manifesto. The Club's Managers said that he was more than ever convinced that the fight would take place. The club has 100 men at work pushing forward the work on the arena, and making other preparations for the affair.

"Of course," he continued, "we do not pretend to say that Governor Mitchell will not do everything that he conceives to be his duty, but at the same time we are assured that Governor Mitchell will be equally slow to interfere when it shall be demonstrated to him that the contemplated match is not a violation of the law."

The club expects in a few days to secure an injunction which will restrain any officer from interfering with the club's business. If this is not secured the match will be called off. The manager is of the opinion that the match will come off without the shadow of a doubt.

FOOTBALL.
Recent English Matches.

The latest English match brings the following results of recent football matches played throughout England last Saturday week:

Nottingham Forest beat Derby County a fine game by four goals to three; Aston Villa put on three goals to nil against Sheffield Wednesday; and Everton won at the same score in their match with Sheffield United. Blackburn Rovers were in great form at Sunderland, and beat last year's champions by three goals to two on their own ground—a great performance. It is many seasons since Sunderland fell with their feet on their native turf. Burnley scored a meritorious victory over West Bromwich Albion by three goals to none; Bolton Wanderers beat Newton Heath, who still bring up the rear, by two goals to nothing, and Preston North End played a draw with the Wolverhampton Wanderers.

An old "Wolf," in the shape of that grand outside right, R. Topham, showed to advantage for the Casuals in the first round of the London Charity Cup. He and his brother were alike in great form at Caledonian Park, and contributed largely to the success of their team, which defeated the "Caldes" by five goals to one. In the other matches, the Old Carthusians, the Old Westminsters and the Crusaders won their heats—pretty easily in each case.

Two games were played in the Rugby County Championship Cumberland meeting Westmoreland and Devon trying conclusions with their neighbors in Somersetshire. Cumberland won at Carlisle by two goals and a try to nil, but the Western side could come to no conclusion, and the match ended in a draw, only minor points being registered. A great game between Cardiff and Blackheath, at the Rectory Field, ended in a victory for the home team by one goal and three tries to two goals, or 14 points to 10. Oxford University beat Old Leysians by two goals and a try to one try; Richmond won a good match against Coventry by two tries to one, and London Scottish fairly swamped the Middlesex Wanderers, beating them by 25 points to 3.

BILLIARDS.

Roberts Defeated in London.
J. Roberts, the champion billiard player of England, suffered his first defeat of the season last Saturday, when at the Egyptian Hall, London. Mitchell beat him by 1734 points in a match of 24,000 points up, spot barred. The winner, who played in fine form throughout, was leading by 1616 at the close of Friday's proceedings, and on Saturday afternoon he scored only eight points less than Roberts—712, 720. The principal breaks during the day were: 135, 72, 116, 114, 65, and 308 (his highest of the season) by Mitchell; and 59, 121, 168, 77, 110, and 111 by Roberts. The full scores

were: Mitchell (receives 9,000), 24,000; Roberts, 22,276.

THE KENNEL.

A Valuable Dog Dead.
F.H. Moore, the Sporting Editor of The Toronto Mail, is mourning the loss of his handsome white pointer, Pretty, which died from natural causes. Pretty was a prize winner whenever shown, and his owner refused, time and again, flattering offers to sell, as he believed him to be the best of his kind in Canada. May he soon secure another just as good.

HOCKEY.

Orients vs. St. Lamberts.
The first match in the Independent Junior League series will be played at St. Lamberts, on Thursday evening, at eight o'clock, between the Orients and their friends team. The Montreal team and their friends will leave the Grand Trunk Depot at 6:30, returning from St. Lambert at 9:55.

MR. BARRETT'S PROGRAM.

THE QUEEN'S PROMISES A BIG ATTRACTION FOR NEW YEARS.

Souvenir Night With "Friend Fritz" "A Pair of Kids" Coming to the Royal.

THEATRE ROYAL.
The eminent manager, author and actor Wilson Barrett begins an engagement at the Theatre Royal next Monday afternoon with a special New Year's matinee, at which he will present the famous story of Manx life "Ben My-Chree" (The girl of my heart), which so favorably impressed Montreal last season. It is a dramatization of Hall Caine's delightful tale, "The Deemster," made by the novelist and Mr. Barrett. It was one of the great hits of Mr. Barrett's famous Princess Theatre management. New Year's night and on Wednesday evening Mr. Barrett will appear as "Virginius," in Sheridan Knowles' famous play of that name, which he has greatly altered and improved. It is now one of the greatest plays in his repertoire. Tuesday night "Claudian" will be the bill. Of its merits it is not necessary to speak. It will be repeated at the Saturday matinee. Mr. Barrett has recently added "Othello" to his repertoire. His presentation of the dusky Moor of Venice is said to be a superb one. He plays it with special scenery and costumes, as he does "Hamlet," which will be the card on Friday night. Mr. Barrett is fast becoming the great Shakespearean actor of the day. Saturday night will witness the presentation of Mr. Barrett's latest dramatic work, a dramatization of Hall Caine's great novel, "The Bondman." It is a story of Ireland and the Isle of Man, and admits of great spectacular effects. It will be played for the first time in Philadelphia this week, and Mr. Barrett hopes that it will equal in popularity "Ben My-Chree."

All of Mr. Barrett's plays will be staged here with the greatest care and excellence, and with all their English scenery and appointments. His famous London company has been increased in numbers, and all his plays will be cast to its full strength.

SOUVENIR NIGHT.

"Friend Fritz" will be presented at the matinee, at the Queen's to-day, also the remainder of the week. Every lady holding a reserved seat coupon for to-night's performance will receive a Gold and enamelled sword pin as a souvenir.

"OUT IN THE STREETS."

The Royal is not big enough to hold those who are trying to see "Out in the Street" this week. "The Scout" is to be played by Mr. Woods' company on Friday and Saturday.

"A PAIR OF KIDS."

Gilbert Sarnoy, now with "A Pair of Kids," to be seen at the Theatre Royal, the week beginning January 1st, is said to be very clever in the giddy female character. His last engagement was in the role of the funny schoolma'am in "Babes in the Wood."

"THE BAXTERS."

A play called "The Baxters," is announced as a New Year's engagement at the Academy.

EDWARD BLAKE, M. P.

The Irish Leader Talks on Home Rule, and May Speak Here.

New York, Dec. 26.—The World this morning says: Edward Blake, Member of Parliament for Longford, Ireland, and one of the Executive Committee of the Irish Parliamentary representation, led by Justin McCarthy, is on a brief visit to this country. He has been with Dr. Addis Emmett, at No. 70 Madison Avenue, but is now spending the holidays with his family at Toronto.

Mr. Blake has recently spoken very confidently of the situation of the home rule question. He said that a bill dealing with the Irish evicted tenantry would be introduced at the next session of Parliament. He expected that when several other measures now pending pass the house, a large home-rule majority would be returned to support the Home Rule Bill. Dr. Emmett declared that the American Federation would not get up a fund for the evicted tenants.

"It takes \$150,000 a year to support the Parliamentary party," said he. "We shall collect all we can for them, and if there is any remaining, it will be given for the evicted." Dr. Emmett hopes to be able to induce Mr. Blake to speak before his return, at a meeting in this city, on behalf of the interests of the Federation.

Maple Leaf Assembly, K. of L.

The regular annual meeting of Maple Leaf Assembly, No. 3,965 K. of L., was held last evening in their hall, 223 McGill Street. M.W. R. J. Cushing presided. Reports were received from the financial secretary and treasurer showing the Assembly to be in a flourishing financial condition. Reports were received from the delegates of Central Trades and Labor Council and District Assembly No. 18, which were adopted. The smoking concert committee report that everything is being done to make it a grand success. The nomination officers then took place as follows: P.M.W. R. J. Cushing; M.W., D. Beloe; W.E. J. Kane; recording secretary, C. K. Wilkie; financial secretary, P. J. Ryan; treasurer, J. G. Bellows; W.J. R. Lee; delegate to Central Trades and Labor Council, P. J. Ryan; J. E. Fontaine; W. Flynn; delegates to District Assembly No. 18, R. J. Cushing; W. Flynn; Jos. Goddell. A number of visiting brothers were present and addressed the meeting.

Seventy Years Old To-day.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Dec. 26.—Hon. Macdewie Bovey will be 70 years of age to-morrow. He attended a family party at the residence of his son-in-law, C. P. Holton, yesterday. He went to the Capital to-day.

Shot By a City Attorney.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—City Attorney James Butler shot and killed a gambler known as "Sovereign" Jim O'Leary, at a hunting house of ill-fame, at four o'clock this morning.

TO CHECK EXCESS.

City's Borrowing Powers Should Be Limited.

Ald. Smith Gives Reasons Why the Legislature Should Fix That Limit at Fifteen Per Cent. of the Taxable Property of the City.

To the Editor of The Herald:

Sir,—The question of the city's financial position, is one which has been much discussed of late, and yet one which it is to be feared is but little understood by the ratepayers. Even the majority of the City Council have apparently but little conception of the true state of affairs. It is to be regretted that the Finance Committee and the City Treasurer have not given any clear and concise statement showing both sides of the matter, simplifying the whole so as to make it intelligible to ordinary persons, and eliminating references to future expenditures not yet decided on, and which may or may not take place, as for instance, the widening of William Street, the extension of St. Lambert Street to the river, the widening of Jacques Cartier street, and of many other street-mentioned by Mr. Robb. It is unquestionably true that the criticism of the finances of a city in the public press is in many ways undesirable, and yet the time for silence is past. Before a cure can be effected it is necessary to clearly understand the disease, and it is the duty of a true friend to point out dangers in order that they may be averted. These dangers have in any case been already pointed out in a very emphatic manner in the statements furnished to the press by the City Treasurer.

As already stated, the first point to be considered is the actual financial condition of the city. How does Montreal compare with other cities, such as Toronto, Hamilton, Halifax and Winnipeg?

The assessment of Toronto, for 1893, is \$150,766,000 exclusive of church, government, municipal and other exempt property which amounts to \$23,215,386. The total net debt of the city on December 31st, 1892, was \$16,587,812, or just about 11 per cent. of the taxable property. This includes the total amount expended for local improvements, which are not properly part of the city debt, as they are a mortgage on properties fronting on the streets benefited, and bear interest at 6 per cent. until repaid to the city. Deducting this item, the net debt of the city is \$13,145,979, or only 8 1/2 per cent. of the taxable real estate. The borrowing powers of Toronto are limited to 12 1/2 per cent. on one hundred millions of assessed (taxable) property and 8 per cent. on the excess.

Hamilton, the "Ambitious City" of Ontario, has an assessed taxable valuation of \$24,465,640, exclusive of exemptions amounting to \$4,900,600. The debt is \$2,897,305, or 11 per cent. of the taxable value.

Halifax has an assessed taxable valuation of \$22,964,507, and a debt of \$2,458,612, or less than 11 per cent.

Winnipeg has had a heavy burden to carry as a legacy from the extravagance of the boom, and its debt is considered heavy. Yet what is the position? Assessed taxable real estate \$21,692,300, debt \$2,572,507, or less than 12 per cent!

When compared with most of the neighboring cities south of the line the debts of these Canadian cities appear heavy. Take, for instance, Detroit. The taxable valuation is \$199,679,210, and the debt \$2,177,433, or about 1 per cent. This city moreover owns great estates valued at \$18,753,319. Its borrowing powers are limited to 2 per cent. on the taxable property.

Turning now to our own city, let us see how it compares with those we have named. The assessed taxable property of Montreal for 1893 is \$121,000,000, and the exemptions \$33,000,000. The net bonded debt is already \$21,000,000, or 16 1/2 per cent. of the taxable property!

The real estate tax of 1 per cent. amounted last year to \$1,134,632. Of this amount \$800,456 was required to meet the payments of interest alone. Seventy per cent. of the total real estate tax is thus absorbed in merely keeping the city afloat by paying interest on the bonded debt, and only 30 per cent. of it is available for current expenses and improvements. That interest charge has, however, been increased to \$860,201 during the currency of this year. And in the face of this it is proposed to borrow another million dollars to give to the Canadian Pacific Railway for an East End station and hotel, and to incur still further liabilities by widening a number of other streets. Where will we be if all the so-called "improvements" suggested by Mr. Robb are carried out?

The debt of \$21,000,000 is by law a first lien on all the taxable real estate of the city. This means that there is a first mortgage on every taxable house and lot, to the amount of nearly one-sixth of its assessed value.

The province of Quebec has come in for much adverse criticism on account of its debt. But that debt, including the railway subsidies, is only \$33,000,000, and is secured by the whole province, including the city of Montreal. If Mr. Robb's estimate of what the city requires to borrow is correct, then the debt of the city alone is not very much less than that of the whole province.

These facts are sufficient to prove that the extreme limit of safety has now been reached, and that any continuance in the present reckless course of borrowing is sure to lead to disastrous consequences. At present we are still on solid ground, but this will not long continue to be true unless the necessary steps are taken. The ordinary debt of municipalities rarely exceeds 10 or 12 per cent. of the taxable property, and 15 per cent. is usually considered as an outside limit. In fact, a municipality whose debt exceeds 12 per cent. of its taxable property usually experiences great difficulty in disposing of its securities.

Most towns or municipalities have no power to issue debentures unless the law is approved by a special vote of the ratepayers. This power of veto is of the greatest importance, and there can be little doubt that if it had existed in Montreal, our debt would not present its present figure. But in addition to this it is urgently required for the protection of the taxpayers that a strict limit be placed on the borrowing powers of the council. At present there is a nominal limit of fifteen per cent. on the total real estate of the city, including exempted properties. This limitation is of no practical value, and for several reasons. In the first place it is too high. In the next place it is based on a wrong principle for the percentage should be on the taxable property, and not on what is exempt. Montreal stands, so far as known, absolutely alone in having its debt on all properties including those that are not liable for taxation. But in the third place, the restriction is quite useless for practical purposes. There is nothing to prevent the City Council from raising the valuation of exempt properties to almost any sum, for people are quite indifferent as to what sum churches, convents, and parks are assessed at, since there are no taxes to be paid on them. The proof of this is that this year the exempt properties were raised at one jump from twenty-two millions to thirty-three millions, an increase of 50 per cent. By this little book entry power was obtained to borrow more than six hundred and fifty thousand dollars more! And the transaction could be repeated as often as desired.

This whole question has been discussed

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At considerable length in the City Council. About a month ago the Board of Chairmen and the Finance Committee, after mature deliberation, proposed that the following clause be introduced as an amendment to the city charter:

"V. The right to issue debenture stock, in virtue of Section 128 of the charter of the city, to amount of 15 per cent. of the value of the real estate situated within the city limits, is restricted and limited to 12 1/2 per cent. thereof; and nothing herein contained shall apply to the other loans which the Council is authorized to negotiate."

The adoption of this proposition was moved by the Chairman of Finance. It was, however, moved in amendment: That the right to issue debenture stock in virtue of section 128 of the Charter of the City of Montreal to the amount of 15 per cent. of the value of the real estate situated within the city limits be rescinded and limited to 15 per cent. of the assessed (taxable) valuation thereof. Nothing herein contained to interfere with the rights of present holders of debentures or debenture stock.

This amendment was carried in the Council, but subsequently rescinded and defeated. The majority of the council now object to either form of limitation, and desire that the charter remain as at present. What has happened during the last month to cause such a radical change of opinion? The position here is no way altered. Have visions of more street widening arisen before their eyes? The amendment was seconded and strongly supported by Ald. Beausoleil, who is now one of the deputations at Quebec. Mr. Robb too emphatically approved and endorsed the proposition to limit the debt to twelve and a-half per cent., and in several letters to the press urged that this be done.

I think I have said enough to prove: (1) That a stringent limitation of the city's borrowing powers is an absolute necessity; and (2) that that limitation should be based on the taxable property alone, and that fifteen per cent. on that basis is the extreme limit which should be allowed.

I will now briefly refer to the objections which have been made to this proposition. The first objection, which has been made is that it would interfere with the security of the old bondholders. It is not the rights of bondholders, but the amount which the Council may borrow, which is being settled. And in any case, the resolution carefully preserves all the privileges which bondholders may have whatever they may be. Next it is claimed that the limit proposed will not cover the existing debt. The Harbor and Brook Street tunnel debt amounts to \$1,200,000, and by the terms of the statute that does not form part of the 15 per cent. allowed, and it could still remain an extra loan as it at present is. Then as regards amounts which may require to be paid for improvements already under way, Mr. Robb answers himself, for he says that over two millions remain on hand from "street investment deposits" which the city will recover from proprietors. In any case there is but little difference between the amount allowed by the limitation proposed by Mr. Robb and that proposed by us. Any further small amounts could easily be covered by the usual temporary loans.

In conclusion I may point out that this limitation of the borrowing power will not entirely stop improvement, but will merely compel them to be made more gradually. The assessment may reasonably be expected to show a normal increase of eight or ten millions each year, which would allow an extra \$1,300,000 to \$1,500,000 to be borrowed annually. And in addition to this the income from taxes should steadily advance with the growth of the city. I am far from being an enemy to progress, but blind rashness is not progress but folly.

Yours faithfully,
R. WILSON SMITH.

AGED 121 YEARS.

A Former Slave in Virginia, Who Came With his Master to Lyons.

LYONS, Dec. 25.—James Morris, commonly known as James Rice, a former slave, died in Lyons yesterday, 121 years of age. He was born on the Rice plantation in Virginia, near Roanoke, on June 18, 1772. After the death of his master he became the property of Balmor Rice, who moved to Lyons and engaged in the manufacture of farming mills. Balmor Rice was one of the richest men in Wayne County, Rice Street being named after him. When emancipation was proclaimed, James was set free, but he chose to stay with his master, and after his death remained with the widow in Lyons until her death. She left him the life use of a house and lot on Maple Street, in Lyons, where he died. The Rice heirs have in their possession a record of their several slaves, and the age of James Morris is given as 121 years.

Steamer in Distress.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The British steamer Enkhar, Captain Kneeling, from Philadelphia, November 1st, via Halifax, November 24th for London, was sighted to-day ten miles south of Kinsale, flying a signal of distress. Her machinery was apparently disabled, and at the time she was sighted she was drifting toward the rocks. Word of her predicament was telegraphed to Queenstown and tugs from that place put out to assist her.

Snake Charmer in Trouble.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 26.—During the performance at Wonderland Museum, yesterday, Mlle. Uno, the Hindoo snake charmer, was nearly choked to death by one of the large reptiles, which resented the freedom with which the woman handled it. Mlle. Uno was badly stung in the thumb by one of the snake's poisonous fangs, and found at the time she was releasing herself from them. The incident caused much excitement among the audience.

The Laurentian's Passengers.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 26.—The Royal mail steamship Laurentian arrived at 5:30 Tuesday afternoon with the following saloon passengers: Captain Cowie, Mrs. H. Hallam, Mr. Murray, Miss Murray, R. Parker, G. Ross, J. Stickland, Mrs. Stickland, Miss Stickland, W. Whitlock, J. Calver, Mr. Prior, Mr. Prior, and 18 second cabin and 34 steerage passengers.

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MCGILL UNIVERSITY. **RESULTS OF THE CHRISTMAS EXAMINATIONS.**

Successful Candidates in the Faculties of Law, Applied Science and Art.

The announcement of the results of the seasonal examinations of the McGill Faculties of Law, Applied Science and Art, were posted yesterday.

LAW OF PERSONS.

First Year—Law of Persons (Prof. L. A. Mitchell, 87 marks; Doyer, 77; Donahue, 72; White, 70; Hanson, 69; Doucet, 61; Ogilvie and Mullin, 59; Fortier and Moriarty, 51.
Second Year—Barron, 80; Carmichael, 78; Swindlehurst, 78; E. B. Devlin, 75; J. A. Devlin, 68; T. Sheridan, 64; Whelan, 62; Patterson, 60; Landry, 59; Gaudet, 52; Lamoureux, 50.
Third Year—Hogbe and Jones, 86; McDougall, 85; Cox, 75; Intersencia, 70; Lenoyer, 68; Dunlop, 67; Walsh, 66.

LOWER CANADA LAW.

History of Lower Canada Law (Prof. McGeown, Mitchell, 83; White, 82; J. A. Devlin, 79; Donahue and Ogilvie, 78; Boyer, 77; Doucet, 74; Hanson, 63; Fortier, 51.
Second Year—Swindlehurst, 97; Barron, 94; Gaudet, 94; J. A. Devlin, 91; Whelan, 90; Carmichael, 90; Patterson, 89; E. B. Devlin, 88; Gaudet, 83; Landry, 82; Sheridan, 73.
Third Year—Hogbe, 96; Jones, 91; Dunlop and Sawyer, 89; Intersencia and Walsh, 87; McDougall, 85; Cox, 79.

ROMAN LAW.

Roman Law (the Dean, Mitchell, 80; Mullin, Boyer, 69; Ogilvie, 69; Hanson, 59; Doucet, 56; Donahue, 56.
Second Year, (Obligations)—Barron, and Swindlehurst, 80; Sheridan, 70; Carmichael, 64; J. A. Devlin, 63; Gaudet, 61; Whelan, 60; E. B. Devlin, 58; Landry, 54; Patterson, 51.

Second Year—Law—Barrow, 77; Swindlehurst, 72; E. B. Devlin, 64; Carmichael, 64; Gaudet, 62; J. A. Devlin, 60; Landry, 59; Whelan, 58; Gaudet, 52; Lamoureux, 52; Patterson, 50; Sheridan, 50.

OBLIGATIONS.

Obligations—The Dean—Mitchell, 24; White, 73; Mullins, 70, 68; Ogilvie, 56; Hanson, 56; Doucet, 56; Moriarty, 50.
Third Year—Hogbe, 77; Jones, 74; Dunlop and McDougall, 69; Intersencia, 63; Walsh, 60; Sawyer, 55; Cox, 50.
FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

Third and Fourth Years—Mathematics, Class 1—Darling, McDougall and Duff, equal; Harte and King, equal; MacKay, Pitcher; Whiteside; McDougall and Scott, equal; Greig and Levy, equal; Wilkin; Carter; Angus and Dolson, equal.
Class 2—Dawson; McNaughton; Baker; Adams; Boright; and J. Primrose; equal; Beckett and Costigan, equal; Rogers; Griffin; Longworth; Robins and Leach, equal; Guilford; P. Rutherford; Mudge; Van Barneveld and Collier, equal; Morris.
Class 3—Nevin, E. P. Johnson, Lambert, Londergan, Gunn, Moolie, Turner and Seammell, equal; Adewale and Blackburn, W. Duggall and Larmouth, equal.

Supplemental in one subject.

Second Year—Mathematics, Class 1—Stewart, Chase, Courtice, Archibald, Gill; Clarke and Hunter, equal.
Class 2—Kenny, Jacquays, Killeavey, Hare, Dufresne, Reinhardt, White, equal; Howe.
Class 3—Denis, McLaren and Wright, equal; Balfour, Clive and G. Ruthven, equal; G. M. Dougall, Green, S. Rutherford and Webb, equal; Bishop, Ferguson, Small, Bayfield; Ogilvie and Walkem, equal; W. S. Johnson; Alley and Mussen, equal; Metcalfe.

First Year—Mathematics—Class 1—Stovel, McLeod, Connal, McKinnon, Thomson, H. N.; Davidson and Thomson, C., equal.

Class 2—Burnham and J. E. Macdonald, equal; Turnbull, W. B. Bell; Guthrie and P. W. Macdonald, equal; Angel; R. A. Bell; F. W. Thompson and Waters, equal; Mackie, Travis, Newcombe and Weldon, equal.

Class 3—Ross; Holland and Suter, equal; Kennedy and Pitcher and Yorsion, equal; Beatty and Colson and McGibbin, equal; Hillary; R. Dougall and Hancock, equal; Deakwater, Simpson and Stead and Staples, equal; Archibald and May and Reid, equal; McBean; H. S. Thompson; Edwaird; and Symmes, equal.

To pass supplemental in one examination.

ZOOLOGY.

Second Year—Class 1—Green, Stewart, Class 2—Hart, Mussen, Archibald, Class 3—Dufresne, Rutherford, Ogilvie, Metcalfe, Buchanan, Reinhardt, Denis, Webb.
GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY.

Third Year—Class 1—Hart, Carter and Guilford, equal; Van Barneveld, Askwith and Wilkin, equal; Johnson.

Class 2—Dolson.

Class 3—W. Dougall.

Second Year—French. Class 1—Green, Denis, Gill.

Class 2—Small, Stewart, Hare, Chase, Wright, Clarke, Balfour.

Class 3—Bayford and Metcalfe, equal; Webb, White, A. Reinhardt, S. Rutherford, equal; Dufresne, G. Rutherford, Alley.

First Year—French—Class 1—Davidson, H. N. Thompson.

Class 2—C. Thomson, MacDonald, Bell, Connal, Edwaird and Macleod, equal; J. D. Mackie, Desbarats, Stovel and Turnbull, equal; Blair.

Class 3—Macbeane, Colson, Lacroix, Packard, Pitcher, F. W. Thompson and J. Ross, equal; Corrivane, McGibbon, Symmes.

German—Second Year—Class 1—Courtice, Kenny, McCallum.

Class 2—Walkem, Bishop, Ferguson, Mussen, Olive, Archibald.

Class 3—McLaren and Buchanan, equal; Ogilvie.

FACULTY OF ARTS.

German—Second Year—Class 1—Hammond, Robertson, Hurst, Nichol, Pitcher, Hutchinson, Locke and Mitchell, equal; McBurney, Hill and Denison.

Class 2—Gordon, Krause, Watson, Pinder.

Class 3—MacPhail, Howell and Graham.

ARTS AND ASTRONOMY.

Fourth Year—Class 1—Smith, Duclos, Howran, Garrett, Barlow, Blackett and Harper, equal; Stewart.

Class 2—Fraser, McGregor, Harvey; E. Dickson and Ogilvie, equal; Bond and Brown, equal.

Class 3—Boyd, Bickerdike and Ireland.

ARTS, MORAL PHILOSOPHY.

Fourth Year—Class 1—A. Graham and Warner, equal; McMillan, Hanran; Fraser and Hargrave, equal; Walker, Day; McKeacher and J. Ogilvie, equal; Craig, Leitch and Morrow, equal; F. Graham and C. Ogilvie, equal; J. Brown and Finney, and Lewis, equal; Davis and Duclos, equal.

Class 2—Garrett, Harvey and Kelly, equal; Bell; Calvert and Moffatt, equal; Bond; Peever; Shaw and Stewart, equal; Bremner; T. Dickson, Barlow and Miss Jessie Brown, equal; Murray, Boyd and Harvart, equal.

Class 3—McGregor, Harper and Ireland, equal; Sing, S. Dickson, Bickerdike, Naylor, Lambly, Blackett, Mathers, Jamieson, McCuaig and Miller.

ARTS, GREEK.

Third Year—Class 1—Craig, Burnett and McIntosh, equal; Keith, Radford.

Class 2—Cameron and Gustin, equal; Wallace and Watt.

Class 3—Crombie, Elliott and H. Young, equal; Sutherland, S. Young, Weir.

ARTS, PSYCHOLOGY.

Second Year—Class 1—Hammond, Hurst and Lennon, equal; Hutchinson, Ferguson

and Locke, equal; Nichols and Saunders, equal; Robertson, Hill and Mitchell, equal; Campbell, C. A. Pollock and Smiley, equal.

Class 2—Pinder, Brown and St. James, equal; Leitch and Watson, equal; Betton, Henderson, Pitcher and Ross, equal; Archibald, Denison, Gordon and Hamilton, equal; Krause, McDonald, McAtter and Scott, equal; Chalmers, McPhail, Pollock and Schwartz, equal.

Class 3—McQuaig, Hammond, Mount, W. Smith and Stockwell, equal; Bates, Molson and Patterson, equal; H. Smith, Eagleson and Martin, equal; Howell, Kelly, McBurney and Waters, equal; Allison and Keeler, equal; Benny and Springer, equal; Kennedy, Sellar, Spikes, Mills, Halpenny and Moore, equal; Branton, Smythe and Turner, equal.

ARTS, GEOLOGY, MINERALOGY.

Fourth Year—Class 1—Craig, Warner, I. Ogilvie, A. Graham, Lewis, Shaw and Black, equal; Fraser, Naylor and C. Ogilvie, equal; Graham, equal.

Class 2—Barlow and Hargrave, equal; Davis; Brown, Howran and McKeacher, equal; Garrett, Harvey and Peever, equal; Lambly, Duclos, McConnell; Stewart and Bremner, equal; McGregor.

Class 3—Leitch and Fairburn, equal; Sing, Boyd, Mathers, Bechell; Calvert and Murray, equal; Ireland, Jamieson and McQuaig.

Protestant House of Industry.

The Superintendent of the Protestant House of Industry and Refuge acknowledges with thanks the following donations of the Christmas dinner to the inmates: Lady Hickson, one turkey; Mrs. Herbert Wallis, one goose; Mrs. Robertson, one turkey; Mrs. W. W. Ogilvie, one turkey and one goose; Mrs. Crawford, 29 St. Catherine street, one turkey and one goose; Mrs. John Henry Molson, one turkey, one goose and a barrel of apples; Mrs. David Morrice, a roast, a turkey and a quarter of beef; Mrs. R. C. Jamieson, a turkey, and a goose; the Misses Dow, 2 turkeys; Mrs. Dangerfield, 2 turkeys; Mrs. McArthur, Park Avenue, 2 turkeys; Mrs. S. Bell, 1 turkey; Mrs. Geo. Mathews, shoulder of mutton and a goose; Mr. R. W. Sheppard, 1 turkey and 1 goose; "223 Peel street," a goose; Mrs. R. L. Gault, 2 turkeys, a goose and oranges and buns; Mr. M. D. Lamb, a turkey; Mrs. My Lyman, a turkey; Mrs. Fletcher, shoulder of lamb and box of sausages, Messrs. McBride, Harris & Co., box of oranges; Mrs. Rawlings, a cake, Mrs. Charles Alexander, a side of mutton; Mr. J. M. Hill, a package of cheese and a box of raisins; Messrs. A. S. and W. H. Masterman, 50 lbs of pork and 10 lbs sausage; Mr. W. G. Ilder, a ham; Messrs. Litchburn, Ralston and Co., a chest of ten barrel of currants, a box of raisins, and a jar of marmalade; Mr. John P. S. Ross, a quarter of mutton; Mr. Geo. C. Nicholson, 100 lbs of beef; Mrs. McGill, a roast of beef; Mrs. Duncan Gordon, side of mutton and parcel of tea; Mrs. John Hope, a sheep; Mr. R. Sutherland, 3 lbs. George Hague, \$5; Mr. A. F. Gault, \$5; the Misses Durnford, \$1.50; A. Friend, \$2.

AN APPEAL FROM OREGON.

Gov. Penney Asks Cleveland to Take Action.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Gov. Penney has addressed a letter to President Cleveland, reciting the fact that thousands of Oregon's people are out of employment and without sufficient means of support, and that business is almost completely stagnated. The Governor says the remedy lies in the President's hands, and that if he had convened Congress in extra session immediately after his inauguration to carry out the pledges of the platform to which the President gave his consent and upon which he was elected, which declared "For use of both gold and silver as standard money without discrimination against either metal," the widespread revulsion of business would never have occurred, the Governor says. "And if now you would give such advice to Congress, further downward tendency would be checked, and with favorable Congressional legislation, business, would again revive and prosperity would again visit our land. Why should you not do so?"

Steamer Seneca's Cargo Ruined.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—The N. Y. and Cuba Mail Steamship company's steamer Seneca, which was scuttled in this port Sunday night after putting back on fire, will prove an almost total loss. The action of the salt water will cause the hemp on board of her to turn black, and the cigars, tobacco and coffee are irretrievably ruined. The vessel is insured in the North British and Mercantile Company. The agents of the company have been informed that Captain Benes, port captain of the line, will start from New York to-day to attend to the raising of the steamer and the salvage of what ever of the cargo is possible.

Schooner Successfully Floated.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 26.—Schooner White B., before reported ashore near Canoe, grounded in St. Andrew's Channel, and a despatch to the Boston Marine Agency to-day says, she was got off after discharging about 200 cases of her cargo. The vessel is insured in the North British and Mercantile Company. The agents of the company have been informed that Captain Benes, port captain of the line, will start from New York to-day to attend to the raising of the steamer and the salvage of what ever of the cargo is possible.

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Not a Lost Art.

Archaeologists and antiquarians in their writings frequently refer to the manufacture of flint arrowheads, etc., as a lost art. That is a great mistake. The art is probably lost to the Indians because they have no use for it. The stone implements have given place to those of iron and steel, and the rifle and revolver have supplanted the flint and arrowhead. The art of making them is not lost, however. There are many collectors of relics of the aborigines who have studied the art of working in flint and have become adepts. In Chattanooga a gentleman has become so proficient in the art that he has not only manufactured magnificent specimens of arrowheads from flint, but also from the far more brittle obsidian, and even from ordinary glass.—Chattanooga Correspondence.

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Building in California.

Stanislaus county, Cal., is to have the highest overflow dam in the world. It is called the La Grange dam and is being constructed for the Modesto and Tulelake irrigation districts. Its location is in the canyon of the Tuolumne river, three miles from the town of La Grange. Work on the project was commenced in June, 1891, and has been prosecuted continuously ever since. A force of 200 men has been employed on the work, the total cost of which will be \$800,000.

The annals of engineering have hitherto recorded as the highest the Wynnydd dam, which retains the water supply for the city of Liverpool. Its height from base to summit is 127 feet, but the La Grange will be two feet higher. Other celebrated dams, such as the Bear Valley, in San Bernardino county, and the Sweetwater, near San Diego, are properly known as reservoirs, and the protection of their basins as retaining walls.

The La Grange is being built by R. W. Gorrill and will be 360 feet long on top, the plan being curved on a radius of 320 feet. Its maximum height above the course of the river will be 27 feet 3 inches. The front face of the wall is made to conform to the curve described by the water in overflowing, and to deflect it into the basin in front of the dam.

The dam is large of "cyclopean rubble" and is a model of solidity. Huge rocks, weighing from six to ten tons, were first laid on the bottom. All their projecting pieces were cut off, and a flat but rough surface was prepared for the concrete. The rocks were placed in the bottom, all stones, whatever their size, were scrubbed and subjected to the action of numerous jets of water under pressure of 75 feet.

The process of construction was as follows: "A level bed was first prepared in the rock and covered with a two inch layer of cement mortar, which was beaten to frost it of air. A large stone was then lowered into position by a steam crane, and was beaten down into the mortar by blows from heavy handmallets. Other large stones were similarly placed, but as not to touch each other. The spaces left between them were filled with concrete, which was thrust into the narrow spaces with tampers.

"The work within the reach of each crane was brought up from six to eight feet before the concrete was poured. This permitted the immense stones were laid so as to bind with those in the course below. No horizontal joints passed through the wall, as the top of each course was left with projecting stones and hollows, which permitted it to be well bound with the next course. To make the back face thoroughly water tight, the vertical joints were filled with mortar alone, and into this broken stone was forced.

The La Grange dam will distribute water over a territory embracing 276,000 acres. The Tulelake district comprises about 198,000 and the Modesto district 78,000 acres. The water will flow over the dam into two ditches. One will be 80 miles long and 100 feet wide, the other 38 miles long and 80 feet wide. The waters of the Tuolumne river will be banked up by the dam in the rocky canyon. A lake will thus be formed for miles long and half a mile wide. An idea of the solidity of the dam may be gathered from the fact that at its base it is 117 feet 9 inches thick, and that of solid stone, forming an indestructible barrier to the lake of water behind.—Pacific Lumberman.

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SALT ON THE STREETS.

HORSE OWNERS COMPLAIN OF THE M. S. R. CO.'S ACTION.

Animals are being laid up and Runners Torn off Sleighs—The Company Uses a "Little" Salt.



HE sprinkling of salt on the tracks of the Street Railway is the cause of much dissatisfaction among the livery stable men, carters and owners of horses generally.

Horsemen allege that the action of salt on the hoof of a horse is decidedly detrimental, as it produces a soft, spongy condition of the hoof, which makes it liable to contract disease. The continual, or even the occasional sprinkling of the liquid salt on the horse's fetlocks is calculated to pre-dispose the animal to "scatches," and the spongy soft condition of the hoof makes it so tender that in stepping on a piece of ice or any hard substance corns may be contracted.

Several owners of valuable stock do not take their horses out as often as they would if this grievance did not exist. The greatest suffering is caused to work horses or those attached to cabs.

J. T. Morey said yesterday that over a dozen of his horses were affected already by the action of the salt on their hoofs. He also stated that several runners had been torn off his sleighs by coming in contact with the clean rail.

B. P. Conell & Co. corroborate this statement, and are of the opinion that the planing salt on the tracks, if continued, will not only cause considerable suffering to stock, but will result in great loss to owners. Several runners have also been torn off their sleighs.

Veterinarians do not appear to attach much importance to the matter. Both Drs. Chas. McEachern and Bruneau said yesterday that they did not think the salt would do any harm. Dr. McEachern, however, that if wet and slushy weather prevailed, the effect would perhaps be dangerous.

T. D. Buzzell, of the Palace Livery Stable, said the Street Railway Company should be compelled to stop salting the tracks. He continued, that he had a tendency to rot the hoofs of horses. "It would not be so bad," said Mr. Buzzell, "if it were spread about by traffic, and the sweepers distribute it all over the roadway every time they pass. The result is that the roadway along the street car lines will soon be thoroughly saturated with salt, and the damage to horse-flesh, besides the suffering caused will be considerable. A stop should be put to this once."

George Kennedy, a former horse shoe, and one of the former proprietors of Blum Bonnet's Race Track, said that the effect of salt on a horse's hoof was decidedly injurious. It not only affected the hoof, but caused a horse intense pain by making the legs raw. If continued throughout the winter much suffering would be caused, especially to work horses.

The Street Railway Company acknowledges that salt mixed with sand is being placed on the tracks, but that in small quantities as not to cause any suffering or damage to horses.

The Canadian Pacific.

The return of traffic earnings from Dec. 14th to Dec. 21st, 1893.

1893.	\$328,000
1892.	402,000
Decrease for 1893.	\$74,000

Smith and Doran are Out.

The first gun in the municipal war in St. Lawrence Ward was fired yesterday afternoon, when a citizens' committee announced to a meeting held in the Mechanics Institute that W. E. Doran and R. Wilson Smith had definitely decided to become candidates for aldermanic honors. E. Goff Penny had told the committee that he would stand if a third candidate was wanted, but he afterwards changed his mind. It is thought, however, that he will again consider the invitation if his services are asked for. These candidates will be supported by the Volunteer Electoral League.

Shipping Notes.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 26.—Canadian Pacific Railway Company's steamship Empress of China arrived here at 8:30 a.m., Monday, December 26.

The Allan steamship Siberian, from New York for Glasgow, arrived out on Monday morning, with loss of one ox out of 250 cattle and 16 horses.

The Dominion Line R.M.S. Labrador, from Halifax, Dec. 16th, arrived at Liverpool at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24th.

The Allan Mail S.S. Assyrian, from Philadelphia for Glasgow, via St. Johns, N.F., arrived out on Tuesday morning with her 250 cattle alive.

The Allan Mail S.S. Laurentian, from Liverpool, arrived at Halifax at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Chief and Staff.

On Saturday at noon Mr. Joseph Brunet, the chief clerk of the Foreign Passenger Department, of the Grand Trunk, and audit office, was made the recipient of a very handsome piano lamp and shade from the clerks in his department. Mr. J. Croston in a few well chosen sentences made the presentation, congratulating Mr. Brunet upon his appointment as chief of the department and wishing him and Mrs. Brunet and family all the happiness of the Christmas season, asked him to accept the present as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by the clerks over whom he presided. Mr. Brunet, who was visibly affected by this unexpected mark of respect, briefly replied thanking the clerks for their kindness and concluding by hoping that the happy relations that existed between the chief and staff of the Foreign Passenger Department might long continue.

For the New Year.

Gifts suitable for gentlemen include nothing more appreciated or better received than a box of choice Havana cigars. An endless variety at popular prices at Hirsch's Havana cigar depot, opp. the P.O.

More Fun for the Boys.

Last week's cheap holiday rate for the big warm swimming bath of the Turkish Bath Hotel was a great success, and the time has been extended one week with a free bath on New Year's Day. Admission only 10 cents and each bath gets a free pass for New Year's.

Mail orders given particular attention by Ross, Tobolsont, 20 Cabotville Square, Montreal. Large importation of British Pipes just to hand from the makers in England. These goods comprise a large variety and reasonable holiday presents can be easily obtained by writing or personally calling. "Colon's 5 Cent Straight Cigars and Ross' "Out Plug" are in great demand.

Do you want to spare the annoyance of being bored by canvassers and dealers who invade your house with the intention of persuading you that their pianos are the only ones you must buy? Visit L. E. N. Pratt's piano rooms, No. 1076 Notre Dame Street, where you will be treated in a courteous manner.

Suits and overcoats reduced 20 per cent. for cash, at M. J. Adler's Tailoring Establishment, 47 Beaver Hall Hill. All the latest patterns to choose from.

TWO WELL-KNOWN MEN DEAD.

George D. Baillie Expires in His Father's Arms—Death of George Cruikshank.

The death of George Dickson Baillie, which took place yesterday at the residence of his father, 705 Dorchester street, removes one of the most popular and well-known of Montreal's young men. His demise was sudden and quite unexpected, and has brought sorrow to a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Baillie was not in good health all summer. He visited the Chicago Fair in September and when he returned appeared considerably weakened by the excitement and fatigue of travel. He first took to bed in November last and complained of weakness of the heart. He was afterwards attacked with neuralgia. Grip and pleurisy followed this, but while he recovered from the neuralgia, grip still kept its hold, together with heart weakness. Influenza, a condition of the heart set in on Saturday, and this was complicated with quinsy. On Sunday Mr. Baillie felt himself well enough recovered to take a short sleigh drive, but on his return the inflammation went to his throat and he was again confined to his bed. His father and mother, who had watched him carefully through his sickness, had



THE LATE GEORGE D. BAILLIE.

placed a small bell at his bedside, so that he could call them when he wanted attention. A few minutes after four o'clock in the morning the bell in Mr. Baillie's room sounded. His father sprang up and ran to his son's room. George was standing in the middle of the floor. When he saw his father he exclaimed in a hoarse, inarticulate voice, "I'm choking! I'm choking!" at the same time pointing to the telephone. His father had only time to seize George in his arms, when the poor fellow fell forward dead. The father and stricken parents laid the body on the bed and called for assistance, but too late.

Few young men are better known in the city than was Mr. Baillie. A member for a number of years back of the Young Men's Association, a volunteer, and cashier in a prominent company here, Mr. Baillie's circle of acquaintances was large, and he was very highly respected wherever known. Mr. Baillie was born in Montreal, and was born here on January 19, 1860, and has always lived in this city. After leaving school, Mr. Baillie went into the employ of the Sheddens Co., and worked his way up till he reached the position of cashier, which he held at the time of his death. Mr. Baillie had been a member of the Victoria Rifles for 18 years, and at the time of his death was an enthusiastic volunteer. Since the first in every movement that could advance the interests of his corps. At one time Mr. Baillie was a member of the Pointe Claire Boating Club, but latterly had not taken so much interest in boating. As a curler also Mr. Baillie was known, and was a member of the Caledonian Curling Club. When in 1877 the Winter Carnival was held in Montreal Mr. Baillie was secretary of the Young Men's Curling Club, and he was one of the most enthusiastic workers in the interests of the carnival. He was a member of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association for a number of years, and was one of the best known figures around the club house. The late Mr. Baillie was also a bowler of no mean ability and of late years had played on the Victoria Rifles bowling team with considerable success, by holding several prizes for his bowling. The late Mr. Baillie was the younger son of Mr. Andrew Baillie, who for the past thirty years has been in the boot and shoe business on St. Lawrence street. A friend of the late Mr. Baillie, who had been in the boot and shoe business for many years, reported to the City Board of Health. The Provincial Board will attend exclusively to the outside municipalities and the province generally.

The remains of the deceased are laid out, in accordance with his having been a volunteer, in military uniform. The funeral, which will be a military one, will take place tomorrow afternoon from his late residence, 705 Dorchester Street.

George Cruikshank, an old and well-known Montrealer, died yesterday morning at his residence at 9:30 o'clock. He was apparently in perfect health up to Friday last, on which day he complained of a slight cold. His condition became so much worse that Dr. Stroud was called in and on Sunday night he, with Dr. Roddick in consultation, announced that the patient had pneumonia.

George Cruikshank was born in the village of Rother, Morayshire, and was originally intended to practice law, for which he studied in the town of Elgin, Scotland. Love of travel, however, led him to relinquish this study and pay a visit to Montreal in 1842. At that time he made no long stay here, but accepted an appointment as overseer in a sugar plantation at Demarara, where he remained for two years. A brief holiday followed in the U. P. Canada, and he returned to Montreal in 1846, and was engaged in the flour trade. He began his long business and philanthropic career in Montreal as book-keeper for the Grand Trunk, then followed a short resumption of his law studies under Mr. Dunlop, father of Mr. Dunlop, architect. It was as a produce merchant, however, that he was best known and most successful, having by zeal and economy accumulated enough to retire in moderate comfort about twenty-five years ago.

Mr. Cruikshank's class of business is now almost a thing of the past. The deceased took a leading part in the affairs of St. Gabriel Church when it was re-organized in 1866 and attached to the Church of Scotland. He was the first of the elders and also a trustee in the re-organized church, and continued in these offices until 1872, when he had moved too far away to attend, and joined Chalmers Church. In the House of Refuge he ever took an active interest and loving care, and was one of the best friends the poor have. He was a member of the St. Lawrence Building Society, and was one of the best friends the poor have. He was a member of the St. Lawrence Building Society, and was one of the best friends the poor have.

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NEWS FOR THE SHIPPERS.

G. T. R. and C. P. R. Will Allow a Rebate on Winter Rates for Flour.

Geo. Hadrill, secretary of the Board of Trade, has received the following letter from the Canadian Pacific Railway under the date of December 23rd: "Please post a notice to the effect that this company announce the fact that they will allow a rebate of 2 1/2c per 100 lbs or 5c per bbl. off the present winter tariff rates on flour forwarded from points in Ontario to Montreal to be stored and exported on opening of navigation. The flour will be way-billed at rates current at time of shipment and released on proof of exportation. Shipper to pay all Montreal terminal or storage charges."

(Signed) W. B. BILLING, JR., G. F. A. The following letter from the Grand Trunk Railway was also received by Mr. Hadrill: "It has been decided to continue rebate of 5c per bbl. off present tariff rates to Montreal, on flour in barrels, shipped here to be stored and exported in the spring to Newfoundland and the Maritime Provinces, conclusive of Montreal terminals."

(Signed) A. H. HARRIS, G. F. A.

MIND OVER MATTER.

A Victory of the Will.

About the beginning of the American war, in the winter of 1860, there lived in one of the counties of Egypt (Southern Illinois) a pioneer family, father, mother, and five children. The parents were frugal and industrious; they were laying the sure foundations for a future competence and an honorable reputation, when fell malaria, the skeleton of that district, attacked the father and killed him. The martial spirit of the coming struggle was abroad, and soon the eldest son of the widow enlisted for the war. He marched away beneath the stately banner, only to fall during the first skirmish with the enemy. This was the brave woman of whom this story speaks, twice bereaved, having lost husband and son both within a short period, left at an early age (33) to rear and educate a family of five children, and to support them. This was the brave woman of whom this story speaks, twice bereaved, having lost husband and son both within a short period, left at an early age (33) to rear and educate a family of five children, and to support them.

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5th Royal Scots, N. C. O's.

A special meeting of noncommissioned officers was held in the mess room of the 5th Royal Scots last evening. Reciprocal Regt. Major Niven in the chair. There were 23 officers and 23 non-commissioned officers present. Col. Sergt. Kennedy was elected secretary treasurer until the close of the financial year. It was moved by Col. Sergt. Currie and seconded by Staff Sergt. Kingan that a fortnightly instructional dance be given by the N. C. O's, and it is to be hoped that the patronage will be large. It was decided to make a nominal charge of 25c per ticket, the profits to be assigned to the mess funds, the dance is open to the Regiment and the instructors selected are competent. The funds of the mess will in future be placed in a savings bank in the name of the mess.

A reception will be given by the officers and N. C. O's of the regiment on New Year's Day between the hours of 10 and 12 a.m., when the men and their friends will be cordially received. A souvenir card will be presented to each guest.

For Sale, at a great bargain, by Alfred Benn, the Macdonald Property, corner St. James Street and Victoria Square. Office, 60 Temple Building.

PERSONAL.

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James McGuire, accused of larceny, was remanded till Thursday for trial.

FURIOUS DRIVING.

For furious driving on Dorchester Street, Albert Clark, 25, was fined \$5, or fifteen days, by the Recorder yesterday morning.

DRINK AND BLASPHEMY.

David Le Vesque, 25, was fined \$5 by the Recorder for being drunk and blaspheming on Berard Lane, James Dunham, for a similar offence, had sentence suspended.

THE STATE ALMSHOUSE.

An old vagrant, named Bridget McGrath, was committed to jail for three months by the Recorder, and the same term was given to Michael Cope, who requested to be committed.

BOVISH INHERITANCE.

Two lads, named Hogue and Lalonde, who were arrested for being drunk, had sentence suspended yesterday morning as they made a deposition against the proprietor of the Liverpool Hotel, on Duluth Avenue, where they claim to have purchased the liquor.

CELEBRATED THE DAY.

A man named Victor Demers, of St. Hyacinthe, was accused yesterday morning in the Recorder's Court with refusing to pay his carter (a baby had come into the world), and met a man who offered to show him around. Demers hired the carter, and they drove to a hotel, where some drinks were taken. His friend left him alone, and he then discovered that his money had been stolen. The Recorder suspended sentence, and Demers reported the robbery to the detectives.

CHARGED WITH OYSTER STEALING.

Albert Hebert, agent for Moreau and Co., dealers in oysters, Bonsecours Market, on Avenue de la Rivière, was charged with stealing three gallons of oysters. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded.

TRIED TO BREAK IN.

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ACTION FOR VERBAL SLANDER.

Judgment Rendered by Mr. Justice Tachereau.

Mr. Justice Tachereau has rendered judgment in the case of DeCov vs. Lyons. This was an action for \$5,000 damages for verbal slander brought by Dr. DeCov against Mr. J. S. Lyons, draughtsman of this city, owing to certain statements made by Lyons to one of his customers, and which the latter had repeated, to the alleged detriment of Dr. DeCov. Lyons pleaded that the statements complained of were made in the course of a private and confidential conversation with a customer, a friend of his; that they were made in good faith, without malice and with no intention of their being repeated; that if such statements were repeated and damages resulted to the plaintiff, this was solely due to the imprudence of a third party in repeating a private conversation, and that for this imprudence Lyons, having acted upon a privileged occasion, and not being in fault, could not be held to be liable by law.

The Court adopted defendant's view of the case and dismissed plaintiff's action, holding that under the circumstances disclosed by the evidence Mr. Lyons was not only justified in making the statements in question, but would have been plainly liable in his duties had he refused to give in good faith all the information in his possession, that malice had not been shown and could not be presumed, as defendant had only informed his friend of the existence of certain rumors, without vouching for their accuracy, and the evidence showed that it was true rumors existed. J. M. Ferguson with R. C. Smith as counsel, acted for Dr. DeCov and J. S. Lyons was defended by Messrs. Burroughs and Burroughs.

BREVITIES.

The Harbor Commissioners met yesterday afternoon and discussed only routine business.

Inspector Bayard seized 1,000 pounds of diseased meat at the Eastern Abattoir on Saturday.

The Board of Trade Council did not meet yesterday. They have adjourned for the holidays unless there is a special call from Mr. Hadrill.

There were 117 interments in the Roman Catholic Cemetery last week: Diphtheria, 1; croup, 2; scarlatina, 11; typhoid, 1; typhus, 1; consumption, 8; pneumonia, 7; bronchitis, 5.

An inquest was held yesterday morning at the General Hospital, on the body of the man, John Leonard, of Bleury Street, who had died suddenly. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

The adjourned meeting of the Concert and Ball Committee of the Montreal Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association, takes place to-morrow evening, Thursday, at 8 o'clock, in the Firemen's Hall, Craig street.

A young boy named Israel Gauthier, residing on Amherst Street, met with a severe accident yesterday morning. He was crossing St. Catherine Street at the corner of Bleury, when he slipped and