THE MONTREAL HERALD.

TO-MORROW. Away Below Zero.

92ND YEAR NO. [illegible] FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1899.—TEN PAGES. PRICE ONE CENT.

McGill University Library of Law Received 31 Dec 99

SOME TRUTH AND MUCH FALSEHOOD

Many Versions of the Anglo-German Agreement Being Circulated Through Diplomatic Circles.

Cape Town, Dec. 28.—A despatch from Cradack reports heavy firing in the direction of Stormberg. It is supposed, this is connected with General Gatacre's attempt to reopen communications with the Indwe collieries.

New York, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—I. N. Ford cables the Tribune from London this morning: The Anglo-German agreement remains a mystery, the Berlin Lokalanzeigers' version having been quashed by official denial. All well-informed diplomatists are convinced, however, that Germany will enlarge her colonial possessions in some quarter at the end of the war, and will have a free hand when she wants it in future, in Asia Minor or elsewhere.

It is not considered probable that Lord Salisbury has consented to the sale of Goa, Macao and Damao to Germany, but the future of the East African possessions of Portugal was discussed without doubt at the Foreign Office with the German ambassador a year ago. The German Emperor and Mr. Chamberlain are known to have held a prolonged consultation at Windsor a few weeks ago, and by a process of reasoning diplomats have reached the conclusion that East Africa was the subject which interested them.

ACCURATE IN PART.

It may be premature or unsafe to carry out any arrangement at present, in view of threatened Russian reprisals in Herat or of French intrigues in Morocco, but the shrewdest observers in diplomatic circle forecast the ultimate occupation of Delagoa Bay by Great Britain, and the enlargement of German East Africa southward to Zambesi.

The Berlin disclosure is probably accurate to that extent, but overladen with fiction respecting the Portuguese possesions within the Indian sphere. The British Government is embarrassed without doubt by Portuguese neutrality which cloaks trading on a large scale with the Transvaal, and while the British army does not have a free passage through Portuguese territory into the Transvaal on the shortest line of march to Pretoria, the Boers themselves are receiving European recruits and military stores through Lorenzo Marquez.

TO CLOSE THE DOOR.

The back door would be closed if Delagoa Bay were either under British or Boer jurisdiction, but it remains open under a neutrality which is useful for trading and double-dealing. It is evidently inconvenient for the British Government to carry out the prearranged scheme with Portugal and Germany. The Berne Arbitration award respecting the Delagoa Bay Railway cannot be made for three months, and that will be the basis of the financial dealings with Portugal. Moreover Lord Salisbury cannot be eager to challenge Russia to seize Herat by the occupation of De lagoa Bay.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

Meanwhile the right of search at sea is exercised, and the prize courts, by condemning cargoes of breadstuffs, may set awkward precedents for England herself, which is dependent upon imported food supplies in peace and war. The American proposal for exempting private property from seizure in war time was not adopted by the Hague Congress, and neutral rights in war time were subject to the ruling of the prize court as to what constitutes contraband of war. This is the theoretical English view of the case, but in practice the prize courts at Durban are not likely to rule that foodstuffs are contraband of war, although there is a warrant for it in the British seizure and confiscation of rice during other periods of hostilities, notably with China.

BOER POSITION STRONG.

The most interesting telegram from South Africa to-day is from the Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the London Daily Mail, who points out that the Boers are gradually becoming a disciplined force, relying no longer upon guerilla tactics, but able to face the British in the field. With the help of entrenchments they have converted the hills near Colenso into a fortress of immense strength. There are splendid trenches everywhere and tramway lines laid which permit of the guns being shifted about with astonishing rapidity. The main positions are said to be connected by underground passages, and machine guns placed to command all approaches.

STILL BEING BOMBARDED.

From Ladysmith comes the news of a heavy bombardment as recently as Wednesday. One shell burst in the Devonshire regiment mess and did considerable damage, a lieutenant being killed and seven other officers wounded.

The latest news from Modder River is to the effect that the Boers have extended their entrenchments so far west of the railway that it is impossible for General Methuen to execute a turning movement.

The Government this morning makes a fresh demand on the loyalty and patriotism of the nation. Instead of 3,000 yeomanry, as originally arranged, 10,000 are now asked for.

The general impression in Berlin with regard to the Lokalanzeiger's story regarding the Anglo-Saxon German treaty is that it is a mixture of truth and fiction.

ENGLAND MUST SEND MANY MORE TROOPS

New York, Dec. 29.—Winston Churchill, cabling to the World, says that although the Boers are confident that if the war continues they will drive the British into the sea, they want to return to their farms, and complain bitterly of hardships in the field.

Although the total Boer loss probably does not exceed 2,000, batches of deserters from the commandos are daily brought back to the front by the police. The last reserves have been called out, and the only burghers remaining on the farms are those who are unfit or have bribed the officials. Among the latter a considerable proportion are devoted to the British cause, who, while unable to leave the country, would not draw a trigger on the British troops.

The food supplies are not large, and latterly the crops have suffered terribly from locusts. The tight British grip on Delagoa Bay must be felt also.

Reviewing the general situation it is foolish not to recognize that the British are fighting a formidable and terrible adversary of high qualities. The burghers increase their efficiency, and their government, although vilely corrupt, devotes its whole energy to military operations. Time is, however, on the British side, and must weaken the Republic, just as the Confederate States in America were weakened through attrition.

There is no hurry, but Great Britain must collect overwhelming masses of troops. It will be much cheaper in the end to send more troops than necessary.

CHRISTMAS CHEER WITH BULLER'S ARMY

London, Thursday.—This despatch from its special correspondent is published by the Daily Telegraph:

Chieveley Camp, Monday.—All our troops at Chieveley and Frere camps send their hearty good wishes for a Merry Christmas to all at home. I distributed cigars, cigarettes and cake to the men of Hildyard's and Barton's brigades. The bluejackets also are enjoying your gift, for which the soldiers are most grateful. I have been asked to send you also the thanks of Gen. Sir Francis Clery.

There has been good cheer for all to-day, including a quart of beer a piece for the men, many of whom are reservists and would have missed the beverage.

Trial sports were held between the battalions and regiments this morning. The finals took place in the afternoon. The programme included, besides the ordinary athletic events, a military tournament, horseback exhibitions, wrestling, lemon cutting and so forth.

Captain James Kirkwood and Charles Grenfell, brother of Willie Grenfell, galopper in the South African light horse, were captured Sunday last while visiting the pickets.

There has been no firing to-day. We are giving the Boers a holiday. The enemy is busy strengthening his position daily and is still shelling Ladysmith.

I hear that General White has heliographed the colonel of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers to-day in response to his Christmas greetings:

"The same to you and your gallant battalion. We reciprocate very sincerely your wish for an early meeting."

Appointed to Command.

London, Dec. 29.—Sir Charles Howard Vincent, member of Parliament for the Central Division of Sheffield, and colonel of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, has been appointed to command the infantry division of the City of London Imperial Regiment.

Reported in Pretoria.

Pretoria, Monday, Dec. 25.—Gen. Schalkburger reports, under date of Dec. 28, that trains are now running to Colenso, indicating that the Boers have built a connection round Ladysmith.

Gen. Cronje reports, from the Modder River, Dec. 24, that the Boers captured two British forts at Kuruman, Dec. 17. It is rumored that Gen. Methuen's big naval gun has exploded.

The Transvaal Government has promulgated a new gold tax law, by which individuals and companies working their own mines are taxed 30 per cent. of the output, while mines worked by the Government will pay 50 per cent. Suspended mines will pay 30 per cent. on their probable output, calculated on three months' workings.

Reducing works will pay 30 per cent. of their net profits. The law is retroactive to October 11.

Plenty of Provisions.

Pietermaritzburg, Dec. 28.—A despatch from Ladysmith, dated December 22, says: The Boers have mounted another howitzer on Surprise Hill, replacing the gun captured in the sortie of the Rifle Brigade. While they watch us nightly with a searchlight and bombard the place daily, they show no signs of assaulting the town. They probably think they can starve us out, but we have plenty of provisions. The total casualties since the siege are 70 men killed and 236 wounded.

Disapproves the Measure.

Bombay, Dec. 29.—The Indian Congress has declared its dissatisfaction with the currency measures of the Government, alleging that these have the effect of depreciating the value of the savings of the masses, virtually enhancing rents and indebtedness and injuriously affecting manufacturers.



LIEUT. T. N. S. LESLIE, R.C.A.

Who Has Been Appointed a Lieutenant in "C" Battery, Second Contingent.

RISES TO EXPLAIN

Hon. Mr. Foster on Banque Ville Marie Charges.

SOME ANCIENT HISTORY.

Ex-Finance Minister Reviews the Circumstances Connected With the Incident in Question.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Hon. Mr. Foster today made the following statements in regard to certain charges concerning the Conservative Government's relations toward the Bank Ville Marie:

"I have read The Herald's article and that in La Patrie of the same date. They are both shining examples of unfair partizanship run mad.

"Their allegations summarized are as follows:—

"1. That Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid before a committee, representing the depositore of the Banque Ville Marie, a statement prepared by Mr. Courtney, Deputy Minister of Finance, to the effect that in 1892 (Mr. Courtney) had made 'an official recommendation' to me to close up the bank, that I had refused to follow out his advice, and further that my refusal was due to political pressure brought by friends in Montreal.

"2. That at that time, when I had the power and opportunity to thus act, I neglected even ordinary business precautions, caused no official enquiry to be made, and simply allowed the bank to continue for political considerations alone.

"3. That by reason of this inaction I am chiefly to blame for the 'reckless pillage of trust money,' and responsible for the losses resulting from the mismanagement of the bank.

MR. COURTNEY'S DUTY.

"As to the first, I do not believe that Mr. Courtney made any statement for Sir Wilfrid Laurier's use to the effect that I was influenced in my action by political considerations. My experience of Mr. Courtney has been that he attended closely to his departmental duties from the business side, and left political considerations for his chief. The allegation if made would not be true, and I do not believe that Mr. Courtney made it. It is altogether likely that this part of the charge is an invention of the editor borne out by neither submitted statements nor cited facts.

"Nor do I believe that Mr. Courtney put any statement in the hands of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the effect that in 1892 he had made an official recommendation to me to close up the Banque Ville Marie.

"It is true that Mr. Courtney personally held the opinion that the bank should be closed up, and expressed the same to me in a note covering his 'official recommendation.' But the question as to who should close it up, and by what process was quite a different matter; and Mr. Courtney certainly never recommended that the Minister of Finance should do it. The Minister of Finance has only such powers as are given him by the Bank Act, and cannot step one hair's breadth beyond these. We shall see what Mr. Courtney did recommend.

WHAT WAS DONE.

"The official memo. and recommendations were addressed to me on the 21st September, 1892, and the recommendations were as follows:—

"1. That a special return be asked for, under the provisions of section 86 of the Bank Act.

"2. That the Government deposits, some $19,000, be withdrawn and the account closed.

"3. That the bank be compelled to comply with the provisions of the Bank Act, especially in regard to the mode of reducing its capital stock.

(The contention of the bank had been that it could reduce its stock by a by-law, without reference to the Treasury Board.)

"It will be seen that there was no mention made of closing up the bank.

"After a full consideration of this memorandum and the opinion of the Justice Department obtained on certain points, I approved of and instructed the Deputy Minister to carry out the recommendations, and ordered the Government's account be drawn down to $10,000, and that then I be further consulted. This was done preliminary to the supplementary information to be obtained.

"In due course the special return was obtained and immediate action was taken in the premises.

"What was done?

"It is well known that the circulation of a bank is limited by law to the extent of its unimpaired paid up capital. The Banque Ville Marie held a large number of its shares in suspense, practically forfeited to the bank, but had counted them as capital on which to issue notes. The action authorized by me may be summarized as follows:

"1. The bank was ordered to take immediate steps to reduce its capital stock from $500,000 to $300,000, thus virtually throwing out all suspended and trust shares; and, pending the obtaining of the authority of the treasury board, to proceed upon the reduced basis. This was done.

"2. The bank was ordered to reduce its circulation from the preceding maximum of $479,500 to $300,000, the limit set as above for its capital. This was done.

"3. The bank was notified that in all respects it would be strictly held to the provisions of the Bank Act.

"4. The Government account was reduced to a maximum of $5,000.

"The above recital of facts furnishes a striking commentary upon the unfounded and unfair criticisms made by The Herald and La Patrie.

"These critics set out with the view of incriminating me, and by contrast of apologizing for the present Government."

"Writes La Patrie: 'If Mr. Foster had done his duty then, say these unfortunate victims, we should not have been robbed and despoiled as we have been.'

"It reports the cure of Thurso as saying to Mr. Laurier at the conference, 'It is evident that we have been robbed, a thing which would not have happened if the Conservative Government had done its duty.'

"And' when the cure followed up this statement by asking Sir Wilfrid Laurier if the present Government would assume the responsibility of its predecessor in this respect, the Premier's reply was: 'No, gentlemen, let each take its own responsibility and be judged in consequence.'

"Will it be believed that the Premier of Canada listened to the assertion that a Canadian Government had the power to prevent, and, therefore, was responsible for the robbery of the depositors of an incorporated bank, and that he gave full authority and force to that assertion by his answer? Such, according to La Patrie, is the state of the case.

"I have made it clear (I think) that such action as was within the powers of the Government were taken in 1892, that that action was sufficient and saving so far as the scope allowed, and I deny the statement absolutely and challenge proof to the contrary, that any political considerations were allowed to influence my action in any way in my administration of the Bank Act.

LAURIER RESPONSIBILITY.

"Suppose now that I put a few questions to my accusers. You say that the Deputy Minister of Finance in 1892 recommended me to close up the bank, and that I refused because Conservative influence intervened. Very well. The same deputy has been at Ottawa since July, 1896. The same Banque Ville Marie has been in operation since July, 1896, every day growing worse. A Liberal Government and Finance Minister have been in power since July, 1896, and are not supposed to be dominated by Conservatives in Montreal.

"Why then has not the Banque Ville Marie been closed up any time since July, 1896? Why has it been allowed to go and 'pillage trust money' and 'rob' poor unfortunate depositors?

"You say I had power in 1892 to close it up; has Mr. Fielding any less power?

"You endeavor to inflame to hateful bitterness against me the hurt feelings of the 'unfortunate victims'; why not direct the stream equally against my successor?

"Since 1896 affairs at the bank have grown worse, the public has gradually become uneasy; rumors flew wide and fast, bankruptcy and suspension were hinted at, and finally took place, and the present Government have over and over again been importuned to step in and 'close up' the institution, or to intervene in some saving and official way. Has Sir Wilfrid done so? Read his answer by his absolute inaction; read it also by the mouth of his Finance Minister given in Parliament in reply to Mr. Bourassa (Hansard, 1899, page 8755), and to Mr. Monk (Hansard, 1899, page 9066).

"If these men have the power and have done nothing, are they blameless?

"If they have not the power, and can do nothing, equal limitations restricted their predecessors.

"For the methods pursued by the Banque Ville Marie, as they have been laid bare in the courts, there can be nothing but condemnation; for the unfortunate sufferers of this mismanagement we must all feel the deepest sympathy, and for preventive purposes it may be that some effective legislation will be found. But we have been and are now vested only with such powers as are given by the act of 1890, and under that act banks are contemplated as business institutions, managed entirely by their shareholders in their own interests, and no finance minister is empowered to interfere with or assume control of their interests beyond the enforcement of the provisions of the Bank Act itself."

THE GLOBE THEORIZES.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The Globe to-day publishes a despatch from its correspondent in London, received last evening, which says:—"It is reported from Cape Town that the colonel commanding the Canadian contingent has joined Gen. Buller's staff and proceeds to Natal." In spite of this apparent confirmation of the Associated Press despatch of yesterday, the Globe considers it to be doubtful whether it is Col. Lessard or Col. Otter who has been ordered to Natal. Col. Lessard, it says, went to South Africa "for service," and has been attached to the staff of Gen. French. Nothing would be more natural than he should be transferred to the staff of Gen. Buller, while it would be a somewhat odd course to take away the command of the Canadian battalion, although highly complimentary to Colonel Otter personally.

ENTIRELY SATISFIED.

London, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Entire satisfaction is expressed by the military authorities as to the success of the enlistment here. A large number of men skilled in their work and of good physique volunteered and the utmost care has been taken in selecting the very best.

The additional recruits in the artillery section are:

Drivers—Irvine, Ray, Seaforth; Alex. Hume, Sarnia; G. C. Hudson, C. E. Milles, London.

Gunners—Ben Shaw, Wood, D. P. Collins and C. J. Leafroy, London; V. A. Skirving, Chatham.

More Galicians.

Some forty families of Galicians arrived at Windsor Street station this morning by train from New York. They will leave by the Soo train this evening on their way to the Northwest.

PARLIAMENT WILL MEET ON FEBRUARY 1

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Parliament will meet on Thursday, February 1.

This decision was reached at the meeting of the Cabinet yesterday. Preparations are now going forward so as to bring on the bye-elections before the House meets. The time has not yet been fixed, but it is probable that the details will be about January 20.



CAPTAIN EDMOND LALIBERTE.

Of B Field Battery, Quebec, Appointed Lieutenant in E Battery, Second Contingent.

WHALE IN THE RIVER

Bonaventure Farmer Killed a Seventy-five Foot Monster.

CAUGHT IN SHALLOW WATER.

No Explanation Given as to the Presence of the Whale in the Place Where it Was Found.

Quebec, December 28.—(Special.)—Andrew Cyr, a farmer of Maria, county of Bonaventure, happened to be walking on the beach of the river a few days ago, when he discovered in the water, a short distance from the land, a large animal, which seemed to be alive. On closer examination it proved to be a whale, which had in some inexplicable manner got into shallow water and run aground. Mr. Cyr immediately aroused his neighbors and at low tide the animal was, after considerable difficulty and danger, despatched. The whale is said to be 75 feet long, and it is estimated will furnish over 50,000 gallons of oil.

WINNIPEG HORSES.

Winnipeg, December 28.—The appointment of Captain Williams to the command of "B" squadron of the South African contingent, is pleasant news to most people in this part of the country, who believe it would be hard to find a man more fit. Captain Williams is exceedingly popular and was strongly complimented by Major-General Hutton when he visited here on the efficiency of his squadron.

Major Williams, D.O.C., was busy all this morning examining horses offered for sale to the Government for use by "B" squadron, and purchased seventeen animals, which would satisfy the tastes of the most critical and exacting cavalry officer. This makes about twenty-five mounts already secured out of the forty-eight required, with the six draught horses for transportation of military stores and equipments. Judging from the horse-flesh already bought, "B" squadron will be superbly mounted. The rough riders, who came in from outside points yesterday, were examined by Surgeon-Major Codd, and all succeeded in getting through.

SHEFFORD FIELD BATTERY.

Granby, Que., December 28.—(Special.)—Col. Roy, D.O.C., of St. John's, was in town to-day leaving orders for recruiting at this station for the second contingent. Capt. Seale, of this place, and Lieut. Cotton, of Sweetsburg, are now on duty and expect to furnish nineteen men and eleven horses from the Shefford Field Battery. This is the first call the Government has made on Granby, and it is thought here that that number will make their application before Saturday night.

HORSES MUST BE FAST.

Quebec, December 29.—(Special.)—Droves of horses are still coming to the "B" Field Battery barracks, but the majority of them have been rejected. So far only ten have been purchased. The reason for this can be found in the misapprehension in the minds of the dealers as to the kind of horses required. The most of those brought have been heavy draught, and incapable of moving fast enough for the purpose required.

Major Ogilvie, in speaking of this difficulty, said this morning that the horses must be able to follow cavalry closely. "We do not want," said the Major, "to receive the nickname of the crawlers, with which the Royal Horse Artillery has dubbed the field batteries in the regular service."

Judging by the appearance of the horses accepted our Canadians will not merit this title.

This morning four recruits to the battery presented themselves and will be tried in horsemanship this afternoon by Sergt.-Major O'Grady. Two recruits for the mounted rifles have applied to Captain Turner and will be examined by him to-day as to their qualifications for service. The Captain's injury to his knee is better, and he was out this morning.

Several would-be recruits have been rejected on account of inability to ride.

PICK OF ST. JOHN.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—To-day cablegrams were received by relatives of Lieuts. Jones and Kaye, of Company G, conveying Christmas greetings. They were dated Belmont, December 25.

Captain Harrison is calling for volunteers for the mounted infantry.

Colonel Jones, of the artillery, has received instructions that some garrison artillerymen will be enlisted to act as gunners with the field artillery, and to-day issued orders for men of the Third Regiment desirous of enlisting to send him their names.

Major Good, of Woodstock, who is enrolling men, last night passed Messrs. Dysart, Gray, Hughes and Walsh. He is to provide 18 men and 36 horses, and will have the pick of his company.

Messrs. J. T. Ryan, A. L. McIntosh, Jas. H. McCreary, S. Fox, E. Megridge, E. Roberts and A. Roberts, members of the 8th Hussars, have sent in their names. McCreary has a brother in Company G, first contingent. His father, Sergeant McCreary, was one of the survivors of the Birkenhead disaster.

TWELVE SWORN IN; TEN MORE PASSED

First Lot Are for the Mounted Infantary and Second for the Artillery—Service Revolver Practise.

Only one man was sworn in this morning for the second contingent. A good many more were examined, and a number passed, but these will not be sworn in till this afternoon. All those who were examined this morning were applicants for positions on the artillery detachment. About eighteen were examined, and of this number ten were certified as physically fit, will be sworn in this afternoon and will parade for the first time to-morrow morning.

It is really wonderful to listen to the stories of the lives of some of the men offering themselves as recruits. Beardless boys tell the doctor they have been ranching for years, have been members of the Northwest Mounted Police, have served half a decade in a crack infantry corps, and can ride any horse which was ever bridled. Such is the story the recruiting officers have to listen to from a considerable number of those who come up for examination.

J. G. RAE.

The man sworn in this morning was J. G. Rae, who signed the roll of the mounted infantry. He was born in Montreal in 1872, and is a son of D. Rae, of Rae & Donnelly, auctioneers. He resides at 28 Torrance Street, is a blacksmith, and belongs to the Duke of York's Hussars. It is probable that Mr. Rae will go with the contingent as a shoeing smith. He is unmarried and a Presbyterian.

THESE PASSED THIS MORNING.

The following men passed the medical examination this morning, and will be sworn in as members of "E" Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, this afternoon:

GEO. W. RAWLINGS.
HUGH G. BARTLETT.
JAMES O. REILLY.
ALFRED A. SMITH.
JOHN WOLFE SMITH.
ERNEST A. MOLSON.
WALLACE D. YOUNG.
JAMES JAY.
CHAS. L. MACKENZIE.
W. H. REYNOLDS.

NEED HORSES.

Horses are urgently needed, and the authorities are willing to purchase all suitable animals. The horses for artillery and mounted rifles must be 15 hands 2 or 3 inches in height, dark in color, five to ten years old, and with undocked tails. This latter point is very essential. Lieut.-Col. Gordon wired to Ottawa yesterday regarding this point and the reply was most emphatic that no horses with docked tails would be accepted. The authorities will purchase all the suitable horses which are taken to the Brigade Office.

CAPT. WYNNE PRACTISING.

Capt. Wynne, newly-appointed quartermaster of the contingent, was practising in the Garrison Artillery ranges this morning with a Mauser Magazine pistol, the newest arm in the service. It is a 300 calibre, holds 10 shots in one magazine and is sighted for 1,000 yards. The case is of wood and is so arranged that it can be fitted on to the butt of the pistol, making out of the pistol a small rifle for long range work. All the Boer officers are armed with this pistol.

UNIFORMS ISSUED.

To those of the recruits who belonged to the Duke of York's Canadian Hussars and who had not yet received uniforms, a complete Hussar outfit was issued this morning, and from to-day on those who are going with the second contingent will wear their uniforms.

MAY GO AS SURGEON.

Dr. George E. Armstrong, Professor of Surgery at McGill University, has offered his services as a surgeon in South Africa. Dr. Armstrong does not restrict his offer to the Canadian contingents, but is desirous of going where he will be of most service.

WERE ALSO ENROLLED.

Those Who Passed the Physician and Were Sworn in Yesterday Afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon recruiting went on as briskly as ever, and by five o'clock eleven men had been enrolled on the lists of the Mounted Infantry detachment. In all twenty-two men had been examined, just fifty per cent. passing the medical examination satisfactorily. In addition to the six, a sketch of whom was given in yesterday's paper, the following were sworn in:—

H. N. MARSHALL.

H. N. Marshall, who was for five years a member of the Northwest Mounted Police, was born in England in 1870, and his mother now lives at Hampton Court, England. He resides at present at the Albion Hotel, is a member of the Church of England, and unmarried.

Mr. Marshall was in charge of the detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police in 1890 to which Eugent Beaujean belonged. The tragic death by drowning of Mr. Beaujean from the patrol boat "Keewatin," on Lake Winnipeg, at the mouth of the Saskatchewan River, will be remembered by many in this city. Corporal Morphy will also be remembered by his gallant efforts to save Mr. Beaujean's life, and he dived in the water three times, losing his own life the third time. At that time the accident was widely chronicled in the press, both in this country and in Great Britain.

PERCY ROBERTS.

Percy Roberts was born at Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, Eng., in 1876, but has resided for about twelve years in Canada, his present residence being with his mother at 29 Hermine street. His occupation is a blacksmith, he belongs to the Montreal Garrison Artillery, is unmarried and a member of the Church of England.

ALLEN HENDERSON WATSON.

Allen Henderson Watson was born at Portadown, Ulster, Ireland, in 1877, and is a son of James Watson, linen manufacturer, now residing at Belfast, Ireland. He has been connected with the firm of Greenshields & Co., dry goods merchants, of this city, and resides at 447 St. Urbain street. For some time he has been a member of the Duke of York's Hussars, he is unmarried and a Presbyterian.

JAMES R. FRASER.

James Ross Fraser was born at Lancaster, Ont., where his father, Duncan Fraser, J.P., now resides. He is 23 years of age, single, and belongs to the Duke of York's Hussars. He has been lately living at St. James' Hotel, and is a jeweller. He is a Presbyterian.

WILFRID DOUGALL.

Wilfrid Dougall, a nephew of Mr. J. R. Dougall, of the Montreal Witness, is also connected with that paper in the capacity of manager of the artistic department. He has been boarding at the Y.M.C.A., and belongs to the Duke of York's Hussars. He is 24 years of age, is a Congregationalist and is unmarried.

RECRUITING FOR THE CONTINGENT

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—The exhibition grounds have been selected as the headquarters for "D" Battery of the Royal Canadian contingent for service in South Africa, which will concentrate here 175 officers and men. Their horses will be quartered in the exhibition building.

About seventy-five men will be regruited to "D" Battery from this station. It was not expected that the number would be so large, as it was understood that "A" Battery, of Kingston, would furnish a nucleus of fifty-five men. A despatch was received last evening, however, to the effect that only thirty will be coming from that city, which necessitates the number of Ottawa recruits being augmented accordingly.

Recruiting has already started. One of the first of those accepted last evening was Hal. Walters, the big inside wing man on the Rough Riders football team. He is going out as a gunner in Lieut. Morrison's section.

FOR "D" BATTERY.

The following is a list of those who were enrolled last evening for "D" Battery: Phillip A. Kerr, steam fitter, Ottawa Second Field Battery; Sam Ladeur, farmer, Nepean township, Second Field Battery; Hal. Walters, fireman, Ottawa; Stuart A. Clarke, fireman, Ottawa, Second Field Battery; Herbert Kitchenman, letter carrier, Ottawa, Second Field Battery; Edward Lane, merchant, Ottawa, Second Field Battery; Robert F. Tunstead, laborer, Ottawa, Second Field Battery; Lewis J. Leroy, printer, Ottawa.

THE MOUNTED RIFLES.

For the Mounted Rifles: Robt. James Pelton, druggist, Billingsbridge, Princess Louise Dragoon Guards; Lorne Winfield Redmond Mulloy, teacher, Navan, Princess Louise Dragoon Guards; Henry Emile Roche, machinist, Ottawa, Governor-General's Foot Guards; Andrew Fred Landels, lineman, Ottawa, Forty-Third Battalion.

Those enlisted last evening will report for duty on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

The following men were enlisted later this morning:

Artillery—Michael J. Daley, 2nd Field Battery; Ell E. Pleot, 2nd Field Battery.

Mounted Rifles—Edward J. Holland, P.L.D.G.; George Graham, P.L.D.G.; Campbell Oliver, Renfrew.

Prescott Troop of Cavalry—Nicholas J. Slater, Q.O.R.; Lincoln Werely, 43rd Batt.; Arthur Lyon, G.G.F.G.

SADDLES TO BE USED.

Some speculation is being indulged in as to the saddles to be used by the mounted rifles. It is understood, however, that the Mexican saddles now used in the West will be used for the western men, and the universal saddle for the remainder of the force.

AMMUNITION WAGONS.

The Ottawa Car Company yesterday received an order from the Militia Department for fourteen ammunition wagons, to be ready within two weeks. The company is confident that it will have the order filled within the time allotted and before the contingent sails.

Away Below Zero.

Highest and lowest temperatures yesterday:—

Kamloops—36 above, 32 above.
Calgary—6 above, 2 below.
Qu'Appelle—8 below, 24 below.
Winnipeg—12 below, 14 below.
Port Arthur—2 below, 14 below.
Parry Sound—20 above, 8 below.
Toronto—24 above, 10 above.
Ottawa—22 above, 6 above.
Montreal—24 above, 16 above.
Quebec—20 above, 10 above.
Halifax—26 above, 22 above.

Probabilities—High north to west winds: fair and decidedly cold, with temperature falling below zero to-night and considerably below to-morrow.

Montreal, Dec. 29, 1899.

Readings by Hearn & Harrison's standard barometer at noon yesterday, 38.05; at 8 a.m. to-day, 29.85; 11 a.m. to-day, 29.88; temperature to-day, maximum, 29; minimum, 12; yesterday, maximum, 27; minimum, 13.

DEATHS.

DUCHARME—Died, at his late residence, 103 Bleury Street, this morning, Professor Ducharme. x

GORMLEY—Of paralysis of the brain, Frank Gormley, the late cashier of Provident Life Insurance Company. Funeral will leave residence of his stepfather, Daniel Jones, 286 Duluth Avenue, Friday, Dec. 29th, at 2.30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend. 304x

COMING EVENTS

Theatres To-night.

The Academy—"The Sorrows of Satan."—Fair dramatization of Corelli's story, well presented.

The Theatre Francais—"Around the World in Eighty Days."—Fair.

Windsor Hall.—Anna Eva Fay.

Bijou Royal.—Burlesque.

VIEWS SEIZURE WITH CALMNESS

United States Government Not Disturbed by Britain's Action in Apprehending Suspected Freighters.

New York, December 28.—The Sun's Washington correspondent says ,in his report regarding the seizure of four ships: I have the best of authority for the statement that the United States Government regards the reported seizure by a British warship of American flour consigned to Lorenzo Marquez, Portuguese Africa, in two British vessels and one Dutch vessel, as an ordinary incident of war, analogous to some of the seizures by American warships of vessels flying neutral flags during the Spanish-American war, and for which, it was said, this Government stands prepared to pay damages if it is shown that the seizures were illegal. The flour seizures differ from the Spanish war seizures, however, in that the vessels taken by American warships were supposed to be bound for Spanish ports with supplies for the enemy, whereas the reported seizures of the two British ships and the Dutch ships were made on suspicion that their cargoes, while destined for a neutral port, were to be sent overland through Portuguese territory into Boer territory. It is maintained here that the United States flag has not been insulted in any way, as the vessels which carried the flour flew the British and the Dutch flags.

SENDS MR. CHOATE.

That the Government regards the matter as one for ordinary diplomatic negotiations is shown by the fact that the instructions on the subject to Mr. Choate, the United States ambassador in London, and Mr. Hollis, the United States consul at Lorenzo Marquez, now temporarily residing in Pretoria, were sent by mail. Mr. Hollis will not receive his copy of the instructions for two months at least. A copy of the statement filed by the Pennsylvania Milling Company, the shippers and the owners of the flour, was sent to Mr. Choate, and another copy to Mr. Hollis. Their instructions were merely to investigate the allegations in regard to the seizures, and report to the State Department. Until their reports are received no action will be taken by his Government. It is, therefore, practically certain that the matter will not reach a basis of settlement for several months.

Suggestions in newspapers that Great Britain should be called sharply to account do not strike a responsive chord in Government circles. The ordinary course of diplomacy will be followed, and it is not doubted in official quarters that Great Britain will fully compensate the American claimants for any losses sustained by them. According to information obtained here the only important feature of the incident is the question raised as to the right of a belligerent to seize goods of a neutral nation, carried in neutral vessels to a neutral port.

COURT MAKES RULING.

The Supreme Court has passed on questions somewhat similar to that raised in the present case, but which are not exactly the same. In the case of the Peterhoff, a British vessel, it was held by the Supreme Court that goods, contraband of war, shipped from a British port to Matamoras, Mex., which were ultimately destined for Confederate military uses, were subject to seizure. This would appear to fit the seizures of the Dutch and British merchantmen if flour were clearly defined as contraband of war; but this raises another question which may have to be, and probably will be, determined also. The Supreme Court held in the Springbok cases that goods destined for an enemy, shipped to a neutral port for transhipment to the enemy to evade a blockade, were subject to seizure. While no blockade of South African ports has been declared by Great Britain, such a condition practically exists with respect to the Portuguese port of Lorenzo Marquez, which is surrounded by British warships on the lookout for vessels conveying goods that would be of assistance to the Boers in their conflict with Great Britain.

These two cases more nearly apply to the seizures of the British and Dutch ships that carried cargoes of American flour than any others yet discovered. While they appear to sustain to a considerable extent the action of the commander of the British warship, they are not sufficiently analagous to compel this Government to acknowledge that the seizures were legal. It is pointed out that the concern of the United States is not whether the seizure and detention of the carrying ships was contrary to international law and usage, for none of the vessels carried the Stars and Stripes, but whether the seizure and detention of the cargo of flour, the property of an American company, was right and proper. The underlying question is whether the flour was contraband of war.

WHAT IS CONTRABAND.

Some respectable authorities on international law hold that what is or what is not contraband is primarily determinable by the belligerent. There are some articles that are absolutely contraband according to all authorities, and some not contraband according to all authorities. Other articles, including flour and most foodstuffs, are not included in either class. Some authorities hold that articles, no matter of what character or nature, destined for the military uses of an enemy are contraband. This apparently would include flour intended for the use of the Boer army. Whether the American flour in question was to be sent overland from Lorenzo Marquez to Boer territory is naturally about the first thing to be ascertained, but as the burden of proof seemingly rests on the British Government, which must justify its seizure on that ground, it is expected that the reasons for the action of the British warship will be communicated to Ambassador Choate in London or Consul Hollis in Lorenzo Marquez during the course of the enquiry which they have been instructed to make.

The State Department has not determined what course it will pursue with reference to the detention or confiscation of the Pennsylvania Milling Company's flour. A search of authorities is being made with that end in view, but the Department will wait until Mr. Choate or Mr. Hollis, or probably both, reports.

CITES OTHER CASES.

In the Spanish-American war seizures were made of neutral ships engaged in carrying contraband goods supposedly for the use of the Spanish army in Cuba. All these cases were passed on by prize courts, and the owners of the vessels and the goods are entitled to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. This course is apparently satisfactory to the claimants, and is likely to be followed by recourse to British courts in the cases of the two British ships, the Dutch ship and the cargoes of American flour, if the British Government holds that the seizures were legal. Of course there will be diplomatic representations on the subject by the United States Government to Great Britain, and it is asserted that this Government intends that the exchange between Washington and London shall result in a definition of the principle touching the right of one neutral nation to trade with another neutral nation without interference from a nation at war.

The officials here are satisfied that the Government of the Netherlands will enter a protest against the seizure of the Dutch ship. As the ship seized flew the Dutch ensign, a question more serious than that raised by the detention of the American flour is raised between Great Britain and Holland.

"IT IS SATISFACTORY."

London, Dec. 29.—"It is satisfactory," says the Times editorially this morning, "to learn that the Washington Government is acting with regard to the American cargoes seized in Delagoa Bay as we should have wished and expected. It is a matter of course that we shall make full reparation, if reparation is proved to be due. In the meantime it may be noted, as the Americans themselves admit, that the facts are in considerable doubt and that some of them seem to be rather compromising to the vessels seized. There will be time enough to talk of the law and the policy of the step when the facts have been authoritatively ascertained."

TURN THE HILLS INTO FORTRESSES

Around Ladysmith is a Perfect Labyrinth of Bomb Proof Trenches and Underground Passages.

Chieveley Camp, Natal, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—A heavy Boer gun on Bulwhana Hill fired steadily upon Ladysmith throughout the morning. Ladysmith did not respond.

The enemy having been again detected attempting to improve their trenches facing General Buller, the British heavy guns opened upon them and the Boers scampered back into the hills.

The British patrols sighted the enemy in force on our extreme left. Nine Boers were killed in a skirmish that followed, and six Boer wagons were captured.

WHERE THEY GET TIPS.

London, Dec. 29.—A correspondent of the Standard at Lorenzo Marquez says:

"Delagoa Bay is the residence of Herr Pott, a Hollander, who is consul-general for the Transvaal and consul for the Netherlands. Pott is the principal medium between Pretoria and Dr. Leyds in Europe. He controls the Netherlands Railway through the Transvaal and is the head of the Transvaal customs. He is also head of the Dutch East Africa Company, and has the ear of the Portuguese governor, as well as the chief of each department. It is openly asserted that Pott has a private wire to the frontier and knows twenty-four hours before others what is happening. About him gather all the other consuls, the Portuguese officials and the German forwarding agents. If Delagoa Bay is closed the Boers will retaliate by raiding Portuguese territory.

REVEALS NEW FACTS.

London, Dec. 29.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg, dated Saturday, December 23, says:

"Every day reveals some new facts regarding the strength of the Boer position at Colenso. Thanks to the services of continental officers, the character of the campaign has changed. We are no longer fighting a foe who relies upon guerilla tactics, but we have to deal with what is rapidly becoming a disciplined army, enjoying the advantage of knowing the country and of selecting the scene of contest without the burdens of a cumbersome commissariat.

"The Boers have converted the hills near Colenso into fortresses of great strength. Everywhere they have splendid trenches, many of them being bomb-proof. Tramway lines permit the shifting of guns with astonishing rapidity. The main positions are connected with the outlying positions by underground passages, and the forts proper bristle with machine guns that command the approaches. Probably mines are laid.

MARK OF DISTANCES.

"One hears less nowadays about Boer shells not bursting. Observers of the Colenso fight say the Boers' shell fire was very effective. This is due largely to the fact that the distances are marked off with white paint.

"The enemy's discipline is improving. The trenches represent great manual labor, for which the Boers have a keen dislike, and the way in which they restrained their fire when our troops were advancing is another proof of improved soldiering."

Mr. Henry Spenser Wilkinson, the Morning Post military expert, in his review of the situation today, says: "The time has apparently arrived for the nation to insist if not upon a military dictatorship, at least upon the admission into the cabinet of a military minister, empowered to veto any proposals detrimental to the successful prosecution of the war, and also that the administration of the army should be placed wholly in the hands of a tried military administration."

ENEMY IS NERVOUS.

The despatches from the front all represent the Boers as in nervous condition, and constant dread of the British advance, but this is probably an exaggeration.

The Modder River correspondent of the Daily Chronicle gives an explanation of a sudden rifle fire inexplicably opened from the Boer trenches. He says:

"The Boers have wires stretched along the ground in front of the trenches and connected with lamps. If a wire is touched a lamp is extinguished, thus giving warning. One night a high wind extinguished a lamp, which resulted in a false warning. The fire ceased when the Boers discovered that the alarm was false."

A correspondent of the Daily News at Frere Camp announces that a tramway is being constructed from the railway to a hill commanding the Boer position, and that along this the British will convey heavy guns.

A special despatch from Ladysmith, dated Wednesday, December 20, says the heat was then intense, being 104 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade. There were many cases of enteric fever in the town at that time, but not enough to cause alarm.

COST OF THE WAR.

Cape Town despatches complain of the inadequacy of the hospital arrangements.

It is now estimated that the war will cost at least £60,000,000, and it is suggested that the sinking fund of the national debt should be suspended for five or six years in order to defray the cost.

The Transvaal Government, according to information supplied by Boer sympathizers, threatens to "reduce the rations of British prisoners if Great Britain stops the entrance of food by Delagoa Bay."

The Imperial yeomanry committee has issued a statement to the effect that the Government considers the formation and despatch of yeomanry as one of the most pressing needs of the situation, and has intimated that it is now prepared to accept from 8,000 to 10,000 yeomanry, instead of 3,000 originally asked for. It is expected that the first contingent of 1,000 will sail about the middle of January.

The Government has announced that it will accept the services of a battery from the Honorable Artillery Company. It will be attached to the City Imperial Corps.

Lady Cheshum and Lady Georgiana Curzon have issued an appeal for public funds to establish a field hospital for the yeomanry.

Change in Plan.

London, Dec. 28.—Experts here are coming to the conclusion that the British have given up the idea of carrying the positions along the Tugela and Modder Rivers by assault, and will await the transport and cavalry required to give their forces the necessary ability, when they hope to be in a position to besiege the Boers in their respective plevanas, while General Roberts carries out the original plan of campaign, that of advancing straight north on Bloemfontein, the other generals detaching sufficient mobile troops to reach their goals by circuitous routes.

There is nothing in the official or best independent reports to indicate that the beleaguered garrisons are in any special straits calling for immediate relief. The latest advices from Kimberley, where a shortage is most feared, reports plenty of food.

FROM INDIAN PRINCES.

An interesting feature of to-day's news is the patriotic offers of service from Indian princes. The Nizam of Hyberabad, replying to a toast proposed by Lord Curzon, the Viceroy, at a banquet in Calcutta yesterday evening, said the proudest title he possessed was that of being the Queen's faithful ally, adding that his purse, his army and his own sword were ever at her disposal.

The Maharajah of Gwallor has asked permission to serve on General Roberts' staff, and has offered to send troops, horses and a transport to South Africa.

The Government of France has appointed Captain Demange military attache at the Boer headquarters.

Many Cretans in Athens are offering their service to the British consul for the war in South Africa.

The latest independent news from Ladysmith says: "The field fortifications would now withstand any organized attack the enemy is likely to deliver. There are sufficient food stuffs for two months. The question of forage might be troublesome, but since the rains there has been some grazing within the British lines. There is no horse sickness.

"The casualties caused by our shell fire are increasing, and the Boers are reported to be becoming nervous. They fear night sorties, and constantly open a heavy fusillade on an imaginary attack."

The German officials have promptly stopped the Boers from recruiting in Damaraland. Neither men nor horses are permitted to cross the border.

News from Cape Town.

London, Dec. 28.—The War Office has received the following from Cape Town, dated Wednesday, Dec. 27:—Methuen reports as follows:—

"At 9.30 yesterday evening the Boers on the south side of Magersfontein opened a heavy fire for some time. This morning the naval brigade fired at the enemy at the west part of Magersfontein. The cavalry brigade is reconnoitering in a northeasterly direction.

"Lieut. Masters has made an extended reconnaissance westward and northward of Enslin, and reports all well. The farmers were glad to see our men. They were suffering from want of food.

"I have established a market here, where I can purchase fresh milk and vegetables, selling to the farmers tea and other articles which they cannot otherwise purchase.

"Heavy rain fell last night."

Gatacre and French report no change in the situation. Baden-Powell reports all well December 12.

BANK OF MONTREAL GIFT.

Lord Lansdowne Has Suggested a Direction in Which it Might Be Applied.

With reference to the subscription of the Bank of Montreal and directors to the South African War Patriotic Fund, Lord Strathcona, in cabling his subscription expressed his hearty approval of the action of the bank authorities, and advised that Lord Lansdowne, the Secretary of State for War, suggested that the best application of the money would be to give it to The Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, in connection with the Mansion House Fund.

Volunteers as Chaplain.

The Rev. George R. G. Fisher, of Rochester, Minn., has offered his services as chaplain to the second Canadian contingent. He is a native of Scotland, having been born in Edinburgh in 1862. While still very young Mr. Fisher enlisted in the Army Hospital Corps of the British army (now the Royal Army Medical Corps), and served through the Egyptian campaign of 1882 and the first Soudan campaign of 1884, doing duty as stretcher-bearer, hospital orderly and field dresser. He had hard work at Cairo during the cholera outbreak of 1883. He left the army in

Branch at Arnprior.

The Bank of Nova Scotia will on the 2nd of January open a branch at Arnprior, Ont. This branch will be under the management of Mr. H. S. Pethick, late manager at Calais, Maine.

To Greet Mgr. Bruchesi.

The clergy of the diocese of Montreal will present their compliments of the New Year to Archbishop Bruchesi on Saturday morning.

LIST OF VOLUNTEERS

Quebec and Kingston Men Who Go to South Africa.

ALL TRAINED SOLDIERS.

Canadian Artillerymen Will Be Well Represented on the Second Contingent.

Quebec, December 28.—(Special.)—So far the following is a list of the men who have volunteered to serve in South Africa as Canadian artillerymen, have passed the medical examination, and have been accepted as recruits:

Sergt.-Major O'Grady.
Sergt.-Instructor Slade.
Sergt.-Instructor Clifford.
S.S. Far. Cunningham.
Sergeant Kruger.
Corp. Hughes.
Bombadier Crockett.
Bombadier Roberts.
Acting Bombadier Brown.
Trumpeter Bradley.
Driver Biggs.
" Beauchamp.
" Beaudreault.
" Fradette.
" Goudreault.
" Hacquoil.
" Mothram.
" McGregor.
" Maguire.
" McLaughlin.
" Stone.
Gunner Daniels.
" McAskill.
" O'Donnell (wheeler).
" Phillips.
" Turner.
" Vincent.
" Laflamme (shoeing smith).

A. Robert and A. Richardson, former battery men.

The following men have volunteered, but as yet have not been accepted:

Driver Drapeau.
" Ferguson.
" Giguere.
" Hennessy.
" Lawlor.
" Pageau.
" Wells.
Gunner Miller.
" Perrin.
" Trudel.

LIST AT KINGSTON.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—These members of "A" field battery have passed the required medical examination for service in South Africa: Lawrence Somers, age 28; Sergt. A. McCully, 25; John Aldcroft, 22; Edward Grey, 40; Sergt. Graham, 28; Sergt. McIntyre, 32; Sergt. W. Gimblet, 31; Edward Ryder, 34; W. Glenn, 27; Thomas Bramah, 21; Walter Hopkins, 24; Owen Williams, 24; Edgar Roberts, 21; T. J. Turner, 22; C. Lewis, 25; J. Kennedy, 29; F. Skedd, 22; John Pape, 22; F. Wagar, 22; G. Marshall, 26; W. Dervent, 22; Sergt.-Major C. E. Long, 35; Demos Pecod, 26; G. Laws, 24; G. Decasse, 29; F. C. Dervent, 20; W. Smith, 24; W. Glenn, 21; G. A. Laird, 22; E. Mattries, 22; W. J. Stimson, 23; T. Paget, 46; A. Sayeant, 19; Sergt. Bramah, 33; D. Chisholm, 22; S. Slater, 21; C. W. Thompson, 22; W. Shipton, 25; W. Eaton, 22; W. Dickson, 23; Sergt. O'Hagan, 36; E. Wherry, 23; W. Baxter, 17, trumpeter; H. Forrest, 22; A. Mutram, 19; D. Trotman, 24; A. McQuade, 25; G. Brown, 23; Frank Kelly, 32; Sergt. Henderson, 26; E. W. Green, 30; E. J. Bramah, 24; J. Fournier, 27; E. Guielemott, 35; T. Martin, 29; G. T. Oldcroft, 23; E. Johnston, 21; E. Hutchinson, 23; G. Howe, 22; B. Andress, 22; J. Somers, 24; R. M. Hazelton, 23; E. Harrison, 22.

The men belonging to corps other than "A" field battery who have been accepted are:

W. Ponton, 28, 15th Batt., Belleville; F. Merchant, 21, 4th Hussars; Albert Chapelle, 4th Hussars; Charles Norwebb, 28, 47th Batt., Kingston; Edgar Geen, 21, 15th Batt., Belleville; C. S. Davison, 38, 4th Hussars; John Sparks, 22, Kingston; F. F. Metcalfe, 26, Kingston; J. T. Moss, 31; H. J. Pollett, 26, Kingston; R. E. Bellemy, 48, 41st Batt., Brockville; James Harpell, 26, 41st Batt., Brockville; B. Hogan, 25, 41st Batt., Brockville; M. Scott, 22, 41st Batt., Brockville; L. Kenny, 22, 41st Batt., Brockville; F. McIntosh, 22, 41st Batt., Brockville; Horace Gillespie, 23, 15th Batt., Belleville; J. W. Gray, 34, 14th Batt.; W. Jewett, 34; E. A. Filson, 22, Amherst Island; J. W. Millar, 25, 15th Batt., Belleville; W. McIntyre, 22, 5th Kingston Field Battery; T. R. Price, 22, 41st Batt., Brockville; G. Abbott, 22, 41st Batt., Brockville; L. Watson, 28, 41st Batt., Brockville; F. H. Parke, 29, 3rd Dragoons, Peterboro; J. Davenport, 25, 16th Batt., Picton.

All the guns and carriages are being painted khaki color at Tete du Pont barracks.

MAJ. HUDON.

Kingston, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Major Hudon, "A" Field Battery, remarked an officer this morning, "is the best qualified Canadian artillerist, and has done more in recent years to put the local battery on its present efficient footing, than any other officer. He was personally complimented by Major-General Herbert upon his extensive knowledge of artillery matters, and on that memorable occasion when Major-General Herbert exercised 'A' battery on the ice in the harbor, Major Hudon was called upon to manoeuvre the men, receiving public congratulation from the Major-General upon the excellent manner in which he performed the duties assigned him. Major Hudon has the best certificates of Canadian artillery officers."

"Colt" Metcalfe has been accepted. The battery officers wanted him for an artillerist, but "Colt" preferred being mounted, particularly as he furnished his own horse. After gaining glory on the football field he now seeks it on the field of battle.

John Sparks, son of Dr. Sparks, dentist, has had his application accepted and will go to the front with the second contingent.

PLENTY OF VOLUNTEERS.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 28.—From present prospects the military authorities will have no difficulty in filling up the number of recruits required from this station. Major Merritt received orders from Lieut.-Col. Montizambert to go on with the enrolling and enlisting of recruits. The men are to be medically inspected by Surgeon-Major McCoy, of the 10th Battalion. The horses will be inspected by Veterinary-Major Elliott, Second Dragoons. These will be selected by a board of officers composed of Major Merritt, Veterinary-Major Elliott and Capt. W. B. King, who will assemble at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. The Seventh Field Battery will probably require to furnish eleven gunners and seven drivers, but further instructions will be given on receipt of the nominal roll of the battery and from the daily reports of the recruiting officers.

ENLIST AT LONDON.

London, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Those approved at Wolseley Barracks so far, for service in the second contingent, are as follows: Artillery, Gunners, Alex. Barnhill, police force, London; Augustus Barrett, 25th Batt., St. Thomas; Chas. Fluke Colter, 6th F.B. C.A., Petrolea.

Drivers — R. J. Coogan, 26th Batt.; H. Couse, 25th Batt., St. Thomas.

Canadian Hountd Rifles — Wm. Richard Maycock, D Squadron, 1st Hussars, Leamington, Ont.; Mortimer S. Wigle, D Squadron, 1st Hussars, Kingsville; Alfred Ernest Aidel, A Squadron, 1st Hussars, London, Ont.

The announcement was made that no further applications for enrollment in the contingent of Canadian Mounted Rifles, but some who have been accepted provisionally, have yet to be sworn in. One man wanted to enlist yesterday, who said he came from Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he had lost his position on account of his sympathy being with Great Britain. The quota of artillery is not yet made up.

JOY AT THE CITADEL.

Quebec, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Promiscuous handshaking and congratulations distinguished the officers' mess at the Citadel yesterday. The Quebec officers who have been chosen for the second contingent are jubilant, and the unfortunate ones who are to remain in Canada are envying the good luck which the fates have provided for their brothers-in-arms.

Medical examinations of applicants for enlistment is proceeding at the Citadel hospital under the direction of Surgeon Lieut.-Col. Sewell. About fifteen have this morning signified their intention of enlisting, but the double qualification of first-class riding and shooting will likely bar a number. As soon as the men are passed by Dr. Sewell, they apply to Major G. H. Ogilvie, who is the enrolling officer of the district.

The Field Battery barracks is this morning the scene of considerable activity. The parade ground is filled with horses which have been brought with a view to their sale for the use of the contingent, Major Ogilvie and Veterinary Officer Dechene comprise the examining board. About fifty horses have been brought, but so far only six or seven accepted. As soon as it is decided that the steed is sound in wind and limb and possessed of sufficient spirit to fight for his country, he is sent up to the Citadel and immediately joins the aristocracy. The Governor-General's private stable will be utilized for as many horses as it will contain. When they are full the riding school will be fitted up for the purpose.

The accepted horses are fine specimens. The standard of height is 15 hands 3 inches.

Captain R. G W. Turner, son of the Hon. Richard Turner, who is appointed a lieutenant of "B" Squadron of the Mounted Rifles, is confined to the house at present by a slight injury to his knee, but he will be around in a day or two. The captain's younger brother is already in South Africa, a private in "E" Company of the infantry contingent.

PORTUGAL'S DREAMS OF EMPIRE VANISH

Since the collapse of Portugal as an empire, with the achievement of independence by the Brazils, there has been among her men of national ambition the aim to establish a vast colonial dominion such as England has formed since she lost possessions which have grown into the United States of America. This dream, which seemed on the way to realization with the great areas which Portugal obtained in the partition of Africa, is now relinquished, according to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger's assertion that, by agreement with Great Britain and Germany, all the little kingdom's foreign possessions are to be abandoned for a price. The partition said to have been agreed upon is as follows:

Name.	Location.	Sq. Miles.	Population.
FOR GERMANY.			
Cape Verde Islands	West Africa	1,480	114,130
Guinea	West Africa	4,440	820,000
Princess and St. Thomas Islands	West Africa	360	24,600
Goa	India, W. coast	1,390	494,836
Damaio and Diu Islands	India, W. coast	168	77,454
Timor, etc.	Malay Archipelago	7,458	300,000
Macao	China, Canton River.	4	78,627
FOR ENGLAND.			
Angola	West Africa	484,800	4,119,000
Portuguese East Africa		301,000	3,120,000

SIZE OF CONTINGENT.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Major-General Hutton is anxious that the cavalry unit should be the unit of strength for the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and the preparations are being made upon this basis, which will make the total strength of the Mounted Rifles 684 men of all ranks. Should the War Office insist upon the mounted infantry unit of 125 men, it will not effect the total strength of the mounted force as now contemplated. The only effect would be to alter the plans for the internal organization of the force. The names of the western officers will probably be ready to-day.

Arrangements regarding nurses and chaplains for the contingent are not yet made. The subject is now under consideration.

FRASER, VIGER & CO.

Their Store on St. James Street Is Filled with Choice Importations.

At this holiday season there is not a pleasanter store to visit than that of the enterprising firm of Fraser, Viger & Co., the well-known St. James Street grocers. It is always an up-to-date store, but just now when the holiday season goods are in the windows and on the counters, there is such an assortment of just the things wanted that customers come out with smiling faces after making their purchases.

To mention all the lines of goods this firm carries at this season would be impossible. Among other things they have a special line of Colgate & Co.'s and Rickseecker's perfumes in fancy bottles, just the thing for a New Year's purchase. Then there are also the little delicacies which add so much to the New Year's table—biscuits from the Land o' Cakes, from the ovens of such celebrated makers as McFarlane, Long & Co. and Huntly & Palmer; the best American fancy biscuits and fruit cakes, crystallized fruits in a tempting variety put up in attractive jars; bonbons and chocolates direct from Fry's and Cadbury's.

But the more substantial good things of life are not wanting. There are hams and bacons from the packing houses of the Emerald Isle and from England, and the best fed Canadian bacon; cheese in abundance, Gruyere, Stilton, Hamburger, Rockfort, Neuchatel, in fact, all the brands which have become famous the world over; and for the cheese and butter there is a huge glass refrigerator where they are kept till the last moment, so as to arrive on the table in the prime of condition.

It would not do to forget the wine vaults. They are a revelation to the uninitiated. Three long vaults running from Fortification Lane through to St. James Street, even under the street, contain all the wines of the choice vineyards of sunny Southern France and Italy, besides a full variety of ales and whiskies, native and imported. These are only a few of the lines Fraser, Viger & Co. handle, and handle so successfully. The best way to be satisfied is to call on Fraser, Viger & Co. at 211 St. James Street.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

James A. Herne's play, dealing with life along the rock-bound coast of New England, is to be the attraction at the Academy all next week, commencing with special matinee New Year's Day with a first-class company and a fine scenic outfit. The theme of "Hearts of Oak" is laid along the lines of Mr. Herne's other success, "Shore Acres," but differs from that play materially in the details of the story.

* * *

In "Arizona," Augustus Thomas, author of "Alabama" and "In Mizzouri," has chosen the most picturesque section of the national domain for stage illustration. "Arizona" is big, new, eventful, as full of vivid contrasts as a Navajo blanket, pulsing with eager, natural human life, a very repository of valuable qualities for the novelist, the artist and the playwright, one might say. Remington has utilized it in sketch and story, and now comes Thomas, cannily and knowingly—for he is western born and bred—to choose and pick among the very riot of "character" and "color" materials for what is said to be a most picturesque and powerful play.

* * *

Mr. James O'Neill, booted and spurred, with the balance of his Musketeers, will be a visitor at Her Majesty's Theatre, week of Jan. 8th, in Liebler & Co.'s production of "The Musketeers." This is the version that Sydney Grundy wrote for Beerbohm Tree, and which the English actor played for a whole year in London to the capacity of Her Majesty's Theatre. The Musketeer craze spread from London to New York, and with Mr. O'Neill at the head of the cast, the Liebler & Co.'s production was a prominent feature of the spring theatrical season in New York, beginning last March.

* * *

The attraction at the Theatre Royal New Year's week will be "Muldoon's Picnic," a musical farce comedy which comes to Montreal fresh from its triumphs in the larger cities of the United States. Prominent among the members of the company are such artists as Ed. Bryan, Lewis Farrell, Thos. H. Sedgwick, James McDonald, Al. Newman, Gracie Beebe, Blanche Norman, May Parker, Little Inez Kaufman. As special features the management has engaged Geo. H. Adam, the famous clown and pantomimist, formerly with Hanlon's Superba, and the beautiful Adams sisters, also Eddie Giguere, Montreal's favorite singing comedian, who was last seen here three years ago.

* * *

The Theatre Francais next week is to produce "A Social Highwayman." It was seen at this theatre some seasons ago, and secured a great hit at that time. The story of the play has to do with a thief who masquerades in society as a prosperous clubman, and good fellow generally. He subsists upon the proceeds of that which he pilfers at society functions. One of the most dramatic episodes in the play is the spiritualistic seances at which a number of people of the same social class as the highwayman are present. An interesting feature of the week will be the special engagement of Miss Marion Kilby who is to play the part of Mrs. Deane, a spiritualist. Miss Kilby has many friends in Montreal who will welcome her back to the stage of the Francais. All the parts have been well cast, and there is every reason to look forward to one of the best attractions of the season. The vaudeville bill will be one of general excellence, and in keeping with the Francais' standard programme.

BOTH SIDES ARE BUSILY AT WORK

Boers Pushing Their Trenches Nearer to British Lines—Prepared Cable Permits More War News.

New York, Dec. 28.—The London correspondent of the Herald cables this morning:—The South African cables are now working satisfactorily. With the increase of despatches comes evidence that another move by Buller is probable. Especially significant is the fact that Sir Charles Warren has gone to the front in Natal.

We have news from Chieveley up to yesterday. The long range British guns have been shelling the Boer lines at Colenso. Indeed, there are signs on both the east and the west of a recrudescence of Boer activity. On the Tugela the enemy have constructed a bridge near Pieters Station to take the place of the one at Colenso destroyed by the naval guns' shells. The enemy's object is probably to maintain communications with the force which is in position on the slopes of Mount Inhlawe and which might, if left unsupported, be attacked by General Buller and crushed.

BULLER'S RIGHT WING.

What does seem certain is that some commandoes have been pushed down to menace the British right wing, and that Inhlawe Mountain, lying to the eastward, has been strongly intrenched.

There are many small signs of Boer activity in this region, even as far south as the Blaauwkrans River. On Wednesday, the 20th, a picket of the Thirteenth Hussars was suddenly attacked. The next day the Natal Carabineers returned the compliment, managing to strike a smart blow at their opponents.

It is clear, both from the operations in the recent battle and from subsequent events, that the British camp at Chieveley is to some extent threatened from the eastward, although it is more than doubtful whether any attack is intended.

When the American attache was shown the Colenso position his pithy remark was: "Colonel, was there no way round?" In a few days the British are very likely to try a way round the strongly posted foe.

MAFEKING BOMBARDED.

In the other fields of war comparative inactivity is reported, except in the far north, where Mafeking was, according to a Boer telegram, heavily bombarded on the 18th, and Colonel Plumer is making strenuous efforts to repair the railway as far as Gaberones.

At the Modder River the Boers are advancing their trenches toward the British lines. An exchange of shells is proceeding at long range. The Boer projectiles generally fall short.

There is no sign as yet of a British advance, but the Boers are reported to be fortifying Jacobsdal, being evidently apprehensive of a flank attack.

RINGS! RINGS!

A Handsome Ring is Always an Acceptable New Year's Gift to a Lady.

We would direct special attention to a Superb Assortment recently mounted at our factory in Diamonds, Rubies, Emeralds, Peridots, Opals, Sapphires, Turquoise, and Olivines Mounted in Solitaire, Cluster, Marquise, Twin and Half Hoop Settings.

R. SHARPLEY & SONS

OPEN IN THE EVENING.

Jewellers, 2334 St. Catherine Street.

A MULTITUDE OF SUGGESTIONS

For Holiday Presents— Priced Most Economically.

My stock is large and varied. Let me suggest:

FOR HIM.	FOR HER.
Military Brushes, Tie Clasps, Gold and Silver Links, &c., &c.,	Opera Glasses, Rings of all kinds, Watches.
All at seductive prices.	And hundreds of other things at special prices.

J. M. GROTHE, THE JEWELLER,

1879 St. Catherine Street. (Next to the Theatre Francais.)

Will You Stop Drinking?

If you wish to and find that you can't do it because the craving for liquor is stronger than your will-power, it is evident that your system has become diseased by the frequent use of intoxicants; that your blood is loaded with poison; your nerves are shattered; your will is gone, and that you need a treatment. If so, why not take the "DIXON VEGETABLE CURE" and be done with that dreadful habit, which is ruining you financially, physically and morally?

If you have any doubts about the efficacy of this "CURE," just enquire about it, and see what it does. It will cost nothing to investigate, and you will acquire the conviction that if you want to quit drinking it will absolutely remove your craving for liquor in the course of a few days without sickening you, and that it will make a new man of you.

The following is a sample of the many letters that we are daily receiving from patients who have taken the "Dixon Cure":

"Dear Sir,—You ask for a statement of my case, and the result of your treatment. I give it freely for the benefit of others. I had been drinking heavily for years averaging about twenty-five drinks daily. Neglected my business on account of liquor and could not sleep at night, had no appetite for food, lost all ambition, did not care for anything but drink. I also suffered very much with pains in my head and back. My memory was badly affected, also my eyesight. In fact I was a total wreck.

"I took your treatment by the advice of Rev. Father Quinlivan, and I am glad that I did so. From the third day after taking your medicine I lost all desire for drink, and my pains left me. I slept soundly the third night, and have every night since. Within a week I was feeling all right and eating heartily three times a day. My memory and eyesight are greatly improved, and I feel better in every way. I have now ambition and energy, and can work better than I have been able to do for years. Nothing can ever tempt me to touch drink again. The desire is totally gone. Your medicine is pleasant to take, and does all you claim it will do. I would strongly advise all who have the misfortune to be drunkards to take your treatment."

We do not mention the writer's name, because all correspondence is kept strictly confidential, but the following voucher will testify to its authenticity:

The writer of the above has been well known to me for years, and I can fully and conscientiously substantiate all that he affirms. His case appeared to be one of the most utterly hopeless as to cure that ever came under my notice. All self-control and self-respect seemed entirely gone. Though an excellent worker when sober, his sole purpose in working seemed to be the earning of what would procure drink. I induced him to take Mr. Dixon's Cure, and the results are correctly set forth in his letter. I am therefore anxious, fully believing in what is claimed for it by Mr. Dixon, to see this remedy brought to the notice of victims of the liquor habit, temperance workers, and friends of humanity in general, who seek a means of relieving such victims.

J. QUINLIVAN,
Pastor of St. Patrick's, Montreal.

What it has done for this man we guarantee it will do for you—if not we don't want your money. Come and see the manager of the Dixon Cure Co., J. B. Lalime, 572 St. Denis Street, Montreal, or write to him, or to Dr. Mackay, Belmont Retreat, Quebec, for particulars.

SPARTAN MOTHERS.

New York, Dec. 28.—In this week's edition of The Independent, issuing to-morrow, will appear a late poem of four stanzas, by Alfred Austin, the poet laureate of England, anent the war in the Transvaal, entitled "Spartan Mothers." The last two stanzas follow:—

The sister's sigh, the maiden's tear,
The wife's, the widow's stifled wail,
These nerve the hand, these brace the spear;
And speed them over veldt and vale.
What is to him,
Or life or limb,
Who rends the chain, and breaks the rod,
Who falls for freedom, falls for God.

And should it be his happy fate,
Hale to return to home and rest,
She will be standing at the gate,
To fold him to her trembling breast;
Or should he fall,
By ridge or wall—
And lie 'neath some green southern sod,
Who dies for country, sleeps with God.

Westmount Scavenging.

Editor of The Herald:

Sir,—Everybody knows that eWstmount has—on paper—an up-to-date system of scavenging. Householders who put refuse in the lanes, unless in properly covered receptacles are to be prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the law. The ladies and gentlemen of Westmount, however, are so scrupulously clean that proper covered receptacles are invariably used and placed ready for the scavenger. Sad to relate, he cometh not. The proper receptacles get upset, and the remains of 4,000 turkeys are now furnishing al fresco repasts for cats and dogs, while feathers, curl-papers and last year's Christmas cards circle round and round with every puff of wind. When the heavy snow comes the corporation usually abandons the lanes and the regulations until the spring, when they have a grand "clean-up." This year there is no heavy snow, and I am told that the reason that the scavengers do not attend to their duties is because of a shortage in men and rigs. Will not our councillors see that whatever money is needed shall be supplied and the job done thoroughly. Let us have no heap of filth accumulating for the spring "clean-up." With diphtheria and scarlet fever going about, it is a shame and an outrage on the townspeople that neglect such as this should be allowed. If our representatives cannot handle so simple a matter as keeping the lanes clean, they had better resign and make way for men who can.

Yours, etc.,
HOUSEHOLDER.

Westmount, 29 Dec., 1899.

LOOKING FOR THOSE BEHIND HERBERT

Thomas O'Brien, Sherbrooke Street, Taken Into Custody for Assisting the Accused Teller—Latter Pleads Not Guilty.

All interest in the Police Court this morning was centred in the appearance of J. J. Herbert, the absconding teller of the Ville Marie Bank, to answer the charge of stealing $58,000 previous to the failure of the bank last July. He came up privately before Judge Desnoyers, Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, Solicitor-General, and Mr. Hutchison being present. Sergeant Detective Campeau accompanied the prisoner. Herbert had little to say. In reply to the charge read to him by the judge, Herbert simply answered "Not guilty." He was not represented by counsel this morning, but informed the judge that he would be ready for the opening of the preliminary investigation on Tuesday morning next.

Herbert was not alone in evading the officers of the law, who have been keenly looking for him since his disappearance in July. Yesterday about one o'clock Thomas O'Brien, a young man living on Sherbrooke Street, was arrested on the charge of assisting Herbert. The warrant reads that "Thomas O'Brien, at divers times since the 25th day of July last past, and particularly since the 22nd day of December, at the City of Montreal, did unlawfully receive, comfort and assist one James J. Herbert, well knowing at the time that the said James J. Herbert was accused with having at the City of Montreal stolen divers sums of money amounting to about fifty-three thousand dollars, the property of La Banque Ville Marie, in order to enable him to escape." Before Magistrate Lafontaine, O'Brien pleaded not guilty, and was remanded for enquete on January 3. O'Brien is said to be well known to the police.

A number of further arrests may follow O'Brien's capture. The police already know from whom he obtained funds with which he supplied food to Herbert. It is said that O'Brien called weekly upon certain parties and received a cheque to cover his expenses. But O'Brien did not do the work of keeping Herbert secreted alone, and it is those who helped him that the police will now look after.

THE REWARD.

Just who should get the reward of $500 offered by La Banque Ville Marie for Herbert's capture is not definitely settled, as no particular person can be pointed out as effecting his arrest.

Herbert's arrest is the result of the united efforts of the shadowers employed both by the City Detective Department and by Superintendent McCaskill, of the Canadian Secret Service. The reports from each man were patched together every night, with the result that on Friday last the information came that Herbert had been hiding at 71 Arcade street. It is probable, therefore, that the reward will be divided between a number of men.

O'BRIEN RENTED THE HOUSE.

The house at 71 Arcade street is owned by Grothe Freres, contractors, of St. Cuthbert street. About the twentieth of July last, O'Brien rented the house from Messrs. Grothe, and paid in advance $10, which was to be the rent for a month. In taking the house O'Brien represented himself as a merchant tailor, and explained that he would frequently be out of town. It is probable for this reason that no notice was taken of the fact that no furniture was placed in the premises. This morning Mr. Grothe said the rent had been regularly paid and nothing was due. Now comes the question who supplied O'Brien with the necessary $10 each month to pay the rent. That is what the detectives are trying to find out. It is their belief that O'Brien was but a tool, employed by friends of Herbert.

MAYOR'S BANQUET

Declared That He is in the Field to Stay.

HIS WORK NOT YET ENDED.

After He Has Finished Harbor Improvements, Restored City Finances, etc., He Will Step Down.

"At the present moment, I am a candidate for the position of Mayor of Montreal for the next term," was the announcement made by Mayor Prefontaine at a banquet tendered by him in the Viger Hotel last night to the aldermen of the city and the heads of the various departments at the City Hall. In making the announcement His Worship clearly defined his position in the coming contest, occupying as he did the office of first magistrate of the city by the unanimous consent of the people, he should be the last to abuse such confidence and say, "I will remain Mayor as long as I can." It was not the Mayor's chair itself that he sought, but the fulfilment of a programme of improvements at the harbor and elsewhere which was his ambition. His friends had convinced him that it was necessary for him to remain Mayor until the entire programme was carried out. He left himself in the hands of the electors, and declared he was in the field to stay.

SOME OF THOSE PRESENT.

The banquet itself was a sumptuous affair, and was largely attended by aldermen, civic officials, judges and prominent business men. His Worship who was the host of the evening, acted as chairman. On his right hand were Chief Justice Sir Alexander Lacoste, ex-Mayor R. Wilson-Smith, Hon. James McShane and Robert McKay. On the left of the chair at the table of honor were Ald. Rainville, ex-Mayor J. Grenier, Hon. Charles Desjardins, Robert White, Collector of Customs. Among others present were: Hon. A. W. Atwater, Mr. Milton McDonald, M. L. A.; Aldermen Rainville, Stevenson, Clearihue, Ekers, Marsolais, Archambault, Brunet, Dupre, M.P., Ouimet, Kinsella, Jacques, Dufresne, Larean, Martineau, Prenoveau, Paquette, Sadler, Roy, Turner, Messrs. L. O. David (city clerk), W. Robb (city treasurer), P. W. St. George (city surveyor), Z. Benoit (chief of fire department), L. J. Ethier, Q.C., and J. L. Archambault, Q.C., (joint city attorneys), O. Dufresne (city comptroller), P. J. Coyle (city attorney), J. O. A. Laforest (superintendent of water works), P. Lacroix (building inspector), Dr. Laberge (medical officer of health), R. S. Weir (joint recorder), A. Pinoteau (head corporation gardener), R. Bauset (assistant city clerk); R. Rickerdike, J. Contant, W. Farrell, Jonathan Hodgson, E. Lemay (Harbor Commissioners); L. J. Tarte, E. Lebel, M. S. Foley, A. Lionais, F. D. Shallow.

TO HER MAJESTY.

The first toast was "The Queen." Enthusiastic cheering greeted His Worship as he rose to propose the toast. It was a great pleasure for him to ask the assembly to drink to the health of the one who presided over the destinies of the British Empire. The toast the Queen should under present circumstances be honored, if possible, with more enthusiasm than at any other time. They would in Montreal honor it because the link that bound Canada with the Mother Country was indissoluble, and they must all stand together whatever might be the prospect of the destinies of the Empire.

TO MONTREAL.

Sir Alexander Lacoste proposed the next toast, which was "The City of Montreal." In his remarks Sir Alexander said that Montreal, and the interests of Montreal, were so identified with Canada, that it is called the national city, and its port was now becoming the national port of the Dominion. This was due to its geographical position at the head of the St. Lawrence, as it commanded the trade of the West, both of Canada and the United States, and was, moreover, the centre of distribution of imports. Addressing the members of the City Council particularly, he called their attention, and that of the mayor, to the necessity of educating the people in the observance of the by-laws and regulations of the city. His long experience on the Bench had forced the conviction upon him that people learn the laws of the city only in time of accident. For example, it was a fact that drivers should keep to the right side of the road, and should remain on that side on turning corners. How little this law was kept was shown in the many accidents resulting from its non-observance. The progress of the people of a great city was in the ratio of its observance of the law. More importance should be attached to details. Fast driving could be stopped by the constables on their beat; these officers could oblige people to drive on the proper side, etc. At first it would be tedious, but it was necessary, and the city would be saved large sums of money which it is now obliged to pay for damages.

MONTREAL'S GREAT PROSPECTS.

Mr. R. S. White, collector of customs, replied to the toast. Montreal needed no eulogy in the presence of its citizens. As a city of learning, it was the seat of the two great universities of McGill and Laval; it was in commercial life the greatest entrepot of industries of a great continent, as a health resort it had a salubrious climate, and, altogether, it had all the elements essential to making it the most prosperous city in the Dominion of Canada. But the continued success of the city would be in a large measure due to the proficiency of its municipal administration. Montreal was now prospering as it had never prospered before, and this was proved by the fact that the budget of Montreal was about equal to the rest of the whole of the Province of Quebec. It had been stated that the taxation of our city was excessive; but the fact was that while the taxation of the city of Montreal was 12½ mills on the dollar, in Toronto it was 18 mills, in Ottawa 22 mills, in Hamilton 20 mills on the dollar. That was a point to be borne in mind. Since 1895, down to the close of the present year, up to Saturday next, exports at the port of Montreal had risen from $40,348,000 to $58,715,000, or a gain in four years of no less than 45 per cent. The import trade of the port of Montreal had advanced from $42,000,000 in 1895 to $66,000,000 in the present year, or a gain of 57 per cent. in the brief period of four years. The total trade for the port of Montreal in the year now closing exceeded by $23,200,000 that of any previous year in the history of Canada. The amount of customs duty collected at Montreal had risen from $6,480,000 in 1895, to $8,920,000 during this present year, or an increase of 38 per cent.

THE MAYOR'S SPEECH.

Mayor Prefontaine also replied to the toast. He was Mayor, he said, because his friends had willed it and because the citizens of Montreal had believed that he could do something for Montreal. Sir Alexander Lacoste had spoken highly of him and had commended his work as first magistrate of the city. Well, he was thankful for it and accepted the compliment. He would not be justified, owing to the late hour, in reviewing the work he had done during the eighteen years of his municipal career. For other reasons, too, "for you know, gentlemen, I am, at the present moment, a candidate for the position of Mayor of Montreal for the next term."

He had been elected by acclamation in 1898. He occupied the position of first magistrate by the unanimous will of the people and he would be the last person to abuse the confidence placed in him and attempt now to retain the Mayoralty as long as he could.

When he appeared before the electors in 1898 he had announced his programme clearly and succiently. It embraced among other things, the improvements of the harbor, the revision of the city charter and the establishment of an equilibrium in the city's finances. Part of this programme had been accomplished. But not all. The financial position of Montreal to-day was as advantageous as that of any other city in Canada. It was apparent now, however, that the revenue of the city was not sufficient to guarantee all the necessary improvements, and something should be done to increase it. At the time of his election in 1898, after he had announced his programme, the Journal of Commerce had said of him: "Such ambition is worthy of the man, and when attained will close a most successful career."

His ambition for Montreal's improvements, for Greater Montreal, had not been fully attained. His friends had told him so of late and had convinced him that he should remain Mayor until his programme had been carried out and the proposed improvements in the harbor were completed.

He was able to guarantee the full measure of privileges to all classes of citizens. He knew no distinction of nationalities and respected the people of other races. The circumstances were exceptional, however, and he accepted the candidature for the Mayoralty in the coming contest because he thought it was his duty to do so. He was fully prepared to accept the full consequences of his actions. He was now in the hands of the electors and the result of the elections, whatever it might be, would not, he hoped, leave them worse friends than at the present time. He would say, however, that were he elected he would act in the future, as he had in the past, doing his utmost for the advancement of our city. He wished to be frank about his position. Is his course hurt the feelings of some people it was not intentional on his part. If he kept the chair, he hoped too, he would retain his prestige before the electors.

THE CITY'S PROGRESS.

Mr. Robert Mackay, the Chairman of the Harbor Board, proposed the toast of "Trade and Commerce," and spoke in glowing terms of the prospect of the city as a commercial centre, and of its great progress of recent years. Hon. Mr. Desjardins replied. Speeches were also delivered by Mr. R. W. Smith, Hon. James McShane, Col. Stevenson and others.

Miss Roch Still Sleeping.

Mlle. Eva Roch still sleeps, and has now passed over 127 hours in the lethargic slumber which fell upon her before Christmas. She has taken no nourishment, beyond a few sips of water. It is noticeable that while the girl neither coughed nor expectorated during her sleep last year, she frequently coughs now, and more so at night than during the day. It will be decided to-morrow whether the plan will be adopted this time of wakening her by red-hot needles, which proved so successful last year.

SWORD AND GUN FOR HIM

The closing meeting on the Montreal Mining Exchange saw a scene that will long linger in the memory of those who took part in it. To-day, as three o'clock approached and the year's work was to come to an end, the members congregated in full force to wish each other a happy and prosperous new year. A thought struck one of the crowd and he was away and back again in a few minutes. But it was long enough to engage a hand-organ, and soon Sousa's March resounded through the hall.

When Mr. A. W. Morris put his head in the door there was a great shout, and he was the centre of interest. A presentation had been arranged.

"In expectation of valorous conduct on your part in the great war now going on in South Africa, we, your fellow-members of the Montreal Mining Exchange, present you with this solid tin sword and gun," were the unexpected words which greeted Mr. Morris' ears.

His reply was as charming as his own personality and just as polished.

KILLED BY THE TRAIN.

Wolff Sieden, of Rigaud, Killed by a C.P.R. Train.

Mr. Wolff Sieden, a prominent merchant of Rigaud, was killed last night while attempting to board a train coming to Montreal. Rigaud is situated midway between this city and Ottawa on the C.P.R. short line. It is at that point that the train coming to Montreal and the one going to Ottawa meet. The train for Montreal pulls into Rigaud on the far track from the platform, and it was while crossing the first track, just as the train going to Ottawa arrived, that Mr. Seiden was killed. Coroner McMahon will hold an inquest to-night.

THE YACHT BALL POSTPONED.

Royal St. Lawrence Club Have Decided to Call Offi the Affair That Was Set for Next Month.

The Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club have decided to postpone their annual ball, which was billed for next month, owing, the assistant secretary, Mr. R. Fitzgibbon, states, to the present state of affairs in South Africa.

LEMIEUX ARRAIGNED.

He Pleaded Not Guilty to a Charge of Theft—Enquete Fixed for January 4.

Ferdinand Lemieux, the condemned accountant of the defunct Banque Ville Marie, was arraigned this morning on the new charge of stealing $21,000. The proceedings were very short. He pleaded not guilty, and the enquete was fixed for January 4.

Banque du Peuple Meeting.

This morning the directors of the Banque du Peuple made a motion before Mr. Justice Pagnuelo, asking permission to call a meeting of shareholders and creditors on February 6 at 2 p.m., in order to make a statement as required by the act passed at last session of Parliament. The motion was granted.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

Afternoon Board Sales.

250 Pacific at 92 1-2.
50 Gas at 185 1-2.
40 Street Railway at 287.
25 Street Railway at 286.
50 Street Railway at 285.
35 Commerce at 140 3-4.
10 Commerce at 140.
25 Electric at 187 1-2.
50 Twin City at 64 3-4.
75 Toronto Railway at 102 1-2.
1¾ Telephone Rights at 70.
1,000 Payne at 103 1-2.
500 Republic at 103.
25 Molson's rights at $6.
1,500 War Eagle at 2.50.
500 War Eagle at 2.53.

Chicago Markets.

Messrs. J. S. Bache & Co., 18 St. Sacrament Street, report the closing prices to-day as follows:

Dec. 29.	Opg.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	66	66	65½	65½b
May	69⅝-½	69½	69⅜	69⅝
Corn—				
Dec.	30⅝	31¾	30¾	30¾b
May	32⅞	32⅞	32¾	32¾b
Oats—				
Dec.	....	....	....	22
May	23⅝-¾	23¾	23⅝-¾	23⅝-¾
Pork—				
Dec.	....	....	....	8 90
Jan.	10 12	10 15	10 12	10 12b
Lard—				
Dec.	....	....	....	5 40
Jan.	5 67	5 67	5 62	5 65-7
Short Ribs—				
Dec.	....	....	....	5 33
Jan.	5 32	5 35	5 32	5 35b

Prince Arthur Skating Rink—Band Saturday evening, also New Year's afternoon and evening.

Queen's Bench in Appeal.

Judge Wurtele was to have given judgments this morning in cases before the Court of Queen's Bench in Appeal. The delivery was postponed until January 3.

Prince Arthur Skating Rink—Band Saturday evening, also New Year's afternoon and evening.

BIRTH.

McVEY—On the 17th instant, at 93 Laurier Avenue, a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McVey. 307x

CANALS CAN COMPETE

WITH RAILWAYS, SAYS THE CONNERS SYNDICATE.

The St. Lawrence Route Will Demonstrate This Fact, Which Has Never Before Been Fairly Tested.

A representative of the Conners syndicate, on being shown at the Windsor Hotel today an extract from an American railway paper declaring inland waterways for commercial purposes to be a thing of the past, said the facts do not bear out the statement. The railway authority contended that for general commercial purposes water routes have had their day, that even the Mississippi River cannot hold its own against the railways that parallel it, and that what is true of this natural channel is very much more applicable to artificial waterways.

"The reason why the Mississippi River cannot compete with the railways that parallel it," said the syndicate representative, "is the unsatisfactory character of the channel, which is so shallow in places that navigation is only possible with specially-constructed boats with great difficulty. Moreover, during the long and tedious voyage from the grain-producing States in the north to New Orleans in the south, the grain gets overheated and loses its quality.

"There has never been a real test yet between the capabilities of railways and waterways; but when our elevators and warehouses are built at Montreal we will show that the railways cannot compete with waterways when the latter are properly equipped and when the traffic is handled expeditiously."

OBJECT TO NEW LICENSES.

Licensed Victuallers' Association Opposed the Granting of Half a Dozen.

The License Commissioners met yesterday afternoon to hear objections to the granting of half a dozen new licenses. All of these were opposed by the Licensed Victuallers' Association, and taken into consideration by the commissioners. Opposition was made by Rev. Mr. Dobson, pastor of St. Giles' Presbyterian Church, on St. Denis street, to the granting of a license to Jules Chevalier, 1286 St. Denis street. The commissioners informed Mr. Dobson that it was too late to file an opposition, as the application had been considered some weeks ago.

The Licensed Victuallers asked that Chief Legault should file in writing his objections to any applicant or holder of a license at a specified time previous to the meeting of the commissioners. When this was done the defendant could have time to make his defense. Permission was readily granted. Some minor details were considered, and the meeting adjourned.

LONGUEUIL COUNCIL.

The Town Council of Longueuil met last night, all the members being present. Requests from the people of Longueuil, St. Bruno, and St. Hubert, asking that the river road this year be run from the R. & O. wharf in Longueuil to the Hudon Cotton Factory, were referred to the Road Committee to take action. The offer of the Slater Shoe Company to build a factory in the town was left over for six months. The permanent committees for the coming year were named as follows:

Finance—Councillors Jacob, Gariepy, president; A. W. H. Jones, Etienne Benoit.

Roads—Councillors Damase. Brissette, president; F. D. Globensky, J. L. Lasnier.

Water—Councillors Globensky, president; Brissette, Gariepy.

Police and Health—Councillors Benoit, president; Jones, Lasnier.

Fire and Light—Councillors Jones, president; Brissette, Gariepy.

Parks and Markets—Councillors Lasnier, president; Globensky, Benoit.

Ministers in Town.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, Attorney-General, arrived in Montreal last evening from Ottawa, and were in consultation this morning at the Windsor Hotel with several gentlemen. The Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, also arrived here from Ottawa last evening, and returned to the capital this morning.

Pete Murphy Very Ill.

Pete Murphy, who has sold newspapers on St. James Street for over twenty years, is so ill that the doctors fear he may not recover. He was taken to Notre Dame Hospital this morning.

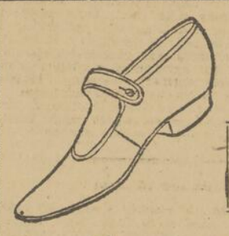
Death of Mrs. J. L. Kerr.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. J. L. Kerr, assistant manager of the London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company, on the death of his wife, which took place at the family residence in Westmount, on Wednesday. Mrs. Kerr had become endeared to a large circle of friends by her many amiable qualities and gentleness of disposition.

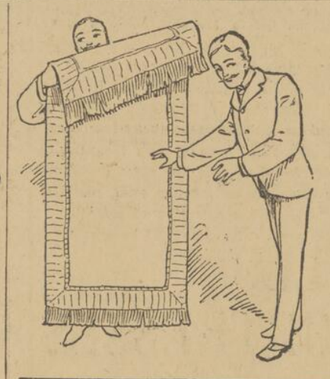
Barnyard Strippling
makes poems on lady charlotte gelatine.

WHERE TO GET
New Year's Presents
J. B. WILLIAMSON,
Importers of Diamonds,
2350 St. Catherine St., Cor. of Metcalfe, and 1741 Notre Dame Street.
LOOK AT THIS LIST.
GOLD WATCHES for Ladies, from $10.
GOLD WATCHES for Gentlemen, from $25.
SILVER WATCHES for Ladies, from $3.75.
SILVER WATCHES for Gentlemen, from $7.
DIAMOND RING, from $6.
OPAL AND DIAMOND RINGS, from $15.
OPAL RINGS, from $3.
MATCH SAFES, Sterling Silver, from $1.00.
MANICURE ARTICLES, in great variety, from 25c up.
GOLD CHAIN BRACELETS, from $5.
SILVER CHAIN BRACELETS, from $1.
PURSES—The latest novelty, Chain Purses, Silk Purses, GOLD and SILVER Bead Purses.
LADIES' BELTS, in the newest Shades of color.
TOILET ARTICLES, in solid Silver, a great variety, from 25c up.
STERLING SILVERWARE, novel designs.
ELECTROPLATE WARE, extra quality.
CUTLERY, FRENCH AND ENGLISH CLOCKS, make handsome presents.
Call and see our stock. Everything of the latest patterns.
OPEN EVENINGS. Cars pass the door.

J. B. WILLIAMSON,
Corner St. Catherine and Metcalfe Streets,
and 1741 Notre Dame Street.


A New Year's Gift
Which is always received with pleasure is one which is associated with COMFORT, NEATNESS and GOOD STYLE.

Our Footwear
Is all made on these lines, and, what is of interest to the buyer, it can be bought here cheaper than elsewhere. . . . . .
Ronayne Bros.,
2027 Notre Dame St.


Rugs, Mats, Curtains, Carpets,
Shades, Oilcloths, Carpet Sweepers and a large range of New Year Requisites, at
THOMAS LIGGET,
1884 Notre Dame Street, 2446 St. Catherine Street, Montreal
175 to 179 Sparks Street, Ottawa.


For the Holidays
The dress suit for evening wear is a necessity, no gentleman's wardrobe is complete without one.
Dress suits in correct material, $20 and $25.
Next to the importance of a dress suit is the tuxedo coat to be worn with dress trousers and waistcoat on all semi-dress occasions.
Coats in same material as dress suits $12 and $15.
Fit-Reform Wardrobe
2344 St. Catherine St.
Open Evenings.


VISIBLE WRITING
as provided in the....
Underwood Typewriter
INCREASES THE SPEED OF THE OPERATOR 25 P.C.
PREVENTS THE MAKING OF ERRORS.
RENDERS INVOICING PRACTICABLE.
CREELMAN BROS. TYPEWRITER CO.,
97 ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER ST.
Phone Main 2065.


The New Century Caligraph.
It Stands at the Head.
Bryce & Douglas, General Dealers. 11 Bleury St.

BETTER THAN DOCTOR'S BILLS
OFTEN saves bags of money. It doesn't cost any more to have things right than to have them wrong. We work right, charge right, and are the right Plumbers for you.
Perfect Sanitary Plumbing
JOHN DATE, 654-656 Craig Street

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, DISTRICT OF Montreal, in the Superior Court, No. 73.—Louis Parent, clerk, of the City and District of Montreal, Plaintiff, Philippe Arcand, formerly of the same place, and now of unknown parts, Defendant. The Defendant is ordered to appear within one month, Montreal, 26th December, 1899. L. D. Gareau, Prothonotary. Ubalde Plourde, Attorney for Plaintiff.

FOR SALE—CRUSHED OYSTER SHELLS for poultry, acts in double capacity, grinding the food and making egg shells, prevents soft shell eggs; sold in any quantity. W. Ulley, Victoria sq. 305x

TWO YOUNG ENGLISHMEN, aged 26 and 27 years, desire employment; outdoor preferred; good business experience. Apply H. G., 65 Berthelet. 307x

WANTED—For law office, smart lad about 16. 607 New York Life Bldg. 306x

WANTED—An elderly woman wants work by day or month, in a restaurant. Address Mrs. Coleman, care Herald Office. 307x

FREE TRIAL
OF THE
SIRDAR'S
(Registered), MOCHA.
Makes the most delicious Cup of Coffee obtainable.
A beautiful Six-Sheet Art Calendar with every purchase.
Walk in No. 2356 ST. CATHERINE STREET,
(NEAR METCALFE)
Acme Mills Free Coffee Exhibit.

Suits and ...Pants.
We will continue our large sale of Clothing right along through January.
1,000 Best Scotch Tweed Suits--all custom tailored.
1,000 Pants--all of the best quality.
All sold at WHOLESALE prices to the public.
Also, balance of Overcoats.
23-25 Cote Street,
(Next Door to Theatre Royal.)
A. S. CAMPBELL & CO.

CUTLERY FOR NEW YEAR
The very nicest kind of a gift to give. We have been very fortunate in buying a large lot of very fine Cutlery at exceedingly low prices. We are offering this at Special New Year's Prices.
Don't Forget to Call in and Inspect our Stock.
The Ekavanagh Co
NOTRE DAME & SEIGNEURS.

New Year's ....Presents.
FRAMING—of all kinds.
We have a large stock of specially selected frames for Photographs, Miniatures, etc,
PICTURES—a large and carefully selected stock of carbon photographs, engravings and fac-similes in color.
POTTERY—from Holland.
TIFFANY FAVRILE GLASS—we have the exclusive sale for Montreal.
W. SCOTT & SONS,
1739 Notre Dame Street.
Private Galleries open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.
INSPECTION INVITED. ESTABLISHED 1859

THE HERALD

FOUNDED 1808.

130 St. James Street, Montreal, Que.

THE DAILY HERALD has a circulation exceeded by only one other English daily in the Province. 1 cent a copy, $3.00 a year.

THE WEEKLY HERALD, 75 cents a year.

TELEPHONES — Head Office, Main, 343; Editorial, Main, 751; Job Department, Main, 1919.

HERALD PUBLISHING CO.

JAS. S. BRIERLEY, Managing Director.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 29, 1899.

CONSERVATIVE REORGANIZATION.

When the Conservative party met with defeat in the elections of 1896, many honest Conservatives hoped that from the wreck would arise a new organization, reviving their best traditions and purged of the political sins which had disgusted the people. These recognized that public opinion would no longer tolerate reckless extravagance, partizan administration, class legislation, selfish office-grabbing, political jobbery, meaningless flag-waving, sectional catch-calls and unsound financing. They had learned their lesson and they hoped for better things.

The Conservative leaders recognized their own weakness before they went to the country in 1896. As a last resort they made a desperate effort to retain office by appealing to racial and religious passion in the different provinces. They underestimated the intelligence of the people, however, and the Government came down with a crash.

To-day there are indications that Sir Charles Tupper and his associates are about to repeat their experiment. Backed by their organs in Montreal and Toronto, they are trying to win their way back to office by inflaming racial prejudice against a Government led by a French-Canadian. Their chances of success this time should be less than last. During the past three years progress has been made towards reconciling race to race and creed to creed beyond the hopes of the most sanguine. The people of Canada know that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, a man of French origin and a Catholic, has proven himself to be the equal of any of those who have occupied the responsible position of First Minister.

Canadians are gradually coming to understand that it is only by mutual toleration that Canada can realize the high destiny which seems to be opening before her. Under a Premier with whom this principle is a cardinal one great strides have been taken towards accomplishing the end. And now, in the face of an Imperial crisis which demands internal unity, Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. Foster, Mr. Clarke Wallace and the rest of the Conservative leaders, insist upon sowing the seeds of dissension, opening old sores, and arousing the passions of Protestant against Catholic, Catholic against Protestant, English against French, and French against English, hoping thereby to secure a sufficient support of the unreasoning in all classes to give them a majority in the country. Obviously the Conservatives who hoped for a purging reorganization after the defeat of 1896 have been grievously disappointed. The Independent members of the party ought to refuse their sanction to a plan of campaign fraught with the gravest danger to the social and industrial life of the Dominion. The intelligence of the people may be expected to severely condemn the reckless and unpatriotic programme of the Conservative leaders, designed as it is solely to accomplish the overthrow of a Government which has made great industrial progress possible, and has done much to further the development of Imperial unity.

THE REPORTED DELAGOA BAY AGREEMENT.

Although as yet without official confirmation, it is far from improbable that some such arrangement with regard to Delagoa Bay as that indicated in yesterday's despatches has been or will be entered into by Great Britain, Portugal and Germany. Portugal's African colonies north of the Zambesi are contiguous to those of Germany, and the little Peninsular Kingdom is badly in need of money. It is extremely improbable, however, that Portugal would part with her Asiatic possessions. It has, however, long been expected that England would ultimately gain possession of Delagoa Bay, and matters had progressed so far that the price, £8,000,000 sterling, had actually been fixed. The agreement of 1891 unquestionably gave Great Britain the right of pre-emption whenever Portugal is in such financial straits as to need to sell her rights in the Bay. The value of the Delagoa Bay as the back door to the Transvaal would simply be incalculable at the present time. The cosmopolitan township of Lorenzo Marquez would of course be included in the cession of the Bay. It is connected by a frequent service of steamers with Durban, the principal port of Natal, and with the other British possessions in South Africa. It is nearer Pretoria by some 200 miles than Durban, and is, in fact, only twenty-one hours' journey from that city. The harbor, whose entrance is at the present moment patrolled by British men-of-war, is the best in South Africa. It is of vast extent, being seventy-eight miles long by twenty broad. It has, it is true, a shifty bar of sand, common to all South African ports, but the largest vessels can enter it without difficulty. The anchorage is good and well protected, and there is space for thousands of vessels to lie in safety. It is, however, as the base of the railway to the interior that Lorenzo Marquez is of special importance to Great Britain at the present time. There an army division could be landed and marched upon Pretoria before a Boer army could be collected from the frontiers for its defence, and from there the most effective blow could unquestionably be struck at the Transvaal. Were this acquisition an accomplished fact, the whole plan of campaign would indeed be swiftly changed.

SHIRTS, COLLARS AND CUFFS.

"I can take him (Sir Louis Davies) down to the French constituencies in and around Montreal, and I can show him one of the most widely spread home industries you will find in Canada (collar and cuff making), which is to-day distributed amongst hundreds and thousands of habitants' houses, where the women add to the daily fare and the keeping of their homes by working on these articles at a moderate rate. I say that with strictly an ad valorem duty that business goes to Troy, or to Germany and Belgium, or to England."—Hon. Geo. E. Foster, April 23, 1897.

WANTED—At once, operators on shirts, and girls willing to learn; steady employment guaranteed. Apply Gault Bros.' Factory. (Star, Dec. 27, 1899.)

WANTED — Shirt operators, piece work and in parts; work always ready; girls don't have to wait; high wages; permanent position. Montreal Suspender & Shirt Co. (Star, Dec. 27, 1899.)

On December 12, 1899, Messrs. Tooke Bros. opened a new shirt and collar factory at St. Henri, which is to give steady employment to 500 hands. This is in addition to the extensive establishment already conducted by this firm.

THE FALLING OUT.

Mr. Thibault, Mr. Chauvin, and Mr. Nantel should take a note of the language used by the Toronto Mail and Empire concerning the speech of Mr. Thibault, and see if they cannot for the future spare their Conservative friends in Ontario the necessity of repudiating them. Or perhaps Mr. Nantel might repudiate the Mail. Then honors would be even, and both could still attack the Government. The Mail says: "We should like to know what Mr. Thibault really said. But whatever he may have said, this much is certain, he had no right on a Conservative platform, whether for politics or any other reason, to make such observations as are attributed to him. Sir Adolphe Caron, Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Casgrain speak soundly and patriotically on the question, and men who cannot lead our Quebec fellow-citizens as patriotically as they do had better go to the other side."

A NEW PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener will, says one of the latest despatches from London, so completely reorganize the methods of the campaign that it will be March before the first decisive move is made to end the war. The statement has probably no better foundation than the active imagination of the London correspondent of a New York paper; but it is reasonable to assume that the two great generals now sailing down the west coast of Africa to take the chief command of the forces will before they reach Cape Town have a new plan of campaign fully matured. No time will be lost, we may be sure, in taking decisive steps to bring the conflict to a close. The beleaguered garrisons who have defended themselves so gallantly cannot be expected to hold out forever. Lord Roberts goes with a perfectly free hand and will accept no dictation from the War Office. The public derive some comfort from this assurance, for at the moment there is a great outcry against the War Office. Correspondence is being published in the London daily papers bringing to light all manner of muddling and bungling, and forming a striking sequel to the remarkable series of letters which have for some years past appeared in The Times demanding a complete reorganization of the military services of the country.

A sore point with many correspondents just now is the fact that the over-manned, over-paid and under-worked headquarters of the Army appear to think it their duty to treat suggestions and offers as an impertinence. For instance a well known member of Parliament offered to raise a thousand volunteers without any expense to the War Office and was snubbed.

According to the War Office people General Buller was to be at Pretoria by Christmas and the army corps was described as "a steam roller that would advance in triumph to the Free State and the Transvaal." It was doubtful whether so many men were really wanted but the thing ought to be well done. So confident was the War Office on the point that it is not surprising their confidence was shared by the people in all parts of the Empire. Disappointment was only natural and it finds its first expression in the emphatic condemnation of the red tape functionaries against whom The Times has been persistently warning the public for years. By the time the eighth division has been mobilized and on the sea the country will, it is said, be dangerously denuded of troops by reason of the ignorance, tardiness and miscalculation of the officials in whose hands the conduct of the war still rests. Foreign military writers have not been slow to point out that the land defences will be left almost entirely in the hands of the militia and volunteers. The same writers are calling attention to the absolute lack of artillery among these forces. It has already been demonstrated that most of the artillery possessed by the British forces in South Africa is quite inferior to that of the Boers and there is a suspicion that the siege train which is being sent out is armed with weapons of less range than the guns in the forts at Pretoria. Great Britain does not depend upon its land forces for its defence and there is no ground whatever for supposing that there has been such muddling with the fleet as there has been with the army. It is with the fleet that the safety of the Empire rests. There is, however, no more danger of Great Britain being invaded by a foreign foe than there is of Canada being raided by Feulans.

Pointed Paragraphs.

In the alphabet of egotism there is but one letter.

As a rule, the silent partner has a good deal to say.

The clerk in a pharmacy is no good as a farm assistant.

Some candidates bitterly contest the will of the people.

Every time an angler loses a fish he is entitled to a re-bait.

When a woman give her reason a man might as well cease to argue.

The picture dealer should always be in an excellent frame of mind.

When a person is lost in thought it is probably owing to his wandering mind.

The thermometer enables the weather to become warmer or colder by degrees.

The spoon is an insignificant little utensil, yet it creates a stir in every household.

Some men acquire a reputation for laziness, while others get credit for being born diplomats.

Political orators talk and talk, but the bright-faced girl on the silver dollar isn't saying a word.

You should be very careful whom you call a crank. Perhaps the individual in question may have a similar opinion of you. —Chicago News.

FORESTERS GIVE A BANQUET.

Send-off to Mr. Breton, Who Is to Represent Independent Order at Exposition.

The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters gave a banquet last evening to Mr. P. N. Breton, the supreme organizer of the Order, who will be its official representative at the Paris exposition. The pretty dining room of the Queen's Hotel in which the function took place, was decked out in the best style for the occasion, and a company numbering 125 sat down under the presidency of Mr. Victor Morin. After justice had been done to the excellent menu the toast list was gone through. The toasts were five in number, "The Queen," "The Independent Order of Foresters," "Our Guest," "The Ladies," "The Press," all of which were heartily honored. During the proceedings a telegram was read from Hon. J. I. Tarte, regretting his inability to be present. The organization committee who had the arrangements in hand, and to whom credit is due for the success of the gathering were: Messrs. Victor Morin, president; Messrs. F. S. Mackay, J. B. A. Alaire, Edmond Montet, Eugene Tarte, and F. C. Hector Barcelo, secretary. Preceding the banquet was a little ceremony in one of the parlors of the hotel, at which an address was presented to Mr. Breton, and suitably acknowledged.

NEW YEAR'S DISTRIBUTION.

Annual Affair Held by the St. Andrew's Society—Large Number Relieved.

At St. Andrew's Home, 403 Aqueduct Street, yesterday afternoon, the annual New Year's distribution by the St. Andrew's Society took place. There were present:—James Wright, chairman; James A. Ogilvy, David Robertson, Rev. James Patterson and Rev. E. McManus.

Some ladies interested in the work of the society were also in attendance, among whom were Mrs. James Ogilvy, Mrs. D. McDonald, Mrs. John Boyd, Mrs. J. M. Campbell, Mrs. John Binmore, Mrs. J. P. Arnold, Mrs. W. Read and Mrs. Comeron, the matron of St. Andrew's Home.

The society distributes provisions, clothing, coal and wood, to over 150 families, from every section of the city, once a week, on Thursday afternoons. The ladies of the society visit the homes of those who apply for charity, and see that only those who are deserving secure it. On account of yesterday being the annual New Year's distribution, nobody who applied was refused, but several who were well known to the committee as not deserving were told not to call again.

HONOR FOR MR. DEVLIN.

Canadian Commissioner in Ireland Presides at Meeting of Trinity College Historical Society.

The Ottawa Journal of yesterday published the following item in its old country budget:

Dublin papers to hand by the last mail announce that at a meeting of the Trinity College Historical Society, on which occasion a debate was to take place on "Imperial Federation," Mr. Charles R. Devlin, ex-M.P., Canadian Commissioner in Ireland, was to preside. Mr. Devlin is to be congratulated in having such an honor conferred upon him, and the fact of his being selected to preside at one of the Historical Society's debates is a recognition of his standing in the Irish metropolis. The speakers for the affirmative were to be Messrs. J. E. Forrester, Sch., B.A.; J. E. Walsh, Mod., B.A.; R. R. Smylie, B.A.; and for the negative, Messrs. R. G. L. Leonard, R. E. A. Fitzgerald-Lombard, and Giullamore O'Grady. The Historical Society of Trinity College was founded in 1770. It gives gold and silver medals annually for oratory, composition and history. Among its members have been some of Ireland's most brilliant sons.

MONEY FOR THE HOSPITAL.

A More Effective Canvass for Subscriptions Will Be Instituted at Once.

The special committee of the Montreal General Hospital board held a meeting yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. H. Copeland, vice-chairman, presiding. Mr. James Wilson, Ald. Ames and Captain Archibald Reid, representing friends of the hospital, and Messrs. F. Wolferstan Thomas, H. Stikeman, S. H. Ewing, C. Garth and J. B. Learmont, delegates from the committee of management were present.

A long discussion took place on the question of a more effective canvass of the city for subscriptions, in order to secure the necessary increase in the income. Several of those present agreed to assist in the work, and to use their influence to secure more collectors. Any gentleman who desires to give service or money is requested to apply to Mr. David Watson, chairman of the special committee, St. Paul Street, corner of St. Sulpice Street.

Prince Arthur Skating Rink—Band Saturday evening, also New Year's afternoon and evening.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Choice holiday stock of new pianos on view at W. H. Leach's Piano Parlors, 2440 St. Catherine Street, near Drummond Street; prices from $190 upwards; open evenings.

Business Notes.

A. J. A. Frappier, architect, has made an assignment. His liabilities amount to $18,000, of which $16,000 is given as due on mortgages.

Prince Arthur Skating Rink—Band Saturday evening, also New Year's afternoon and evening.

Can it be had? What? A good dinner for 10c. Yes, at Bell's Dining Rooms, 543 Craig.

MINCE MEAT, MINCE MEAT
English and American.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S, London, England, English Mince Meat, in 3 pound stone jars, $1.00 per jar.

GORDON & DILWORTH'S, New York, Mince Meat, in quart glass jars, $1.00 per jar.

THE ONEIDA COMMUNITY, Oneida Mince Meat, in quart glass jars, 60 cents per jar. In half-gallon glass pails, $1.00 per pail.

We guarantee the above brands of Mince Meat, Plum Puddings, and Plum Pudding Sauces, to be the best makes in the world to-day.

FRASER, VIGER & CO.

ORANGES! ORANGES! ORANGES!
For Hogamanay.

The very finest California Seedless Oranges.
The "Sunflower Brand" California Washington Navels, 30, 35, 45 and 50 cents per dozen.
Finest Valencia Table Oranges, 20 cents per dozen.
Finest Florida Oranges, 45 cents per dozen.
We have still remaining for Hogamanay,

50 KEGS
FINEST ALMERIA GRAPES
at 25 cents per pound, $8.00 per keg of 55 pounds.
FRASER, VIGER & CO.

FOR FOIE GRAS SANDWICHES
Order up for Hogamanay some of the
Delicious Strasbourg Pies
we have just received, fresh made, from Mr. J. G. Hummel, patissier, Strasbourg.

Delicacies for the Dinner or Breakfast Table, PORK PIES, PATES de FOIES GRAS, LITTLE SAUSAGES, SLICED BACON, etc., etc.

"Pates de Foies Gras"
In terrines and in tins. Fresh made in October last.
Pates de Foies Gras, in terrines, size No. 14, 75 cents each, $8.50 per dozen.
Pates de Foies Gras, in terrines, size No. 13, $1.00 each, $10.00 per dozen.
Pates de Foies Gras, in terrines, size No. 12, $1.25 each, $13.50 per dozen.
Pates de Foies Gras, in terrines, size No. 9, $2.25 each.
Pates de Foies Gras, in terrines, size No. 8, $3.00 each.
HUMMEL'S
Pates de Foies Gras
In tins.
Pates de Foies Gras, in tins, size No. 13, $1.00 per tin, $11.00 per doz.
Pates de Foies Gras, in tins, size No. 10, $1.75 per tin, $20.00 per doz.
The Original
Melton Mowbray
PORK PIES
Fresh in by to-day's express.
Pork Pies of all sizes.
Little Sausages, Sliced Bacon, Sausage Meat, etc., etc.
All in one pound packages.
FRASER, VIGER & CO.

We have the finest stock to select from in
Choice Havana Cigars, Cigarettes and Fine Cut Tobaccos,
And pure and genuine
Wines and Liquors.

FRASER, VIGER & CO.,
Italian Warehouse,
207, 209 and 211 St. James Street.

SHARES FOR SALE.

We are instructed to offer for sale 28 Shares (par value $50 each), and 16 Shares (par value $100 each), of the Birkbeck Investment Security and Savings Company. Price $54 and $106 per share, respectively.
McCUAIG, RYKERT & CO.,
Stock Brokers.
Box 2361.

OFFICE OF THE
ROYAL ELECTRIC COMPANY.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A Quarterly Dividend, at the rate of Eight Per Cent. (8 p.c.) per annum, on the paid-up Capital Stock of the Royal Electric Company, for the quarter ending the 30th instant, has been this day declared, payable to the Shareholders on record on the 30th day of November, 1899, and will be mailed to them on the 2nd day of January, 1900.
By order of the Board.
H. H. HENSHAW,
Secretary.
Montreal, November 21st, 1899.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

No. 482.—Leonidas Villeneuve et al. vs. Francois Xavier Tetrault.

A lot situate in the Saint Denis Ward, City of Montreal, known as number one hundred and ninety of the subdivision of the official lot known on the official plan and book of reference of the incorporated Village of Cote Saint Louis, as number three hundred and twenty-nine (329); bounded in front by Brebeouf Street—with the buildings thereon erected, circumstances and dependencies.

To be sold at my office, in the City of Montreal, on the EIGHTEENTH day of JANUARY next (1900), at TWO o'clock in the afternoon.

J. R. THIBAUDEAU,
Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office,
Montreal, 28th December, 1899.

WELLAND CANAL.
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed, "Tender for Improvements at Port Colborne," will be received at this office until 16 o'clock on Friday, the 26th day of January, 1900, for the works of improvement at the upper entrance of the Welland Canal.

Plans and specifications of the work can be seen on and after the 26th day of December, 1899, at the office of the Chief Engineer of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, and at the Superintending Engineers' office at St. Catharines. Printed forms of tender can also be obtained at the places mentioned. In the case of firms there must be attached to the tender the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of same, and further, an accepted bank cheque for the sum of $10,000.00 must accompany the tender. The accepted bank cheque must be endorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The accepted bank cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Contractors are specially notified that the conditions requiring the works to be wholly completed by the 30th day of June, 1902, will be rigidly enforced, and all penalties for delay enacted.

By order,
L. K. JONES,
Secretary Dept. Railways and Canals.
Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, December 21, 1899.

AMUSEMENTS.

WINDSOR HALL, All Next Week.
The Only Perfect Moving Pictures.
The BIOGRAPH
HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIII.
As he Moves and Lives to-day.
SOLDIERS OF THE QUEEN.
Troops for the Transvaal.
General Buller in Cape Town.
Lt.-Col. Otter, Commanding Canadian Contingent.
Officers and Royal Canadian Infantry.
The Gordon Highlanders on Parade.
The Scots Greys Reviewed by Lord Wolseley before leaving for the Front.
The 21st Lancers.
Every Afternoon at 3.30. Evenings, 8.15.
Admission 25c. Children, 15c. Reserved Seats, 50c.

ART ASSOCIATION...
.....PHILLIPS SQUARE
Christmas Exhibition
A Collection of Pictures by Canadian Artists is now on view at the Gallery.
OPEN 9 a.m. UNTIL DUSK.
Admission Free.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY OF CANADA.
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

Local and through Excursion Tickets at First-Class One Way Fare, will be issued as follows:
School and College Vacation.—December 9th to 31st, inclusive.
Commercial Travellers.—December 15th to 20th, inclusive.
General Public.—December 21st to January 1st, inclusive.
Limit for return leaving destination not later than January 31st, for School and College Vacation, and January 4th for Commercial Travellers and General Public.
Tickets are good for continuous passage only in either direction.
D. POTTINGER,
General Manager.
Railway Offices,
Moncton, N.B., Dec. 9th, 1899.

GUY FARM
LOWER LACHINE.
Immediate possession. Finest Dairy Farm on the Lower Lachine Road. Buildings in good order. Fine residence and farmer's house on the property. Also Knox Farm, adjoining same. Will be rented together or separately.
For further particulars, apply to
W. McLEA WALBANK,
Manager.
Lachine Rapids Hydraulic and Land Co., Limited, 38 Victoria Square.

Rare Opportunity!
The undersigned offers FOR SALE the Real estate and water front privileges, Foundry and Machinery, Stove patterns and nickel-plating plant, Boiler shop and plant
Of the Burrell Johnson Iron Company, Limited, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; also stock of stoves, engines, pumps and machine fittings.
The company's work is well and favorably known. The S.S. St. Pierre, S.S. Dartmouth, and many other steamships and steamtugs were built by the company.
If a sale be not made previous to the 10th January next, the whole or remainder will be offered at public auction on
THURSDAY, 11th JANUARY NEXT, At 10 A.M.
For information, address
T. W. JOHNS, Liquidator,
Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

CALLING IN CREDITORS.
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC—NO. 140.
In the matter of Louis Desjardins, of the City and District of Montreal, merchant, and there doing business alone under the name and firm of "Desjardins & Viens," Insolvent.
The creditors of said Insolvent are hereby ordered to appear before one of the Judges of this Court, in the Court room No. 31, in the Court House, at Montreal, on the eighth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in order to give their advice touching the apointment of a curator and inspectors to the property of the said Insolvent.
W. H. COLLARD,
Deputy Prothonotary, S.C.
Montreal, 29th December, 1899.

CALLING IN CREDITORS.
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal.
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.—NO. 137.
In the matter of J. H. Sylva Frappier, of the City and District of Montreal, architect, Insolvent.
The creditors of said Insolvent are hereby ordered to appear before one of the Judges of this Court, in the Court room No. 31, in the Court House, at Montreal, on the fifth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in order to give their advice touching the appointment of a curator and inspectors to the property of the said Insolvent.
L. H. COLLARD,
Deputy Prothonotary, S.C.
Montreal, 27th December, 1899.

Montreal City and District Savings Bank.
NOTICE.
The Bank will be closed at the Head Office and Branches, Saturday, the 30th December, according to its charter, in order to add the interest to depositors' accounts.
HY. BARBEAU,
Manager.
Montreal, 28th December, 1899.

HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF MONTREAL.
TENDERS
For Building Materials.
Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 2nd January, 1900, for the undermentioned materials.
CUT STONE, BROKEN STONE, PORTLAND CEMENT, SAND.
Specifications may be seen and forms of tender obtained from Mr. John Kennedy, Chief Engineer, at this office.
The Harbor Commissioners do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tenders.
DAVID SEATH,
Secretary.
57 Common Street,
Montreal, 27th December, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that Thomas Cote, journalist, of the City and District of Montreal, will ask the Legislature of Quebec, at its next session, to pass a bill authorizing him among its members after examination. Dandurand, Brodeur & Boyer, Attorneys for the Applicant.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatre Francais.
W. E. PHILLIPS, Lessee and Manager.
WEEK OF DEC. 25th.
The Famous Melo-Drama,
Around the World in Eighty Days
And the Deaves, Marionettes.
Prices as usual. Phone East 316 for Seats.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy, Props. & Mgrs.
WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY.
ARIZONA
JANUARY, 1ST, 1900.
SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S MATINEE.
"The Play of the Year."
Prices 25c to $1.50.
Regular Saturday Mat.
Seats on sale Thursday, at Star Library Club, St. James St. and Star Branch Office, Peel Street.

H. L. PUTNAM,
Real Estate.
Mortgage Loans, Valuation
TEMPLE BUILDING.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY THIS WEEK.
Matinees—Wed. and Sat.
Received with great applause. "A Positive Strong Real Hit."
W. A. BRADY'S Superb Production
The Sorrows of Satan
PRICES—25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00.
NEXT WEEK JAMES A. HERNE'S Great Play
Hearts of Oak

ACADEMY NEW YEAR'S WEEK.
MATINEES:
Monday Wednesday and Saturday
JAS. A. HERNE'S Great Play
HEARTS OF OAK.
Prices—25c, 50, 75c and $1.00.
Seats Now on Sale.

Theatre Royal Every afternoon and Evening.
THIS WEEK DEC. 25th.
THE AMERICAN BEAUTIES
INCLUDING W. B. Watson and Jeannette Dupre. PRICES—10, 20 & 30 cts.
NEXT WEEK—The Funny Musical Farce Comedy, MULDOON'S PICNIC.

Windsor Hall
TO-NIGHT!
Also FRIDAY and SATURDAY, with special Matinee on Saturday, at 3 p.m.
Admission, 25 cents.
Reserved Seats, 50 cts.



If you have not seen MISS FAY you miss a rare treat.
Tickets on Sale at Shaw's, 2274 St. Catherine Street.

Positively Last Appearance in Montreal of MARVELLOUS
ANNA EVA
FAY
and Company of
CLEVER ENTERTAINERS
Friday Night, Benefit Patriotic Fund.

ARENA HOCKEY!
Saturday, Dec. 30, '99,
AT 8.15 P.M.
SHAMROCK vs. VICTORIA
(Champions.)
Admission, 25c; Reserved Seats, 35c and 50c; Box Seats, $1.00; Boxes (6 seats), $5.00.
Seats on sale at Club Shoe Store, 2417 St. Catherine Street; 'Phone Up 2137, or Slater's Shoe Store, 249 St. James Street; 'Phone Main 2592.

COCHRANE'S AUDITORIUM | Prince Arthur Skating Rink
Corner Duluth and St. Urbain Streets.
Give the children a treat for New Years by giving them a ticket for the rink. Special inducements to families. Band Saturday Afternoon and New Year's Afternoon and Evening. Good Ice.

The Latest Fashion is to offer Your Friends a Hot Cup of
OXOL
FLUID BEEF
When making their Xmas and New Year's Calls.
— IT IS —
THE CUP THAT CHEERS BUT NOT INEBRIATES.
Sold by all Druggists and Grocers.
Ask for OXOL and take no substitute.

OPEN LATE
....Saturday Night.
HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR ALL.
Toys—Half Price.
3 special tables ladened with Beautiful Toys, to be cleared at Half Price.
Dolls—Half Price.
Every Doll to be cleared at Half Price, no exceptions.
Toys—Special Lines.
1 table of choice Toys to be sold at a discount of 25 p. c. off.
Fancy Goods.
Special table Fancy Goods to clear at 25 p. c. off.
Albums, 33⅓ off.
Electro Plate, hollow ware, 10 p. c. off.
Photo Frame, Half Price.
REFRESHMENT ROOM. SECOND FLOOR.
Ogilvy's, = St. Catherine and Mountain Sts.

Seal Brand Coffee

(1 lb. and 2 lb. cans.)

Its Purity is its Strength

Flavor and Fragrance its natural attributes.

Imitations are numerous. Avoid them.

CHASE & SANBORN,

MONTREAL AND BOSTON.

SILVER JUBILEE

Celebrated by the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING.

Important Speeches by the President and Mr. Cresse — The Latter Speaks of French-Canadian Loyalty.

The silver anniversary of the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association was celebrated in the Ladies' Ordinary of the Windsor Hotel last evening, with a large banquet. It was one of the most successful banquets ever held by the association and the many present will ever carry a pleasant recollection of the anniversary. The speeches were good, the entertainment excellent and the dinner itself all that could be desired.

President Murdock, inintroducing the toast list, remarked:

We are met again at our annual festival. I trust that you have done justice to the good things so far provided. We will spend a short time together in social intercourse, we will strive to forget the cares and perplexities of every-day life. Our customers from one end of Canada to the other are enjoying themselves at this festive season, let us do the same.

We are approaching the close of the 19th century—wonderful century; to review its great events we have neither the time nor disposition. During its progress, wonderful events have transpired, wonderful discoveries have been made, and wonderful works have been done.

As an association we have been in existence a quarter of a century. This is our silver anniversary. Twenty-five years ago our membership numbered 251, with a grand surplus in funds of $534.92. The next year 1876, our membership was 377, an increase of 50 per cent., with a grand surplus of $2,103.97.

The association has continued to increase, the membership now being 3,200. We have paid to the families of deceased members in mortuary benefits the sum of $250,000, and after meeting all our running expenses we have in funds a grand surplus of $170,000.

The association has demonstrated its usefulness in many directions, and to-day its members are under great obligation to its founders.

We step into the 20th century with the highest anticipations. May continued prosperity be ours.

Some weeks ago, the President of the Transvaaal Republic declared war, against Great Britain. The horrors of war are upon us. The cry "to arms" has gone forth. From every part of "The greatest Empire that has been" has come the reply, "Here am I; send me." This Canada of ours has already contributed of its best and bravest, who are now, perhaps, in the thickest of the fight.

We know that they will acquit themselves as true soldiers, reflecting honor upon their native land.

This association is particularly interested in this war, two of our members being among the first in volunteering to defend the flag in far-off Africa. One, a French-Canadian, the other an English-Canadian, both British Canadians of the truest type. Let us give them honorable mention. L. A. A. Hudon, of Quebec; Arthur W. Wilkins, of Montreal. They closed their sample cases, resigned their positions, and are now face to face with the enemy. May the sacrifice they make reflect the honor of Canada as a part of the great British Empire.

In view of the events now transpiring, I am sure that the proposition which it is my privilege to make, will meet with enthusiastic support.

I now ask you to prepare to honor the greatest personage in the British Empire. I propose the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty, "Queen Victoria."

THE TOASTS.

Following the worthy president's speech, the evening toast list entertainment was next considered. Instrumental (mandolin), selected, J. G. Graham and A. P. Wallace; vocal, "Rule Britannia," E. A. Wright; toast, "Trade and Commerce," by Messrs. J. E. Wright, C. F. Smith, Ald. H. Laporte and R. C. Wilkins; recitation, "Eugene Aram," Percy Moore; vocal, Canada, Mon Pays, E. D. Lebel; vocal, "Robins Come Again," R. C. Beauchamp; toast, "Our New Directors," Messrs. L. T. LeSueur, D. M. Lefebvre, and J. H. Brims; vocal, "Palms," J. A. Fournier; toast, "Our Mutual Benefit Society," Messrs. Joseph Morrow and David Watson; vocal, "Absent-Minded Beggar," Harry Rick; toast, "Legal Profession," Mr. L. G. A. Cresse; vocal, "The Donovans," Charles L. Gurd; toast, "The Press," James Bingham and J. S. McDonnell.

MR. CRESSE'S SPEECH.

Mr. Cresse, in the course of his address, said:

"Allow me to congratulate you for having elected to preside over the destinies of your association fellow-countrymen of mine as Mr. Rowland and Mr. Piche. I see in that a most encouraging symptom for the future, a consoling evidence that the four races who have been called by Providence to work the destinies of this great and beautiful country of ours are every day more and more impressed with a spirit union. I see in it a positive proof that we understand better every day that patriotism which makes it a sacred duty for us to live and work together as one great family, if we want to enter seriously the path which leads us to public prosperity and national grandeur. I hope that we will continue to live happy under the British Crown. And I may add, that as a British subject, and as a believer in the rights of mankind and humanity, I have the greatest respect for the Queen of queens who is now guiding the destinies of the Empire, and who has had crowned her long and great career with the greatest event of her life, her golden jubilee.

"We sympathize with the English people in their present struggle from the bottom of our hearts, and we hope that before long the British arms will be victorious.

"As a representative of the French pioneers who have colonized this country, I may say that the sorrows of England are our sorrows, and we expressed the hope that Canada will always be attached to the British Empire by the most sacred bonds that exist in the world, the bonds arising out of admiration and gratefulness, which are due to England for her protection, and for making us enjoy our liberty and freedom.

"We are loyal, we French-Canadians, to the Old Flag, which had been carrying on the world in the vanguard of progress and civilization, and I sincerely believe that England will add another to its many glories by conquering the Transvaal.

THE GUESTS.

Among those present were: Max Murdock, Chas. F. Smith, H. Laporte, David Watson, Principal Grove, Chas. Gurd, L. Larose, W. A. Tremblay, J. A. Quesnel, J. Weinberg, Harry W. Fox, C. Theoret, Joseph Cuayer, W. Rorr Bowle, J. C. Brims, E. Fred. Dugan, E. E. Brewster, Clarence F. Smith, Thomas Conroy, W. P. Beauchamp, T. Yates Foster, A. D. Kyle, E. A. Wright, Thos. L. Paton, Newton Luckee, Alfred G. Gardner, James Travers Gardner, William Henry Evans, James White, Hercules Giroux, Ferdinand St. Louis, T. S. Bellby, M. Laurcarit, B. P. Benoit, H. G. Bisson, A. Drouin, W. F. Rowell, Geo. A. Stone, George Lindsay, Pantaleon Jobin, J. E. Garneau, Arthur E. Ibbotson, Eugene Cadieux, J. G. Wallace (Toronto), Thos. Johnston (Toronto), R. D. Winne, T. O'Brien, A. R. Calvin, Antoine J. Tellier, W. T. Merrick, Alfred T. Hodge, P. Gauthier, Robert Thompson, Chas. M. Mills, Alfred N. Thompson, T. E. Penny, A. E. Jackson, James Croil, J. E. Wright Alex. Strachan, H. Pearce, W. McLaren Angus, H. C. Parker, W. Stavert, W. A. Laurie, jr., John A. Stewart, W. J. Marshall, S. Blanstein, H. M. Larue, H. W. Wadsworth, Robert C. Wilkins, W. H. Olive, E. W. Barlow, Geo. H. Bishop, Dan Gilmour, Fred. F. Picton, Geo. A. Roome, W. H. Brown, W. E. Dickson, J. S. A. Macdonald, R. D. Munro, W. G. Ayling, C. P. O'Connor, J. T. Le Sueur, James Robinson, A. J. Munro, Arthur Brennan, J. O. Bourcier, Alred Lortie, Ludger Gravel, R. Simpson, L. McRobie, Arthur Cote, C. D. Cliffe, Jos. Matier, D. W. G. Dettmers, Alex. B. J. Moore, C. W. Armstrong, C. Henderson, W. C. Murray, Harry J. Dean, Herbert J. English, B. H. Bullan, Rad. Giles, P. S. Hamon, E. A. Prevost, J. A. Gratton, Hugo Rohde, F. S. Cote, Geo. Moffatt, C. A. Lockerby, T. B. Little, Walter C. Wonham, Hugh W. Wonham, G. B. Macpherson, Rod. Goulet, H. Labelle, Angula Daigneault, Brome Trudel, W. J. Egan, T. C. Savage, Arthur J. Small, Arthur Fournier, T. C. Savage, Wm. Bosgar, H. Morin, L. G. A. Cresse, N. S. Robillard, W. A. Wayland, Alfred Sauve, M. R. Cuddihy, F. X. de Grandpre, W. W. Kissock, Wm. Kissock, R. J. Cooke, Harry Rees, Percy T. Moore, Jos. Audette, Caverhill Kissock, R. Graham, C. Wallace, jr., R. I. McLaren, H. G. McLaren.

CHARTER COMMITTEE.

Spent an Afternoon Discussing Advisable Amendments to Ask Legislation For.

The committee appointed to consider advisability of amendments to the charter, met Wednesday afternoon. Mayor Prefontaine presided. The others present were Ald. Rainville, McBride, Ames, Martineau, Laporte and Archambault, City Clerk David and City Attorney Ethier were also in attendance.

The committee unanimously resolved to seek parliamentary legistation for Ald. Sadler's motion for the abolition of the machinery tax with the reservations contained in that already several times reported resolution.

The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Laberge) next came on evidence, with his proposal for the compulsory registration of births in the municipality, and the committee decided that to secure the insertion of such a clause in the Charter was putting "the right thing in the right place."

Ald. Ames advocated giving Recorder Weir as much salary as Recorder Poirier received. This received consideration, and after some more discussion the committee adjourned.

The Symphony Orchestra.

Following is the Symphony Orchestra's programme for the concert to be given at 4.30 this afternoon in the Windsor Hall.

1. Rossini—"William Tell".....Overture
2. Mozart—"The G Minor".....Symphony
   a Allegro Molto
   b Andante
   c Finale
3. Schumann—"Concerto A Minor"
   .....Piano and orchestra
4. J. Guy-Ropartz—"Serenade".....
   .....String orchestra
5. G. Canoby—"Les Violons au Camp"
   (Retrait 1646.)
6. Handel—"O, Thou that Tellest".....
   .....Contralto and orchestra
   (From Messiah.)
7. Metra—"La Vague".....Grande Valse

A New Year's Excursion.

The steamer Hochelaga will run its regular trips between the city and Longueuil on New Year's Day. This has not happened before in twenty-five years.

French Consul to Relieve.

M. Kleczkowski, consul-general of France, will hold a reception at the French consulate, 99 St. James Street, on New Year's Day at 11 a.m.



Gifts for Gentlemen

◆◆◆

A FEW SUGGESTIONS:

Silver Mounted Armlets, $1.00.
Ebony Hair Brushes, $2.75 to $4.00 pair.
Leather Cigar Cases, $1.75 to $5.00.
Silver Hat Brushes, $1.00 to $4.00.
Silver Mounted Ink Stands, $2.00 to $75.00.
Silver Key Rings, 40c to $1.00.
Silver Mounted Knives, $1.00 to $5.00.
Mucilage Bottles, $1.60.
Cigar Cutters, 60c to $3.00.

MAIL ORDERS A SPECIALTY.

◆◆◆

HENRY BIRKS & SONS,

Phillips Square, - - Montreal.

FOUND IN AN ASYLUM

Famous Tichborne Claimant Story Revived in Australia.

WILL BE INVESTIGATED.

William Creswell Bears Majority of the Marks Which Would Identify Sir Roger Tichborne.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 28.—The famous story of Tichborne claimants is revived by advices brought from Australia to-day by the steamer Aorangi. The Government of New South Wales is so impressed with probability that an inmate of Parramatta Insane Asylum, known as William Creswell, may be Sir Roger Tichborne that it has appointed a commission to enquire into the antecedents of Creswell and to investigate the circumstances connected with his incarceration. Popular impression in Sydney is favorable to the claim that Creswell is really Tichborne, and some members of the commission are strongly of the same belief. The report of Drs. Pickburn and Devlin, who were deputed to examine Creswell, with a view of ascertaining whether he bore the marks known to have been on the body of Sir Roger Charles Tichborne, has been presented to Parliament of New South Wales.

Twenty-two physical marks of the real Roger Tichborne, were enumerated for the benefit of examining physicians, and these two doctors found that Creswell possessed practically all of these marks, and characteristics. There are only two circumstances in which Creswell fails to correspond, according to evidence of Doctors Pickburn and Devlin, to the signs which are admitted to have been borne by the missing Tichborne. One of these is that there are no marks of bleeding cuts on Creswell's ankles. But the examining physicians point out that such marks might easily have been obliterated on the legs after long years.

The other and apparently the more serious discrepancy is that while Tichborne was 5 feet 8 1-2 inches high, Creswell is 5 feet 6 3-4 inches, but the physicians say Creswell is now an old and withered man. The shrinkage in height would be a natural result of senility, and probably fifteen years ago Creswell may have been 5 feet 8 1-2 inches in height. The doctors say there is, at any rate, no certainty that he was not. The tatoo marks which existed on Tichborne do not exist on Creswell, but there is a wound in the exact locality which might be that of a cautery directed to the extirpation of tattooing. The medical experts say that so many marks of similarity could hardly be put down to coincidence. The investigation was incomplete when the Aorangi sailed from Sydney December 5.

MURDER OF A PLANTER.

Details of the murder at his Samoan home on November 13 of Frank Cornwall, the wealthiest British planter in the Samoan group, are brought by the Aorangi. He was murdered in his sleep by natives. Hitherto foreigners have felt secure in times of peace because Samoans have looked upon foreign lives as sacred and would never approach a white man with deliberate purposes of harming him, no matter what aggravation there might have been. But this feeling towards foreigners has changed, and although young Cornwall was generally popular, he is only one of the several prominent foreigners whose lives have been threatened.

At the request of the missionaries of the New Hebrides group, a punitive expedition has been sent from Sydney to Tanna by Admiral Pearson, of the British navy.

FEELING AT SYDNEY.

The pleasant thought that Great Britain consulted the Australian colonies before coming to an agreement with Germany over Samoa, is removed by news received from Sydney. It seems that information regarding Samoa was sent to the governors of the colonies to communicate to the premiers. It was understood to be of a confidential nature. It was suggested that the premiers' conference should be held, but before this could be arranged the premiers were surprised to see the matter fully reported in the press. They also found that the question had been settled without asking their advice.

Some of the Australian premiers have said some severe things about being consulted "after the event." The opinion of the people in the Antipodes is perhaps summed up by the Sydney Morning Herald as follows:

"In a time like the present we must not embarrass the British Government in preserving its foreign relations, but at the same time it has to be said that so sudden and complete a transfer of political power in the Pacific will come as a disappointment to a large number of Australians."

Hon. Mr. Seddon, New Zealand Premier, complains that large quantities of frozen meat and produce are awaiting shipment to South Africa, but no steamers are obtainable.

Bush ranging has not quite died out in Australia. At Rather Glen, Victoria, at mid-day, a mine manager was "stuck up" by two armed and masked men and robbed of $9,000 which he had drawn from the bank to pay wages. The place where the bush ranging incident took place is thickly populated.

During the tribal war in the New Hebrides the Tanna trading station was looted and missionaries had to fly for their lives. The two natives who acted as guides to the officers of H. M. S. Wallaroo, during the recent punitive expedition in Tanna, are reported to have been killed.

THE LODGES.

FEDERATION LODGE, A.O.U.W.

The regular meeting of Federation Lodge, No. 2, A.O.U.W., was held at the Masonic Temple building last evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: J. J. Robinson, M.W.; Wm. J. Maire, P.M.W.; G. R. Gray, foreman; W. F. Wilson, overseer; T. D. Holland, recorder; W. J. Jones, financier; W. J. Little, receiver; W. J. Mathewson, guide; G. Paton, inside watchman; W. Simpson, outside watchman; W. J. Pendleton, W. C. Austin and T. D. Holland, trustees; Dr. C. S. Stroud and Dr. W. H. Drummond, medical examiners; W. J. Pendleton, representative to Grand Lodge; Wm. J. Daire, alternate. Mr. Guy R. Dewar presented E. W. Benthner, P.M.W., on behalf of the lodge, with a handsome diamond and opal scarf pin in recognition of his long continued services to the lodge. Mr. Benthner acknowledged the gift in feeling terms.

COURT MAPLE LEAF, C.O.F.

The regular meeting of Court Maple Leaf, No. 20, Canadian Order of Foresters, was held at Walford Hall last evening, and after the usual business, the election of officers for 1900 was proceeded with, resulting as follows: W. Haggerty, chief ranger; Mr. Lockhart, vice-chief ranger; W. Watson, recording secretary; P. E. Lunn, financial secretary; W. Armstrong, treasurer; H. Maynard, chaplain; Dr. Robertson, auditor; W. Donnely, S.W.; Mr. Giroux, J.W.; Mr. Kerley, S.B.; Mr. Williams, J.B.; Dr. Robertson, physician: Messrs. Rae, Donnely and Watson, trustees; J. H. Dodgson, representative to Grand Lodge; P. E. Lunn, alternate. At the close of the election a pleasant hour was spent socially.

MIZPAH LODGE, I.O.O.F.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, I.O.O.F., in the rooms, Phillips Square, last evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: J. P. Ross, N.G.; H. O. Edy, V.G.; Wm. Chambers, P.G., recording secretary; Alex. Grant, P.G., financial secretary; J. Shirlow, P.G., treasurer; Dr. Herbert Tatley, physician; J. J. Reed, O. W. Barwick and J. T. Sadler, trustees. Past Grand Master J. A. Finlayson presented J. J. Reed with a veteran's jewel, and Past Grand A. A. Murphy also presented J. T. Sadler with a veteran's jewel, both brethren having completed their twenty-five years' continuous connection with Mizpah Lodge. After the meeting refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour enjoyed.

LOYAL EXCELSIOR LODGE, I.O.O.F., M.U.

The regular meeting of Loyal Excelsior Lodge, No. 6247, I.O.O.F., M.U., was held in the Oddfellows' Chambers, 1863 Notre Dame Street, last evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: W. G. Hastie, grand master; A. H. Hastie, N.G.; E. J. Hastie, V.G.; H. Sproule, recording secretary; P. Jacobovitz, warden; J. Wallace, conductor.

RICHARD COEUR DE LION PRECEPTORY, K.T.

The regular December conclave of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 7, Knights Templar, was held at the Masonic Temple last evening, when the following Sir Knights were elected to office for 1900: —William Campbell, eminent preceptor; D. A. Young, constable; T. A. Emmans, marshal; George Carson, captain; Charles Manhire, registrar; I. H. Stearns, K.C.T., treasurer (re-elected for the twenty-second consecutive term); Henry Briggs, sub-marshal; John Lawrance, guide. At the conclusion of the work of the conclave, supper was served in the banquetting hall, when the usual toasts were honored. The various speakers, including Provincial Prior J. B. Tresidder, Past Supreme Grand Master W. H. Whyte, and others, all complimented Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory for its important work in the interest of Knight Templary.

COURT PRIDE OF THE EAST, C.O.F.

The annual election of officers of Court Pride of the East, No. 19, Canadian Order of Foresters, took place last evening at the hall on Chatham Street, with the following result:—Alex. Woods, chief ranger; F. X. St. Amour, vice chief ranger; C. E. Stevenson, financial secretary (re-elected); W. J. Darragh, recording secretary (re-elected); F. White, treasurer; J. H. Otten, chaplain; A. Dixon, S.W.; C. Monahan, J.W.; J. Trudeau, S.B.; D. Calder, J.B.; Dr. W. H. Smyth, Court physician; John Meyers, auditor; T. M. Taylor, W. McPhee and W. Duncan, trustees; F. White and J. H. Otten, representatives to High Court.

HANCOCK POST, G. A. R.

The annual election of officers of Hancock Post, G. A. R., for the ensuing year were held at the last regular meeting, with the following results: Commander George Murray (re-elected); S. G., Peter Revor; J. G., Myron T. Harrington; Q. M., Henry Warner; adjutant, George N. Baker (re-appointed); chaplain, James Young; O.D., Elisha Stilwell; O.G., Rev. Robert Brown; post surgeon, Calvin Greenleaf.

BEAVER LODGE, I.O.O.F.

The regular meeting of Beaver Lodge, No. 6, I.O.O.F., was held at 590 Wellington Street, on Tuesday evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—Joshua Ward, N.G.; James Biggs, V.G.; D. J. Dickson, P.G.M., recording secretary; F. W. Berridge, financial secretary; Dr. A. R. Griffiths, physician.

COURT PRINCE ARTHUR, I.O.F.

Court Prince Arthur, I.O.F., No. 1867, I.O.F., has elected the following officers. C.D.H.C.R., Bro. James Mackie; court physicians, Bros. G. A. Berwick, M.D., S. F. Wilson, M.D.; C.R., Bro. A. M. Wovenden, P.C.R., Bro. E. A. Thomas; V.C.R., Bro. W. C. Davison; recording secretary, Bro. T. J. Kavanaugh (re-elected); financial secretary, Bro. F. Davison; treasurer, Bro. R. E. Boyd (re-elected); orator, Bro. W. A. Dougherty; S.W.W., Bro. A. Trudeau; J. W. W., Bro. W. Sharp; S.B., Bro. T. J. Wall; J.B., Bro. J. E. West; trustees, Bros. R. E. Boyd, and E. A. Thomas; Finance Committee, Bros. A. M. Wovenden and W. Davison.

MONTREAL ENCAMPMENT, I.O.O.F.

The regular meeting of Montreal Encampment, No. 1, I.O.O.F., was held at 25 St. James street, on Wednesday evening, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: J. S. Walker, Chief Patriarch; Mr. Varey, Senior Warden; O. W. Barwick, High Priest; D. J. Dickson P.C.P., Recording Scribe; J. A. Finlayson P.C.P., Financial Scribe; A. W. Staveley P.C.P., Treasurer; R. Walker, Junior Warden.

WELLINGTON LODGE, I.O.O.F.

At the regular meeting of Wellington Lodge, No. 20, I.O.O.F., held at 2542 Notre Dame street, on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for next term: Arthur Wilson, N.G.; J. Newton, V.G.; S. J. Breton, Recording Secretary; C. J. Williams, P.G., Permanent Secretary; W. Kennedy, P.G., Treasurer; T. J. Potter, G.S.; J. Millar, P.G., and A. F. Waters, P.G., trustees; Dr. J. J. Ross and Dr. J. A. Henderson, physicians.

RATHBONE LODGE, K.P.

Rathbone Lodge, No. 6, Knights of Pythias, which was recently for med, held its first annual election of officers at Victoria Hall, Westmount, last evening, when the following rulers were elected for next year: —Dr. E. R. Brown, chancellor commander; R. A. T. Craig, vice chancellor; M. Luke, prelate; F. W. Laskey, master of works; G. Patrick, keeper of records and seals; M. Boyd, master of finance; H. Nolton, master of exchequer; Major E. R. Barton, master at arms; R. H. Craig, and F. Laskey, past chancellors. The rank of Knight was conferred on two candidates, and the visitors included the district deputy supreme chancellor.

HIBERNIAN KNIGHTS.

At last evening's annual meeting of the Hibernian Knights, which was held at 2042 Notre Dame Street, last evening, the following officers were elected:—President, P. Keane; vice-president, W. P. Milloy; recording and corresponding secretary, M. Bermingham; treasurer, P. Doyle; standing committee—P. Murphy, J. P. O'Brien, M. J. Doyle; finance committee—M. J. Doyle, W. J. Clarke, P. Tobin; hall committee—P. Keane, M. Bermingham, J. Keane; guard, Wm. Mitchell; conductor, P. McAteer. A letter was read from John Devoy, of New York, stating that he would deliver the address at the annual concert of the knights, to be held in the Windsor Hall, January 15, his subject being, "Ireland's Right to Self-Government." A large number of the knights will visit Boston in May to compete against the independent military organizations of the Irish Americans.

COURT LACHINE I.O.F.

At a meeting of Court Lachine, I.O.F., held in St. Stephen's Hall December 26, the following officers were elected:—C.D. H.R.C., A. Goldwater; physicians, Drs. A. G. Morphy, I. Laidley; C.R., H. Campbell; P.C.R., R. Wiggins; V.C.R., S. Kelly; R.S., S. Whelehan; F.S., Wm. Beadle; treasurer, W. S. Bell; orator, L. Bonnenfant; S.W., S. Dedburn; J.W., J. Prosser; S.B., T. Keeler; J.B., V. Cousineau; organist, R. Johns; finance committee—H. Gurman and Dr. Laidley; trustees—E. A. Ranson and P. Fleming.

SAVE THE BABY!

PURE MILK

25 Per Cent. Above City Standard.

Guaranteed free from disease germs. Recommended by prominent physicians. To introduce it we will give twenty-two (22) Quart Tickets, $1.00. Try it and be convinced.

CROIL & McCULLOUGH DAIRY CO.,

Tel. Main 2857. 614 ST. PAUL STREET.

JOHN MURPHY & CO.

TOYS and HOLIDAY NOVELTIES

At Extraordinary Discounts.

The undernoted discounts will hold good in our Holiday Department Friday and Saturday. Our magnificent stock, notwithstanding our immense Christmas trade, still offers a practically unlimited range of choice in Toys and Novelties of all kinds.

Toys, 33 1-3 to 50 per cent discount
Dolls, 25 to 50 per cent discount
Sleighs, Games & Dolls' Carriages, 25 p.c. discount
New Year's Cards, 50 per cent discount
Art Calendars, 33 1-3 per cent discount
Fancy Vases, 25 per cent discount
Fancy Baskets, 20 per cent discount
Trimmed Millinery, 20 to 50 p.c. discount
Mantles, 20 to 50 p.c. discount

Open late TO-NIGHT and SATURDAY for the Holiday Trade

John Murphy & Co.

Terms Cash 2343 ST. CATHERINE STREET, cor. Metcalfe. Tel. Up 933

We Desire

To express to our many friends our thanks for their liberal patronage during the year just ending. We have endeavored to use our customers well. We have sold reliable Clothing, and at the most reasonable rates, and the large trade we secured we hope still to increase in the year soon to begin.

JUST NOW, we find our stock too large in several departments. We find it would be advantageous to clear out a large number of our Overcoats, even at a sacrifice. We have too many Children's Ulsters and Blanket Coats, and these, too, must go. Our inducement to buy will be low figures.

MARK THE REDUCTIONS:

All Wool Beaver Overcoat, sold at	$12.00, now	$9.00.
About 100 left, sold before at	10.00, now	7.50.
About 200 left, sold before at	7.50, now	5.00.
Blanket Coats, sold at	6.00, now	4.50.
Blanket Coats, sold before at	5.00, now	3.50.
Children's Frieze Ulsters, sold at	5.00, now	4.00.
Children's Frieze Ulsters, sold at	4.00, now	2.75.

Look at the New Year's Presents you can purchase and at the remarkably low prices. Will our friends and readers of our ads. accept our best wishes for a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Workman's Mammoth Clothing House,

MARK WORKMAN, Proprietor. 1888 and 1890 Notre Dame Street.

THE FIELD OF SPORT.

NEW RECORDS ON ICE

Norval Baptie, Tom Eck's Protege, Skates Against Time.

FIGURES ARE RECOGNIZED.

Officials Present to See That the Times Credited Were Correct—Championship Changes.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 28.—The fastest skating ever done in the world for half a mile and a quarter mile, straightaway, was accomplished to-day on Lake Minnetonka, near this city. Norval Baptie, of Bathgate, N.D., lowered the quarter mile record of 31 1-4 seconds made by John S. Johnson, to 28 1-5 seconds. After a rest of twenty minutes Baptie started for the half mile record of Joe Donohue, of New York, and Olaf Rudd, of Minneapolis, and lowered it from 1.05 2-6 to 1.00 2-5. The records are official and made under the auspices of the Excelsior Ice Yacht Club.

Baptie skated at Montreal last year, being one of Tom Eck's string. He claims to have been born near Peterborough, Ont.

Dates Have Been Unchanged.

Newburgh, N.Y., Dec. 28.—The Newburgh wheelmen, by whom the National amateur skating races are to be conducted this year, agreed to-day to exchange dates with the North-Western Skating Association. This has been brought about through President Curtis of the National Association, President A. D. Smith of the North-Western Association, and the Newburgh wheelmen. The date now set for the eastern championship races is January 26 and 27. The change is from February 9 and 10, which dates have been given up to accommodate the North-Western. The races will be 500, 1,500, 500 and 1,000 meters. Other events will be scheduled later and all will have first, second and third prizes. Disqualifications by the N.C.A. and L.A.W. will not be recognized by the National Skating Association, and every amateur, unless there is some other substantial reason found against his amateur status, will be allowed to start.

GOAL NETS TO-MORROW NIGHT.

Victorias and Shamrocks Will Test the Contrivances at the Arena —Hockey Gossip.

The public trial of the goal nets in hockey will take place at the Arena at 8.15 to-morrow night in a match between the Victorias and Shamrocks. Delegates from all the clubs in the C. A. H. L. will be in attendance, and the O. H. A. will send a strong representation to ascertain what effect the nets have on the game.

Adopted Cages in New York.

New York, Dec. 28.—At a meeting of the Amateur Hockey League last night at the St. Nicholas Skating Rink the New York Naval Reserves were admitted to membership in place of the disbanded Montclair A. C. team. The schedule will stand just as it was originally adopted, the Reserves playing on the dates on which the Montclairs were supposed to play.

The admission of the Reserves will undoubtedly have the effect of encouraging the many athletes now in the National Guard to take up hockey as a winter sport. The First Naval Reserves have a strong team and are expected to make a good showing for the championship. The Second Naval Reserves are already working for a team, while the Twenty-third Regiment is considering the organization of one. It is not at all improbable that a National Guard hockey league will eventually be formed.

The Amateur League last night also adopted a new constitution and by-laws and changed the reading of some of the rules. At the suggestion of H. Drakely it was decided to use a goal cage instead of upright posts.

Sensible People.

The Western Pennsylvania Hockey League held a meeting at Duquesne Garden, the gathering having been called because of the recent ungentlemanly action of some of the players. Besides rowdy playing, several other subjects were brought up. One of the most important decisions arrived at was to have nets back of the goal posts, into which the puck must be shot before a goal is counted.—Pittsburg Exchange.

New Junior League To-night.

A meeting will be held in the Point St. Charles Amateur Athletic Association rooms this evening for the purpose of forming a new junior hockey league. Delegates from all clubs interested are invited.

Harvard's Prospects Bright.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 28.—The Harvard hockey team had its first practice yesterday afternoon on Artificial pond, Cambridge. There were about 15 players out, including a good many new men. Capt. Beardsell is very much pleased with the prospects for a varsity team this year. There are man yold men back, and the freshmen class contains several of the best players in this part of the country, among them Walter Clarkson, who was a star on the Interscholastic league last year, and Penhallow of Montreal, who knows the game thoroughly. A Canadian coach, to be chosen by George Wright, will be employed. Following is the schedule, all games to be played at Cambridge, except that with Brown:

Jan. 6 and 10, M. I. T.; Jan. 13, picked team of Canadian hockey players; Jan. 20, Brown, at Providence; Jan. 27, Yale; Feb. 3, Brown; Feb. 7, M. I. T.; Feb. 17, Yale (place to be decided on later.)

Other games will be played with the law school team, class teams and with New England Hockey League teams.

Pickings from Puck.

The McGill team went to New York last night.

The Toronto Wellingtons will play in London New Year's Day.

The first local hockey match of the season will take place at the Arena to-morrow night.

The Aberdeen executive has reached the same conclusion as the Ottawas, that fast skating is a most desirable acquirement for hockey players, and in order to develop speed it has been decided to hold a series of skating races forw hich good prizes will be offered.

The Ottawa Hockey Club will have to secure another secretary-treasurer, as the present incumbent, Mr. W. G. Bishop, has volunteered for the Transvaal and will likely be accepted. Mr. Bishop has made many friends in Ottawa during his residence there.

The following team will represent the Aberdeens in their match at Peterboro with the Peterboro etam: Goal, A. Cope; point, B. McDonald; cover point, A. Living; forwards, F. McGee, E. O'Connor, D. Gilmour and M. McGuire. P. Baskerville will manage the team, and C. McGee and T. P. Morton, executive members, will also go.

Queen's will play a friendly game with the Cornwall puck chasers at Cornwall New Year's night. Nearly all of the old Cornwall players are out, and they will have to hustle to keep their places on the team, for the junior players are numerous, husky and agile, and are bound to be heard from. The match promises to be a close one, and will do much to prepare the Cornwall's for their first championship game which will take place in Iroquois, Jan. 6.

Point Team Beat the Royal.

The senior teams of the Royals and Point St. Charles Amateur Athletic Association played last night on the P.A.A.A. alleys, and the Point team won by a majority of 177 pins. The following were the teams and scores:

	—Strings—			T'tl.
Chretien	209	159	151	519
Germain	134	162	127	423
Duffy	168	159	138	465
Brais	133	136	150	419
Fillion	177	179	178	534
Belque	135	128	102	365
				2,725

P. A. A. A.

	—Strings.—			T'tl
Drabble	145	146	132	423
Richmond	138	171	103	412
Fenn	165	155	185	505
Earwaker	137	193	190	520
Surgeon	167	122	196	485
Cunningham	175	197	185	557
				2,902

Majority for P.A.A.A.—177.

Sporting News of All Kinds.

The Lachine Skating Club rink will open to-morrow.

Several New York cycle clubs talk of arranging club runs for New Year's Day if the weather be at all favorable.

The president and officers of the Montreal Caledonia Curling Club will be "at home" to their friends on Monday from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

A. A. Zimmerman is in New York making some arrangements for his proposed European tour. He said he had begun training, and took daily walks of from ten to twenty miles. He expects to sail for France about the first week in February.

The Knickerbocker Athletic Club has secured Madison Square Garden, New York, for February 10 to give another athletic carnival. The meeting will not be confined strictly to track and field events. In all probability there will be a game of college basket ball, and also an open college team relay race.

Eighteen members of the Quebec Curling Club competed yesterday for the Brodie Cup. It was the fortieth anniversary of the admission of the donor, Mr. William Brodie, as member of the club. Mr. E. Pope came off with 41, which was the highest score. Messrs. Pope, Bignell, Veasey, Champion, Rattray and Dean are now entitled to play in the final competition.

At a meeting of the Registration Committee of the Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic Union, to be held at the Astor House, New York, on Jan. 3, the advisability of holding an association cross-country championship will be considered. The committee will also discuss a proposition for the holding of a senior and a junior basket ball championship.

Reuben C. Thurwachter, an enthusiastic ice yachtsman of Syracuse, has purchased a new boat for the ice which is a decided novelty. Mr. Thurwachter's new boat is known as an "ice rowboat." The boat takes its name from the fact that it is propelled in a manner something similar to an ordinary rowboat. It only seats one person. It is said that the new boat is a great muscle developer, especially for the back and arms.

The Belmont Cricket Club of Philadelphia, which last year narrowly escaped disbandment, has had during the last season one of the most successful years of its existence. The club has now on its rolls 860 members, and its receipts this year exceeded the expenditures by $1,100. At a recent meeting of the club the following officers were elected for 1900:—President, T. B. Colohan, jr.; vice-presidents, G. W. Statzell and J. B. McCall; treasurer, J. V. Ellison; secretary, E. K. Leech; corresponding secretary, J. H. Brown. The club intends to spend a week in New York.

BALL PLAYERS GO TO CUBA.

Abner Powell Takes a Team for a Month's Tour—Catcher Goudin g in the Bunch.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 28.—Abner Powell sailed by the Morgan Line steamer to-day for Cuba with a team of baseball players. They will spend a month in Havana and Matanzas. Among the players were Goudling, of Kansas City; Childs, of Philadelphia; Steinfield, of Cincinnati; and McAllister, of St. Louis. Gondling played with Wilkesbarre in the Eastern League in 1898.

Baseball Brevities.

Manager Hanlon says the Baltimores in Chicago or New York would be worth $100,000.

Gastfield, who used to catch Charley Getzein in Detroit, died recently in Chicago, at the age of 34.

Harry Noyes, of New Haven, who played third base for the Pawtuckets and Manchesters of the New England League last season, has signed to play with the Worcesters next season.

An exchange of Herman Long, of Boston, for Monte Cross, of Philadelphia, would be a splendid thing—for Philadelphia. With Long in Philadelphia that team would come very near being a pennant winner.

There is a scheme on foot at New Orleans for the organizing of a team to play exhibition games at Cuba just after the holidays. Beckley and Steinfeldt, of the Cincinnatis, will probably be members of the team.

Manager George Huff, of the University of Illinois nine, recently visited Princeton, N.J., to arrange a game with Princeton University team for next spring. The matter is still in abeyance, but may be satisfactorily settled in the near future.

The treatment Hugh Jennings throwing arm is receiving at Philadelphia promises to greatly benefit it. It is not at all likely that he will ever play short field again, even if he should entirely regain the use of it. His success as a first baseman is too pronounced for him to ever relinquish that position while playing ball.

Nothing Like Them.

in this city. This is the verdict of all our customers as to the quality, fit, finish and workmanship of our suits and overcoats. Give us your order. Hugh Ross, 206 St. James Street.

SMITH WAS TOO GOOD

Champion 115-lb. Boxer of Canada Appeared at Ottawa.

HIS OPPONENT WAS A QUITTER.

A Few of Smith's Wicked Punches Made Joe McMay, of Rochester, Drop to Avoid Punishment.

Ottawa, Dec. 28. —Joe McMay, of Rochester, who was brought here to meet Jimmy Smith, of Toronto, before the Capital Club to-night, proved a dub of the first water. He was the rankest kind of a quitter, and laid down in the second and twice in the third round, making scarcely any effort to fight. Jack Bennett, of Toronto, who was referee, counted McMay out in the third round, and on reaching ten the Rochester man got up and went to his corner smiling. Smith put it all over him all the time, and landed when and where he chose. The crowd yelled "Fake" at the end of the bout.

What was to have been a ten-round go between Alf. Allan, of Ottawa, and Barney Britton, of Toronto, was somewhat of an improvement. Britton was green, and the fight was Allan's all the way, but Britton is a husky chap, and did his best. Bennett stopped the bout in the fifth, as Britton was bleeding profusely at the nose and was covered with gore, but he was still strong on his feet.

D. Dyrkin and W. Starrs, of Ottawa, boxed three lively rounds in which honors were even. The scraps were an experiment in bringing outside boxers to Ottawa, and there was a good crowd present, but the farcical nature of the fights is sure to injure anything in the future.

The Ottawa matchmaker for the Capital Club is probably to blame. Smith is too good a fighter to match against any but the very best. Any ordinary pugilist from 112 to 120 lbs. stands little chance with this midget Hercules, who has as wicked and as hard a blow as a middleweight. Smith invariably makes his opponents look like the sum total of 10, 5 and 15 cents unless they are top-notchers, and even men of that class have to fight the best they know how to get the decision over him. Johnny Ritchie of St. Louis and Eddie Lenny of Philadelphia are the only men who have ever obtained a verdict against him. In the Ritchie fight a sprained ankle forced Smith to retire in the eighth round, and the referee declared in the seventeenth round of the Lenny contest that Smith had disregarded a set rule by striking in clinches, and the Toronto boxer was accordingly disqualified and the fight given to Lenny. Leuny is the boxer who less than a month ago fought Champion George Dixon twenty-five rounds to a draw. Ritchie has defeated nearly alll of the best men in his class. Smith can fight as low as 112 lbs. without trouble. He is almost a perfect specimen of physical development and a better puncher than most men in the ring to-day. He fights all the time, and a poor opponent has no chance whatever against him.

Definition of a Knock-out.

Some time since, Mr. Frank Passmore, the sporting expert of the Hamilton Herald, gave a clear and lucid explanation of what constituted a "knock out." His views on the subject have been confirmed by Mr. R. H. Benton (Rob Roy), of the Boston Post, an authority on fistic matters. Mr. Benton writes with emphasis, as may be judged from the subjoined article:

The following is a question that has been submitted to me scores of times, and, while I have given my decision in every instance, I have never explained in detail why I have done so. This letter speaks for itself:

"Lawrence, Mass., December 25, '99.

Dear Rob Roy—I am holding a bet on the recent Ruhlin-Conroy contest, and am unable to decide it. Will you help me?

A bet taht Ruhlin would knock Conroy out before the limit. B. bet that he wouldn't. A. claims the bet, because Conroy was groggy and would have dropped the next blow struck had Referee White not interfered, and was thus comparatively knocked out. B. claims the bet because Conroy was not down and ten seconds counted over him. Please decide for me which wins and oblige,

HENRY T——

Beyond a doubt A wins, and the stand that B takes is merely a subterfuge. In making the bet, A virtually meant that Conroy would secure a clear victory inside the limit, while B in accepting implied that his belief was that Conroy would go the limit. If he had stayed the entire twenty-five rounds, and even if the decision was against Conroy, B would have won. There has been too much dodging and evading the payment of wagers by men who have argued the same as B does. They make the pretext on the silliest of technicalities. A man that is utterly beaten and in helpless condition is virtually knocked out, and there is no reason why a referee should allow a clearly defeated man to be brutally beaten and knocked senseless to cover all the technicalities that a losing bettor may advance. The position that B assumes is really trickery. In making his bet, I reiterate that his belief was that Conroy would last the limit of the contest, and this he will admit, if he is not devoid of honor. The old argument, "common sense decides all betting points," applies itself here.

I would go still further and say that if a man bets that a boxer will knock his opponent out inside the limit of a contest, he will win if his man secures a decision underany circumstances in any round before the last round of the contest. This would include a decision on a foul. To show why this should be so, let me illustrate. Suppose some fourth class man should go against Terry McGovern for an intended twenty-five round contest. The followers of McGovern would bet big odds that their man would knock the stiff out inside the limit, which really means that Mac. would win inside the limit. Here's where a job could be worked if bets could be decided as B insists. The friends of the stiff boxing McGovern could take all the bets offered that a knockout would ensue inside the limit, and, after going a round or so, the stiff could deliberately foul and have the decision given against him. The friends of the stiff could then claim that they won their bets because their man was not knocked insensible.

McCoy Liked by Bettors.

New York, December 28.—Having satisfied physical culture experts who have visited his training quarters at Muldoon's place, at White Plains, that he is now bigger, stronger and healthier than ever before, "Kid" McCoy, who is to meet Peter Maher in a twenty-five round bout before the Coney Island Sporting Club next Monday afternoon, finds many big betters willing to wager that he will defeat the Irish champion.

Many shrewd sporting men who have hesitated betting on McCoy owing to the reports of his failing health circulated about six weeks ago, are now willing to place their money on the youthful Hoosier pugilist because they have since become convinced on seeing McCoy that he is in excellent trim. When "Jimmy" Wakely a month ago wagered $2,000 that Maher would defeat McCoy he says that he was then under the impression that McCoy's physical condition was so serious as to prevent him ever again making a good showing in the ring. After seeing McCoy go through his exercise on Saturday, Wakely became convinced that he had made a mistake in picking Maher as the winner, and not only hedged the money he placed on Peter, but now announces that he is willing to bet $2,000 more that the "Kid" will defeat the Irishman.

That Wakely's change of base has influenced quite a few persons was evidenced yesterday by the wagers recorded on the battle. "Jake" Shipsey bet $500 at even money on McCoy with George Considine, who has a commission of $2,000 from a Pittsburg man to place on Peter. "Pinafore Bill" Bryan was so enthusiastic over McCoy's chances in an argument with "Markey" Mayer on Christmas night that he wound up by betting Mayer $500 against $300 that the Hoosier pugilist would take Maher's measure next Monday.

Louis Wormser, who all along has been an admirer of McCoy, but who has hesitated about betting on the "Kid," owing to reports about his ill-health, is satisfied that McCoy is now in good shape, and he stated yesterday that he would bet any part of $15,000 that the "Kid" would get the winner's share of the purse.

It is very probable that "Pittsburg Phil," who is an ardent admirer of the Irishman, but has been unable to place any big money owing to the feeling of uncertainty about McCoy's condition, will now accommodate Mr. Wormser with a good sized bet.

McCoy freely admits that the wonderful improvement in his health has been due to the schedule of work mapped out for him by Muldoon. Since placing himself under the wrestler's care, McCoy has gained about fourteen pounds in weight, is stronger and looks bigger than at any time during his career as a pugilist. Although boxing played no part in the early stages of his training, he decided yesterday to have a few rounds with "Doc" Payne. The idea of the sparring was to make Payne hit him with all possible force and to show that his capacity for punishment had increased in proportion to his weight and strength. Everybody knows that McCoy is shifty enough on his feet and very clever with his hands, so that the exercise was not intended to improve his knowledge of the game in these departments.

The "Kid" expects to enter the ring weighing at least 175 pounds, which will be about twenty pounds more than he weighed the night he fought Sharkey at the Lenox Athletic Club.

Maher, who is naturally a very strong man, has worked faithfully for his coming contest with the "Kid." His course of training has consisted of an eight mile spin on the road every morning at six o'clock, followed by a rub down, bag punching, ten three minute rounds with Peter Burns and light exercise with dumbbells and medicine ball. In his sparring bouts with Burns Maher has endeavored to increase his knowledge of side stepping and cleverness in landing a blow and evading a return. In this respect he has been quite successful. He is much faster with his hands and much more shifty on his feet than ever before. He knows that when he meets McCoy he will have to be very active in order to dodge the "Kid's" leads, hence the time and care he has given to cultivating the speed which he thinks necessary to effect McCoy's cleverness.

Maher has been doing his training near the Morris Park race track, and all those who have visited the Irishman's quarters and have seen him at work declare that he will give a good account of himself when he dons the gloves with the "Kid." Maher remarked yesterday that those persons who have been banking on McCoy's cleverness and quickness to give him victory should not boast so much, for he might give them a big surprise. "I am a bit clever and shifty nowadays myself," said Peter, with a smile.

Diamond Belt for McGovern.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Argyle reception rooms, at 308 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, were full of boxing patrons last night. The occasion was the presentation of a championship belt to Terry McGovern. The trophy was a diamond-studded, costly affair, and was made by order of Richard K. Fox. An inscription described it as the emblem of the "bantam championship of the world." It was presented to the Brooklyn boy by Sam C. Austin, Mr. Fox's representative. McGovern was cheered over and over again when he accepted the trophy. Terry is not much of a talker. He is a fighter, pure and simple. However, he let his auditors know that he was very much obliged, and intended to hang on to the belt and the championship as long as he could. John L. Sullivan sent the following telegram: "Impossible to be with you to-night at the presentation of the belt. May you never know the word defeat, is my best wish." There were also telegrams of regret from Sam Kahn, M. C. Padden, Al Smith, Dr. A. P. Ordway, the New York representative of the National Sporting Club of London; Jim Corbett, and others.

Bits About the Boxers.

"Kid" McPartland has fought 73 battles, being defeated in only three of them.

Joe Gans and Spike Sullivan have been offered a $2,000 purse by a Hartford club.

Tom Chandler, the old-time pugilist, died in Chicago Tuesday of pleurisy of the heart.

A purse has been offered by a New York club for a fight between Fitzsimmons and Ruhlin.

In Buffalo on Tuesday night Hymie Goldstein put Jack Hogan of New York away in three rounds.

Terry McGovern has ended his knocking-out tour, and he will begin training for his bout with George Dixon.

A Hartford, Conn., club has signed Tommy West and Australian Jimmy Ryan for a 20-round fight January 16.

Spike Sullivan's ear is in such bad shape that he has asked to have his bout with George McFadden postponed from January 5.

Spike Sullivan wants to bet $1,000 that he can whip either Erne or O'Brien at the lightweight limit, 133 pounds, at the ringside.

Champion Jim Jeffries will be in Toronto the first three nights of next week as the star in Billy Brady's "Around New York in 80 Minutes."

Chicago boxers are down on the matchmakers of that city for giving the eastern boxers all the chances in the wind-ups. They threaten a general exodus east.

A new boxing club may be opened in New York by Tom O'Rourke, who is in close touch with influential politicans, and will have little trouble in securing a license.

Several attempts have been made of late to get "Kid" Lavigne in fighting trim, but the ex-lightweight champion appears to be discouraged and will not train for battle.

It is probable that Spike Sullivan will be matched to fight Billy Chester, the British lightweight, before the National Sporting Club of London.

Martin McCue will meet Joe Fairburn at Brooklyn, January 20. McCue has been asked to meet Jabez White at London, and he probably will make the trip.

Tim Kearns, the Eastern lightweight, will not fight again for two months. He has placed himself in the hands of a doctor, and has declared off all his matches.

Jim Popp, the Canadian lightweight, who was recently beaten by Spike Sullivan, has announced his intention of taking a long rest before he again tempts fortune in the ring.

Tommy Dixon, the clever Rochester lightweight, has signed articles to meet Oscar Gardner. The contest will take place on January 22 before the Metropolitan A.C. of Wheeling, W.Va.

Dal Hawkins and Patsy Sweeney have signed articles to box twenty rounds at Hartford on next Monday afternoon. If Hawkins wins this battle he will clash with Spike Sullivan again.

Jack McCormick, who bested Goddard here, tips it off that Jack Finnegan of Pittsburg, who beat him in eighteen rounds, is a coming heavyweight. The latter is a six-footer, 190 pounds in weight, and only 24 years of age.

Win or lose with Jack O'Brien, Frank Erne says he is going to retire. Erne has received an enticing offer to go into business in Buffalo, and has made up his mind to accept. He has also made preparations to take a trip to Europe in March with his mother.

Champion Jeffries' brother Jack has a longing to enter the ring. He is very clever, besides being big and strong, but the champion does not want him to take any part in the game other than to help second and train him for his contests. Jack has confided to a friend that he intends to break away from the champion.

Billy Madden will not allow easy game for the men he is managing slip by him. He now has Dick Moore agreeing to meet Charley Goff at Troy, January 16. A week later, at the same club, Madden's other boxer, Gus Ruhlin, will go against Fred Clapp, an Albany heavyweight, who thinks he can box. Ruhlin will have to put him away in ten rounds to win.

Former Champion Bob Fitzsimmons intends soon to emulate the example set by Jim Corbett, John L. Sullivan and other pugilists, and go into the hotel business. Of late Fitz has been negotiating to get control of the Hotel Metropole, 42nd Street and Broadway, New York. Dan Stuart is mentioned as Fitzsimmons' proposed partner, and it is said that papers turning over the hotel to Fitz will be signed within a short time.

Young Griffo, who is now training at Chicago for his bout with Jack Lewis at that city January 6, says: "Me and the drink has parted company for good, an' I'm ready for 'em all now. Wish I'd been in as bloomin' fine trim when I was fightin' all over the bally country. An' 'ere's another thing. They uster say as I couldn't punch 'ard. Well, you watch me this time. I never did take chances on swingin' in a knockout rap. 'Cos w'y? Most times I was too lazy and always out of shape. But from now on I'm a-goin' to mix up things a bit. Hi can punch as good as I can spar, an' I'll show 'em somethin'."

Detroit followers of the boxing game are greatly interested in the coming meeting of Sandow Snyder and Jimmy Smith of Toronto, who fought at Ottawa last night, that will take place in London, Ont., on January 4, as all who have seen the men in action appreciate the fact that it will be a fierce fight, says the Free Press. Both are sturdy fellows, being able to take a gruelling as well as administer one. They are the genuine type of the fighter, like Lavigne, Barry, McGovern, Gardner and O'Brien, men who are willing to take a blow for the purpose of getting a chance to land, and several Detrolters have declared their intention of going to London for the purpose of seeing this fight.

TURF RULERS AGREE

Jockey Club and Turf Congress to Join Hands and Work Together.

BAD FOR NUMBER OF RIDERS.

A Coalition of the Two Bodies Will Force Them Out of Employment —At New Orleans and Oakland.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 28.—In the case of A. J. Wallace, Jockey R. Sheppard, and the horse George Lee, suspended December 12, the stewards have decided to continue the suspension indefinitely. The weather to-day was threatening and the track slow on the outside. Tortugas and Agitator were the only winning favorites. Donna Rita came to life in the third race and won easily.

The possibility of the establishment of the reciprocal relations between the Jockey Club and the Turf Congress excited considerable interest here, and many horsemen regard it as a certainty that after January 1 each body will recognize and be bound by the rulings of the other. If this is done the riding talent here will be reduced considerably, as a number of the boys are in bad standing with the eastern turf body, and if the reciprocal arrangement becomes a fact they will not be allowed to ride here. Summaries:

First race, selling, 6 furlongs—Tortugas, 89, Dominick, 13 to 5 and even, won; Mouseitoff, 99½, Tully, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, second; Old Fox, 100, Mitchell, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1.17. Martha Fox, Jim Conway, Plymouth, Chiffon, Howitzer, Tophet, Lelia Smith and Duchess of York also ran.

Second race, selling, ⅝ mile—Inlock, 102, Jones, 7 to 1 and 5 to 2, won; Lavega, 104, Mitchell, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, second; El Caney, 108, Dupee, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1.03½. Minyon, J., Lucille, Lovable, May Davis, Dr. Fannie, Amelia Strathmore, Seaza, Cardenas, Profit and Arthur Behan also ran.

Third race, selling, 1¼ miles—Donna Rita, 101, Mitchell, 9 to 5 and 1 to 2, won; Admetus, 105, Winkfield, 7 to 5 and 1 to 2, second; Babe Fields, 98, Harshberger, 60 to 1, third. Time, 1.58¼. Forbush, Walkenshaw, Joe Shelby and Rida also ran.

Fourth race, handicap, 1 mile—Miss Mac Day, 98, Waldo, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1, won; Jolly Roger, 102½, Boland, 4 to 1 and 3 to 2, second; Deyo, 99, Wedderstrand, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1.43½. Dissolute, Alfresco, Strangest and Laureate also ran.

Fifth race, selling, 6 furlongs—Agitator, 106½, McJoynt, 3 to 2 and 7 to 10, won; Little Billy, 102, Boland, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Watercrest, 108, Mitchell, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1.16. Banrica, Sedan, Fewness, Sauterne, Frontman, The Brewer, Fintan, Matchbox and Tinkler also ran.

Topmast Again Second.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Oakland results. Weather clear, track fast.

First race, ¾ mile, maiden 3-year-olds, purse—Billy Moore, 110, Jones, 8 to 1, won; Coming Event, 107, Kiley, 100 to 1, second; Red Wald, 118, Spencer, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1.15. Artilleryman, Tom Sharkey, Hipponas, Caesar Young, Beautiful Bill, Firelight, Spike, Calcum, Favorite and Hattie Fox also ran.

Second race, Futurity course, selling—Rosa Alabra, 112, Conley, 20 to 1, won; San Mateo, 113, Turner, 4 to 1, second; Jingle Jingle, 104, Jenkins, 16 to 1, third. Time, 1.10⅘. Monrovia, Shellac, Sallie Goodwin, Homestake, Panamint, Major Cook, Monda, Staapollinaris, Katie Gibbons, also ran.

Third race, ⅝ mile, selling—Southern Girl, 109, Thorpe, 2 to 5, won; Bamboulia, 103, Jenkins, 4 to 1, second; Gussie Fay, 105, Vittitoe, 7 to 1, third. Time, 1.00. Gusto, Zika and the Scot also ran.

Fourth race, 1⅛ miles, selling—Potente won; Topmast, 110, Spencer, 3 to 1, second; Rosinante, 101, Jenkins, even, third. Time, 1.52½. Morinel also ran.

Fifth race, mile, purse—Lothian, 98, Walsh, 6 to 1, won; Rosormond, 107, Jenkins, 7 to 10, second; Timemaker, 110, Burns, 8 to 5, third. Time, 1.39¾. Poor Lands also ran.

Sixth race, ⅝ mile, free handicap—Yellow Tail, 105, Ross, 8 to 5, won; Marcato, 109, Thorpe, 3 to 1, second; Olinthus, 101, Jenkins, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1.26. The Fretter, San Vanado, Grand Sachem and Ringmaster also ran.

Growth of the 2.10 List.

The past season has been a phenomenal one in the development of a quantity of trotters and pacers who have secured marks inside the 2.10 limit. Here are the names of six pacers who have paced better than 2.07: Ananias, 2.05; Prince Albert, 2.05 3-4; Anaconda, 2.03 1-4; Sally Toler, 2.06 3-4; Searchlight, 2.03 1-4; Hal B., 2.04 1-2. The growth of the 2.10 list is well shown in the following table:

Year.	Trotters.	Pacers.	Total.
1883	..	1	1
1884	2	..	3
1885	..	..	..
1886	..	..	..
1887	..	..	..
1888	..	..	..
1889	..	..	..
1890	..	3	6
1891	5	1	12
1892	6	13	31
1893	10	16	57
1894	10	23	90
1895	13	50	153
1896	8	39	209
1897	18	48	256
1898	20	41	327
1899	18	57	402
Totals	110	292	

A well-known trotting authority in discussing the great progress in the trotter and pacer of to-day, while giving due credit to breeding, etc., adds:

"Attempt to hide it as we may, the stubborn fact remains that the world's record for trotters owes its reductions not to the breeder, but the the sulky builder, the track maker and the wonderful progress of the trainer and the despised 'swipe.' He who would dispute the truth of this assertion should look well to his facts before he begins his discourse. He will find the necessary study of the figures a task of many tedious hours, and if he is not of the Clan Superficial, will discover that speed comes not of breeding alone, but of education, and that the evolution of the trotter has been the evolution of the sulky, the track and the method of training."

In support of his statement the following table concerning the evolution of the sulky is given:

Year and holder.	Weight of sulky.	World's record.
1844—Lady Suffolk	125	2.28
1856—Flora Temple	90	2.21½
1859—Flora Temple	80	2.19¾
1867—Dexter	60	2.17¼
1874—Goldsmith Maid	50	2.14
1885—Maud S.	40	2.08¾

About Bookmakers' Tickets.

Out in California they conduct their betting transactions at the tracks in the old style that was in vogue in New York before the constitution amendment was adopted. And the bettors and bookmakers are troubled in the same old way. The hieroglyphics on the tickets are often so indistinct that a bettor does not have to draw upon his imagination much to make them stand for any horse in a race, especially the lucky horse.

Judge J. J. Burke, who is presiding judge at Tanforan Park, had to settle a dispute between a bettor and a bookmaker during the recent meeting. He was handed a ticket that looked like a Napamax pasteboard. The holder was laboring under the delusion that he had bet on Merops. At least he tried to make the bookmaker believe he did. The latter had no record of any such bet as marked on the card, and refused to pay. The holder then took his troubles to the stand, where he was sat upon again.

"In nine cases out of ten the bookmakers are right," said Judge Burke, after sustaining the bookmaker in the instance just mentioned. "The tickets are written so quickly that it is often impossible to say what horse they stand for without consulting the sheets.

"There are some men who fancy the bookmaker has, by some mistake, given him a ticket on the winner, and he tries to collect it. The marks on the ticket will look very much like the correct ones. But the bookmakers make few mistakes.

"The biggest bet I ever decided against a bookmaker was at Chicago on the day Rey el Santa Anita won the American Derby. A man came to me with a ticket calling for $500 against $10. He said the book refused to pay it. I looked on the sheet, but there was no mention made of the bet.

"Then I asked the man how he came to back Baldwin's horse, and he said Jockey Van Kuren gave him the tip. The horse had been running well over at Latonia, and though I never expected to see him win, the odds were false. The initials of Santa Anita were clearly stamped on the ticket, and I ordered it paid. I always thought the bookmaker wanted to beat the man out of his money."

Trotting Association Quits.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—The Louisville Driving and Fair Association, whose annual meeting has been one of the most important events in the trotting season, has decided to go out of business. Heavy losses in numerous enterprises led the backers of the association to disorganize.

Topics of the Turf.

There are now over 400 horses in the 2.10 trotting and pacing lists.

Bumps is the first horse with a record of 2.04 or better that has died.

A statistician has figured out that 227 out of 494 harness horses that took part in the Grand Circuit of 1899 did not win a dollar.

Jimmy Michael had the mount on Dr. Fanny in the 2-year-old race at New Orleans Monday, and finished fifth in a big field.

Shirt waists, summer suits, and light wraps that were a burden were worn at New Orleans Monday by patrons of the races, so warm was the weather.

New Orleans has had winter racing for many years, and the fact that the largest crowd ever known on the Crescent City track attended the races Christmas Day, speaks well for the popularity of the sport as well as for the management.

M. K. Kittleman has reached California with a shifty stable of racers, including Vioris, Weller, Cormorant, Prince David, Sir Casimir and Firelark. His brother Frank has taken Myth and Midnight to Detroit to turn them out for the winter.

A crowd, estimated at all the way from six to ten thousand, attended the races at Oakland Christmas Day. As three favorites and two well-played second choices won, the twenty bookmakers that drew in did not carry all of the money back to San Francisco with them.

The French turf is but little behind the English in the amounts credited to the leading winning owners this year. M. Caillault heads the roll with £35,500, followed by J. de Bremond with £25,000, M. Menier £23,000, Count de Juigne £10,820, and D. Guestier £10,140.



The Cloth Likewise the Cut

Please critical eyes where we make the garment.

Our exclusive line of High Grade Fabrics and the fine reputation of our Cutters, make our store the recognized center for correct tailoring.

The Suits we make for $22.50 net cash are marvels.

John Martin, Sons & Co.
Tailors, : 455 St. Paul St.

TIME'S NEARLY UP.

After 9 o'clock Saturday night there will be no more discounts on "Semi-ready" clothing.

Up till that hour you can buy "Semi-ready" garments with a discount of 20 per cent. off.

—If you need an overcoat or a winter suit

—If you'd like to get either for a **good deal less than half** a custom tailor's charge for equal quality,

COME TO-DAY.

Your money back if dissatisfied.

• • •

Semi=ready Wardrobes,

Toronto 231 St. James Street,
Winnipeg 2364 St. Catherine Street, Montreal.
Ottawa 1551 St. Catherine Street,

10c La Toscana 10c

Combines all the requisites of a strictly high grade Cigar. All dealers in high grade Cigars should handle this brand. It is wanted.

RELIANCE CIGAR FACTORY, 5 & 7 DEBRESOLES STREET MONTREAL.

LACHINE ELECTIONS

Spirited Contests Are Expected in Several Wards.

MAYOR WILL BE RETURNED.

But Several Committees Will Have to Fight for Their Seats on January 16th.

There is great local excitement at Lachine over the forthcoming municipal elections. For the first time in the history of the town each of the three wards into which the municipality is divided, will return three members Hitherto each ward has been represented by two members on the Council board. Next year the wards are to be re-subdivided, for it is felt that the centre has outgrown the other two, and it will be required to yield a portion of its area to strengthen the other two.

The nomination of Councillors will be held on January 10th, and the voting will take place on the 16th. Under the new charter, householders who have paid their water rates by Saturday, Jan. 14th, will be eligible to vote.

It is expected that the Mayor, Mr. J. A. Descarriere's, will be re-elected by acclamation. The principal contest will be in the Centre Ward, where Councillor Leclaire will have to face strong opposition. He has served two terms and the ratepayers are becoming restless and manifesting a keen desire for a change. He is opposed on No. 1 ticket in the ward by Mr. Allarde, who is very popular. On No. 2 ticket, the present member, Mr. Nuttayer, who was elected last year for the first time, will stand. No opposition on No. 3 ticket has been offered to Mr. Adelard Marten, of the firm of A. & A. Marten, merchants.

In the East Ward, on No. 1 ticket, Councillor Shetagne, President of the Finance Committee, will encounter opposition, but it is not likely to prove of a very serious character. He has the support of the best residents of Lachine, who think he ought certainly to remain at his present post until the sewage scheme is carried out. On No. 2 ticket Councillor Leblanc stands for re-election. Mr. Garreau has been requested to allow himself to be nominated on No. 3 ticket, but he is not regarded as a strong candidate, and he will probably be opposed.

The West Ward is entirely dominated by the Dawes brewery influence. Mr. Rothwell, bookkeeper at the Dawes brewery, stands on No. 1 ticket, and will be elected by acclamation. He has already served two terms in the Council to the satisfaction of the ratepayers. On No. 2 ticket, Mr. White, another employe of the brewery, is expected to be returned. It is understood that Mr. Andrew J. Dawes himself will come out on No. 3 ticket and if so his return is regarded as certain.

The questions to be submited to the electors for decision are the early completion of the sewage and drainage scheme, and the lighting of the town by electric power by the Lachine Rapids Hydraulic Company. The municipality own their own electric plant, but the company claim that they can supply electric power more cheaply than the corporation.

EXPANDED METAL TESTED.

It Represents What Is Best and Most Advanced in Modern Fire-proof Construction.

Prof. Bovey, of McGill College, and John Kennedy, Esq., Chief Engineer of the Harbor Board, at teh request of the architects, Messrs. Hutchison & Wood, conducted a series of weight tests of the expanded metal and concrete floors lately finished in the new La Presse building.

The Expanded Metal System represents what is best and most advanced in modern fireproof construction. While well known to other countries, these are the first floors yet tested in Canada, and the results must indeed be gratifying to all concerned, including the Expanded Metal and Fireproofing Co., of Toronto, which has installed the work. The floor plate is only 3 inches thick, is quickly laid, and presents marvellous carrying powers.

On an 8 by 14 foot floor, 23,101 lbs. of pig iron was piled, equal to a distributed load of 240 lbs. per square foot, or three times the required strength, and the delicate gauges recorded a deflection of 3-8 inches only. On the same floor plate a centre load of 11,520 lbs. was laid, resulting in 5-16 inch deflection. A third test was on a 9 foot 6 in. by 15 ft. floor, which took a load of 32,200 lbs., before 1-2 inch deflection was registered, being over a ton more than four times what the architects have called for.

In every case, upon removal of the load, the deflection disappeared.

The interesting experiments were witnessed, among others, by Hon. T. Berthiaume, Mr. F. A. Peterson, Chief Engineer, C.P.R.; Sir Adolphe Caron, Mr. Edward Maxwell, Mr. Arthur Berthiaume, Mr. F. H. Leonard, Mr. A. Dansereau, director of La Presse; T. W. Horn, President Expanded Metal Co.; Mr. C. S. Spencer, Chief Engineer Expanded Metal Co.; Mr. C. W. Brunet, Mr. James Paton, Mayor Desjardins, of Maisonneuve; Building Inspector Lacroix, Mr. A. C. Hutchison, Mr. H. R. Ives, Mr. R. F. Ogilvy, Mr. John Baillie, Mr. William Hutchison, Mr. L. Bourgoin, Mr. L. Cadieux.

GETS FOUR YEARS.

Albert Asselin, a Would-be Actor, Is Sent to the Penitentiary on a Charge of Theft.

Albert Asselin, 24 years of age, who claimed to be an actor from South Africa, and who explained to Judge Choquet that the $500 worth of diamonds he had upon him when arrested had been presented to him at a performance in the Transvaal, at which Kruger himself was present, was sent to penitentiary for four years yesterday.

Asselin was tried last week, and it was shown that he stole the diamonds from a merchant in Three Rivers.

SIX BY-ELECTIONS.

Before Parliament Is Called Next Month Six Seats Will Be Filled.

Politicians expect to hear daily of the calling of Parliament, as the announcement in the Canada Gazette may be expected at any time now. It is most probable that the date will be January 18 or January 25.

There are six by-elections to be held before Parliament meets, four of which are in Quebec. These six are: Berthier, vacant through Mr. Beausoleil's appointment as postmaster at Montreal; Chambly-Vercheres, through the death of Hon. C. A. Geoffrion; Labelle, through the resignation of Mr. Bourassa; Sherbrooke, through the death of Hon. W. B. Ives; West Ontario, through the death of Sir James Edgar; and Winnipeg, through the death of Mr. R. W. Jameson. These will likely be filled during the early part of January.

For Hon. Jos. Shehyn.

Quebec, December 28.—(Special.)—A great effort is being made by the electors of Quebec East to have Hon. Jos. Shehyn, M.L.A., for that division appointed to the Senatorship left vacant by the death of the late lamented Hon. J. P. Rice. Already several names have been mentioned for the position, but a petition addressed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and already signed by a large number of the electors of Quebec East, is at present in circulation requesting the Premier to appoint the ex-Provincial Treasurer.

Rev. M. L. R. Wright, a Methodist minister, now at Victoria University, Toronto, and formerly stationed at Anticosti and Megantic, is anxious to go to South Africa with the second contingent. He has written Dr. Griffith, of this city, stating that he wishes to go as one of the chaplains, but if he does not get the appointment, he will enlist and go as a trooper. Mr. Wright is a tall athletic young fellow, who has had considerable instruction in the duties of a soldier, and has taken the short course He would be a very desirable man.

St. Gabriel Debating Society.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the St. Gabriel Debating Society took place Wednesday. There was a good attendance. The subject for debate was: "Resolved, That the Conner's elevator scheme will be a benefit to Montreal." Messrs. John Cantwell (for the affirmative) and J. Kane, (for the negative,) were the leaders. The discussion was a very animated one, showing that the debators had carefully studied the question and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was tendered those taking part for the able manner in which the debate was carried out. Songs and recitations followed.

Fighting the Fires.



Hard life the plucky firemen lead; out in all sorts of weather, —losing sleep, catching cold and straining their backs.

Hard to have strong, well kidneys under such conditions. That's why firemen, policemen and others, who are exposed to the weather, are so often troubled with Weak, Lame Backs and with Urinary Troubles.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

are helping hundreds of such to health.

Mr. John Robinson, chief of the fire department, Dresden, made the following statement:

"Prior to taking these pills I had kidney trouble which caused severe pain in the small of my back and in both sides. I had a tired feeling and never seemed to be able to get rested. However, I commenced the use of Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at Switzer's drug store, and after taking three boxes am completely cured. I have now no backache or urinary trouble, and the tired feeling is completely gone. In fact, I am well and strong. They are a remarkable kidney cure, and I heartily recommend them to those suffering from troubles similar to what I had."

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Dr. Laberge Announced That Salaries Could Not Be Raised This Year.

The Health Committee met yesterday afternoon for a short session. The only absentee was Ald. Ames. Dr. Laberge announced that the Finance Committee had refused to put the Health Department employes on the classified list on the plea that there was no money.

Legendre & Chayer's account for the extra painting done at the Civic Hospital upon which, as usual with contracts, 15 per cent. had been retained, came up. It was asked that the 15 per cent. be refunded, on the ground that in painting there could be no bad work. It was decided that the money be not retained, and that in order to meet the account a variation of appropriations be made from the scavenging department.

Millie Roch Still Sleeps.

Mlle. Eva Roch, the Marie Anne Street sleeper, is still in a deep, insensible sleep. At ten minutes to three this afternoon she had been 107 hours in that state. Madame Roch has not slept an instant since Saturday, and is wearing herself out with anxiety for her daughter.

A Czar's Novel Visiting Card.

The Russians tell a story of the late Czar Alexander III that upon the rare occasions when it was incumbent upon him to pay a call he would take a gold coin bearing his "image and superscription," and twisting it between thumb and finger leave it in lieu of a card—the only man in Russia who had strength for the feat.

DR WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP.

CURES COUGHS AND COLDS.

Mrs. Alonzo H. Thurher, Freeport, N.S., says: "I had a severe attack of Grippe and a bad cough, with great difficulty in breathing. After taking two bottles of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup I was completely cured."

BREWERS.

J. H. R. Molson & Bros., Ale and Porter Brewers. Have always on hand th various kinds of.....

Ale and Porter

Wood and Bottles. 1006
amilies Regularly Supplied. Notre Da me S Montr eal.

Dawes & Co., Brewers

Pale Ales and Porter,

LACHINE, P.Q. Montreal Office.
Tel. Main 563 521 St. James Street.

THE BEST AND PUREST

Malt Extracts

ARE

Wm. Dow & Co.'s India Pale Ale and Crown Stout.

CHEAP ELECTRIC LIGHT

WHO HAS LOWERED the price of electric light? THE LACHINE RAPIDS HYDRAULIC & LAND COMPANY, Ltd., the pioneers of cheap light and power.

HERALD LEGAL DIRECTORY.

LEITCH, PRINGLE & CAMERON
BARRISTERS, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, Solicitors in Chancery, Notaries Public, Etc.
CORNWALL, ONT.
Jas. Leitch, Q.C. J. A. C. Cameron, LL.B. R. A. Pringle.

BUCHAN, ELLIOTT & KENNEDY,
ADVOCATES, ETC.
CANADA LIFE BUILDING, 189 ST. JAMES STREET, Montreal.

GIBBONS & HARPER,
BARRISTERS, Etc., London.
Office—Cor. Richmond and Carling Sts.
George C. Gibbons, Q.C. Fred. F. Harper.

William Reid & Son,
ACCOUNTANTS, AUDITORS, INVESTORS, INSURANCE BROKERS.
FRED. G. REID, Special Agent for Sun Fire Insurance Co.
30 ST. JOHN STREET.

W. A. WEIR, Q.C., M.P.P.
SOLICITOR AND BARRISTER,
138a St. James Street,
(Opposite St. Lawrence Hall.)

ROBERT A. ROSS, E. E.
Consulting Mechanical and Electrical Engineer.
Specifications, Plans, Supervision, Advice on Steam and Electric Plants.
17 ST. JOHN STREET, - - - MONTREAL.

The Famous Medical Hall
BELFAST GINGER ALE
is made ONLY by
KENNETH CAMPBELL & CO.,
8 ST. URBAIN STREET.
Please note the Blue Label.

CLEARING SALE of.....

..Skates

In Large Variety at Most Moderate Prices.

ADDRESS.....

D. DRYSDALE,
645 Craig Street.

INSURANCE.

SCOTTISH UNION
—AND—
National Insurance Co. of Edinburgh.
ESTABLISHED 1824.
Total Assets $44,222,472.83
Invested Funds 23,965,472.83
Invested in Canada.. 2,925,940.60
Montreal Office—
117 ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER STREET
WALTER KAVANAGH, Chief Agent and Secretary.
Montreal Advisory Board — Hon. L. J. Forget, Senator; Charles F. Smith, Esq.; Thomas McDougall, Esq.
$1,000,000 to lend at low rates for satisfactory security.

LIVERPOOL, LONDON & GLOBE
Insurance Company.
CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Edmond J. Barbeau, Esq., Chairman.
Wentworth J. Buchanan, Esq., Deputy do.
A. F. Gault, Esq., Samuel Finlay, Esq., Edward S. Clouston, Esq.
Am't invested in Canada, $ 2,110,000
Available Assets 58,553,900
Mercantile risks accepted at low current rates.
G. F. C. SMITH, Chief Agent for the Dominion.
Sub-Agents—
John G. R. Driscoll, Thomas Hiam, George R. Robertson & Sons.
Special Agent French Dept.—Cyrille Laurin.

THE CALEDONIAN
—IS THE—
Oldest Scottish Fire Office.
FUNDS : — $10,000,000
OFFICE, 1724 NOTRE DAME ST.
LANSING LEWIS, Manager.

Fire Insurance
Montreal City Agent, The Imperial Insurance Company, Limited, London, Eng., British American Assurance Company, Toronto. Alliance Assurance Company, London, Eng
GEORGE C. HIAM,
Imperial Building, St. James Street.

Office Supplies.
No house in Montreal is better equipped with office supplies of all kinds, stationery, etc.
Printing, Bookbinding, Ruling, Embossing, Reliefs, etc., quickly and cheaply executed.
JOSEPH FORTIER
254 ST. JAMES STREET.

Cheap Electric Light
Customers of THE LACHINE RAPIDS COMPANY have received discounts on their accounts for nearly two years past. THE LACHINE RAPIDS COMPANY are the pioneers of cheap light and power.

SHIPPING.

ELDER, DEMPSTER & CO.'S
BEAVER LINE
ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
Weekly Sailings Between
ST. JOHN, N.B., and LIVERPOOL.
*MONTEAGLE .....Dec. 20
LAKE ONTARIO .....Dec. 27
MONTROSE .....Jan. 3
LAKE SUPERIOR .....Jan. 10
*Cold storage.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
First Cabin—Single, $40 to $50. Return, $80 to $90.
Second Cabin — To Liverpool, London, Glasgow, $32, $55, $65; Belfast, $33.25.

Dominion Line.
Fortnightly Sailings Between
PORTLAND, Me., and AVONMOUTH
ASHANTI .....Dec. 9
MEMNON .....Dec. 23
YOLA YOLA .....Jan. 6
ELDER, DEMPSTER & CO.,
6 St. Sacrament Street.
MONTREAL.
Toronto Agency—80 YONGE STREET.
Chicago Agency—JNO. EARLE & CO.

REFORD AGENCIES.

DONALDSON LINE.
GLASGOW SERVICE.
S.S. CONCORDIA .....Dec. 21
S.S. ALCIDES .....Jan. 4
S.S. AMARYNTHIA .....Jan. 18
FROM PORTLAND, Me.
S.S. SALACIA .....Dec. 27
S.S. KEEMUN .....Jan. 17
S.S. SALACIA .....Jan. 31
AGENTS—
GLASGOW.....DONALDSON BROS.

THOMSON LINE
WEEKLY LONDON SERVICES
FROM PORTLAND.
S.S. ISTOK .....Dec. 22
S.S. BELLONA .....Dec. 29
S.S. JACONA .....Jan. 5
S.S. CANADIA .....Jan. 12
S.S. CERVONA .....Jan. 19
S.S. EUXINIA .....Jan. 26
AGENTS — Cairn, Young & Noble, Newcastle-on-Tyne; A. Low, Son & Co., 7 Fenchurch Ave., London, E.C.; Wm. Thomson & Co., Leith; W. Thomson & Sons, Dundee, Scotland.

COLD STORAGE FITTED IN
Special Steamers of Both Lines.
THE ROBERT REFORD CO.,
LIMITED.
23 and 25 St. Sacrament Street.
MONTREAL.

Johnston Line.
Weekly Freight and Live Stock Service
BOSTON TO LONDON.
Intended Sailings:
HEATHMORE .....Dec. 28
OAKMORE .....Jan. 6
BARROWMORE .....Jan. 14
BRITISH TRADER .....Jan. 23
And Regularly Thereafter.
For rates of freight, through bills of lading, information, etc., apply to all Railway Agents, to Wm. Johnston & Co., Limited, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Patterson, Ramsay & Co., Baltimore, or to
WM. JOHNSTON & CO., LTD.
Board of Trade Building, Montreal.

AMERICAN LINE.
FAST EXPRESS SERVICE.
New York—Southampton—London.
Calling Westbound at Cherbourg.
Sailing Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
New York.....Jan. 3 | New York.....Jan. 24
St. Louis.....Jan. 10 | St. Louis.....Jan. 31
St. Paul.....Jan. 17 | St. Paul.....Feb. 7
RED STAR LINE.
New York—Antwerp—Paris.
Sailing every Wednesday at 12 noon.
*Kensington...Jan. 3 | *Aragonia.....Jan. 17
Noordland.....Jan. 10 | Friesland.....Jan. 24
*These steamers carry Cabin and Third-class passengers at low rates.
INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION CO.
Piers 14 and 15 N. River.
Office—73 Broadway, New York.
W. H. Henry, 116 St. Peter Street, Mechanics' Institute Building, Montreal.

M. Walsh & Co. (Late with E. Chanteloup) 562 Craig St.
If you want satisfactory work done in
Plumbing, Steam and Gas Fitting, also wiring for Electric Light Bells, etc., we would be glad to furnish you with estimates and prices.

The Dominion Coal Co.
(LIMITED.)
OFFER FOR SALE
THEIR
DOMINION STEAM COALS
Either Screened, Run of Mine, or Slack. . .
For Particulars, Apply to
KINGMAN & CO.
SELLING AGENTS,
14 PLACE ROYAL, MONTREAL.

SHIPPING.

ALLAN LINE
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS
34 Steamers, Aggregating 130,600 Tons.
Tunisian, 10,000 tons, Twin Screw, Building.
Bavarian, 10,397 tons, Twin Screw, New.
Portland and Liverpool Service, calling at Halifax.
From Liverpool. Steamer. From Portland. From Halifax.
21 Dec..Parisian .....6 Jan.....7 Jan.
30 Dec..Numidian .....17 Jan.....Direct
4 Jan..Californian .....20 Jan.....21 Jan.
25 Jan..Parisian .....10 Feb....11 Feb.
The saloons and staterooms are in the central part, where least motion is felt. Electricity is used for lighting the ships throughout, the light being at the command of the passengers any hour of the night. Music rooms and smoking rooms on the promenade deck. The saloons and staterooms are heated by steam.
RATES—Cabin, $50 and upwards. A reduction is made on Round Trip Tickets.
Second Cabin — To Liverpool, London or Londonderry, $35 single; $66.50 return.
Steerage — To Liverpool, London, Glasgow, Belfast or Londonderry, including a plentiful supply of provisions, cooked and served, and every requisite for the voyage, $23.50.
Glasgow and New York Service.
Calling at LONDONDERRY (from New Pier foot of W. 21st Street, New York).
From Glasgow, Steamship. From New York, Saturday,
10 Jan.....State of Nebraska .....25 Jan.
10 Feb.....State of Nebraska .....1 Mar.
Rates—First Cabin, $47.50. Return tickets, $90. Second Cabin, to Glasgow or Londonderry, $32.50; return tickets, $61.75. Steerage, $23.50.
Steamers on this service have excellent accommodation for all classes of passengers.
The Saloons are forward; Staterooms near the centre of the ship. Promenade deck the entire width of the vessel, and two-thirds of the length. Electric lights throughout and electric bells in every stateroom.
H. & A. ALLAN,
25 Common Street, Montreal.

Dominion Line
MAIL STEAMSHIPS.
LIVERPOOL SERVICE
Steamer. From Portland. From Halifax.
Dominion .....Dec.23,2p.m..Dec.24,5p.m.
Cambroman .....Dec.30,2p.m.....
Roman .....Jan 10,2p.m.....
Vancouver .....Jan 13,2p.m..Jan.14,5p.m.
Dominion .....Jan 27,2p.m..Jan.28,5p.m.
Cambroman .....Feb. 3,2p.m.....
RATES OF PASSAGE — Cabin, $50.00 and upwards single, $100 and upwards return, according to steamer and berth. Second Cabin, $35 00 single, $66.50 return.
Steerage — To Liverpool, Derry, London, Queenstown, Belfast and Glasgow, $22 50 and $23.50, according to steamer. Steerage outfits furnished free.
Midship saloons, electric light, spacious promenade decks.
For further information, apply to any agent of the company, or to
DAVID TORRANCE & CO.,
General Agents, Montreal.
17 St. Sacrament Street.

MANCHESTER LINERS LIMITED.
The only direct and regular steamship line between CANADA AND MANCHESTER.
It is proposed to despatch the steamers of this line on or about the undermentioned dates:
WINTER SERVICE.
From Manchester. Steamer. From St. John, N.B.
..... Manchester Importer .....Jan. 4
.....*Manchester Trader .....Jan. 15
And fortnightly thereafter.
*Fitted with cold storage.
The steamers of this Line call at Halifax, N.S.
FURNESS LINE.
Between
ST. JOHN, N.B., and LONDON, Direct.
It is proposed to despatch the steamers of this line as follows:
Steamer. From St. John, N.B.
S.S. Cebriana .....Dec. 29
S.S. Dalton Hall .....Jan. 15
And fortnightly thereafter.
HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINE.
WINTER SERVICE.
Between
PORTLAND AND HAMBURG.
The intended sailings for this service are as follows:
Steamer. From Portland, Me.
S.S. Austrilia .....Jan 8
S.S. Teutonia .....Jan. 15
Through Bills of Lading issued from all Canadian Railway and Grand Trunk Railway Stations.
For rates of freight and particulars apply to any railway agent, or to
FURNESS, WITHY & CO., LTD.,
MONTREAL, P.Q.

Newfoundland.
The quickest, safest and best Passenger and Freight Route to all parts of Newfoundland is via THE
NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY
ONLY SIX HOURS AT SEA.
Str. BRUCE
leaves North Sydney every Tuesday Thursday and Saturday evening on arrival of the I. C. R. express, connecting at Port-au-Basque with THE NEWFOUNDLAND RAILWAY.
Trains leave St. John's, Nfld., every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, connecting with the I.C.R. express at North Sydney every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning.
Through Tickets issued and Freight rates quoted at all stations on the I.C.R., C.P.R., G.T.R., and D.A.R.
R. G. REID,
St. John's, Nfld.

LEYLAND LINE.
PORTLAND-ANTWERP.
Steamers of this well-known Line are intended to be despatched as follows:
From Antwerp. Steamer. From Portland.
Dec. 27....S.S. ALBANIAN .....Jan. 18
Jan. 6....S.S. ASSYRIAN .....Jan. 30
Jan. 23....S.S. ALMERIAN .....Feb. 15
And Fortnightly Thereafter.
A limited number of Cabin passengers carried on above steamers at moderate rates.
Through Bills of Lading are issued to and from all points in Canada and the United States by the Grand Trunk Railway and their Agencies or from
FRED'K LEYLAND & CO., LTD.,
309 Board of Trade Building.
MONTREAL.
Also at
PORTLAND, Maine.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES

CANADIAN PACIFIC
MONTREAL TIME BILL.
ST. JOHN, HALIFAX—Lv. † 7.50 p m. Ar. †8.35 a m
TORONTO, HAMILTON, CHICAGO—Lv. †8.55 a m *9.30 p m. Ar. *7.50 a m, †7.00 p m.
WINNIPEG AND PACIFIC COAST — Lv. *9.45 a m Ar. *6.15 p m.
S.S. MARIE, ST. PAUL MINNEAPOLIS, DULUTH—Lv. *9.45 p.m. Ar. *8.00 a.m.
OTTAWA—Lv. Place Viger †8.20 a m, †6.00 p m Ar. †12.30 p m †10.00 p m. Lv. Windsor St *9.45 a m., †10.00 a m, †4.05 p m, †5.15 p m. *9.45 p m. Ar *8.00 a m., †10.30 a m., †11.10 am *6.15 p m., †6.45 p m.
QUEBEC—Lv. †8.40 a m, †2.00 p m, §3.30 p.m *11.00 p m. Ar. *6.00 a m, †3.20 p m, *6.30 p m.
BOSTON—Lv. †9.00 a m, *8.20 p m. Ar. *7.47 a m, †8.35 p.m.
VAUDREUIL — Lv. †8.55 a m, † 4.05 p. m. † 4.15 p m, † 5.15 p m, (a) 6.15 p m. ‡1.30 p m *9.30 p m. Ar. *7.50 a m, †8.40 a m †10.30 a m, ‡11.55 a m, †12.10 p m. †6.45 p m †7.00 p m.
SHERBROOKE—Lv. †9.00 a m, †4.30 p m. †7.50 p m. Ar. †8.35 a m. †12.00 noon, †8.35 p m.
JOLIETTE—Lv. †8.40 a m, †5.00 p m. Ar. †8.50 a m, †6.30 p m.
BERTHIER—Lv. †8.40 a m, †2 00 p.m. Ar. †3.20 p m. †6.30 p m.
ST. JEROME—Lv. †8.20 a m, §9.15 a m †5.35 p m, †6.35 p m, Ar. †8.40 a m, †9.45 a m, †6.15 p m, §9.45 p m.
STE. AGATHE, Etc.—Lv. (d)8.20 a m, †5.35 p m Ar. †9.45 a m, (d)6.15 p m.
LABELLE.—Lv. (d)8.20 a. m, †5.35 p. m, Ar. †9.45 a. m, (d 6.15 p.m.
*Daily. †Week days. §Sunday only. ‡Daily except Saturday. ¶Daily, except Monday. αDaily except Saturday and Sunday. ‡Saturday only.
dWednesday only.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM
McGill Glee and Banjo Club Excursion
OTTAWA and RETURN—$2.25.
Going Date .....December 30, 1899.
Return Limit.....January 1, 1900.
Special train leaves Ottawa at 2 a.m. Dec. 31st for Montreal.
HOLIDAY RATES
Round Trip Tickets will be sold as follows:
Single Fare.
Going Dates—Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1, 1900.
Return Limit—Jan. 2, 1900.
Fare and One-Third.
Going Dates—Dec. 29, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, 1900.
Return Limit—Jan. 3, 1900.
School Vacations.
To Teachers and Pupils of Schools and Colleges, on surrender of Standard Certificate signed by Principal, Fare and One-Third.
Going Dates—Dec. 9 to 31, inclusive.
Return Limit—Jan. 17, 1900.
EPIPHANY
Single Fare Between all stations in Province of Quebec; also from stations in Province of Quebec to Ottawa.
Going dates .....Jan. 5 and 6, 1900.
Return limit .....Jan. 8, 1900.
City Ticket Office, 137 St. James St. and Bonaventure Station.

CANADIAN PACIFIC
EXCURSION RATES
Round Trip Tickets will be sold between Stations East of Port Arthur and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., as under:
New Year Holidays. AT ONE WAY FIRST-CLASS FARE, December 30 and 31, 1899, and January 1, 1900. Good to return until January 2, 1900.
AT ONE WAY FIRST-CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD, December 29, 30 and 31, 1899, and January 1, 1900. Good to return until January 2, 1900.
SCHOOL Vacations. AT ONE WAY FIRST-CLASS FARE AND ONE-THIRD, from December 9 to 31, 1899. Good to return until January 17, 1900.
Special Fares to Points in Maritime Provinces.
For tickets and further particulars, apply to Canadian Pacific Railway Agents.
EPIPHANY
SINGLE FARE between all stations in Province of Quebec; also from stations in Province of Quebec to Ottawa.
Going dates .....Jan. 5 and 6, 1900.
Return limit .....Jan. 8, 1900.
TRANSCONTINENTAL SERVICE
After Sunday, Dec. 31st, 1899, Pacific Express for Ottawa, Vancouver, etc., will leave Windsor St. Station at 9.45 a.m., daily, except Sundays.
$2.25 Cheap Excursion, Montreal to Ottawa And Return.
Good going by train leaving Windsor Street Station 10 a.m. and 4.05 p.m. Dec. 30th, 1899. Good returning until Jan. 1st, 1900.
City Ticket and Telegraph Office—129 St. James Street (next Post Office).

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY
On and after Sunday, 15th Oct., 1899, trains will leave and arrive at Bonaventure Depot, Montreal, as follows:
THE MARITIME EXPRESS will leave daily, except on Saturday, at 7.30 p.m., for Halifax, N.S., St. John, N.B., and other points in the Maritime Provinces.
THE MARITIME EXPRESS, from points as above, will arrive daily, except on Monday, at 5.30 p.m.
THE LOCAL EXPRESS will leave daily, except on Sunday, at 7.40 a.m., due to arrive at Levis at 1.15 p.m., and at Riviere du Loup at 6.00 p.m
THE LOCAL EXPRESS will leave Riviere du Loup daily, except Sunday, at 12.00 noon, and Levis at 4.35 p.m., due to arrive at Montreal at 10.10 p.m.
ACCOMMODATION FOR LEVIS leaves daily, except on Sunday, at 11.15 p.m., due to arrive at Levis at 7.20 a.m., and connecting with accommodation for Campbellton, N.B.
ACCOMMODATION leaves Levis at 11.40 a.m. daily, except on Sunday, due to arrive in Montreal at 10.00 p.m.
Vestibule trains with Luxurious Sleeping and Dining Cars and First-Class Coaches on the Maritime Express.
Through Sleeping Cars between Montreal and Halifax.
Buffet Cars on Local Express.
THE LAND OF BIG GAME.
The Intercolonial Railway is the direct route to the Big Game Regions of Eastern Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In this area are the finest hunting grounds for moose, deer, caribou and other big game, as well as unlimited opportunities for shooting wild geese, duck, brant, and other fowl common to this part of the continent.
D. POTTINGER, General Manager.
Moncton, N.B., October 12, 1899.
H. A. Price, Assistant General Passenger Agent, 143 St. James Street, Montreal.
James Hardwell, Assistant General Freight Agent, Room 113, Board of Trade Building.
City Ticket Office—143 St. James Street, Montreal.

HOTELS.

ST. LAWRENCE HALL
135 to 139 St. James Street,
MONTREAL.
HENRY HOGAN, Proprietor.
The best known hotel in the Dominion.

BALMORAL CASTLE HOTEL
MONTREAL.
American Plan .....$2 00 to $4 00
European Plan .....$1 00 to $2 50
Free 'Bus to and from all trains and boats.

THE ST. ELMO,
Cor. of McGill and Recollet Streets.
The Best 25c Dinner in the city.
BEST ALES, WINE and PORTER on draught or in bottle.
Polite Attention. Prompt Service.

A Good Dinner for 10c at BELL'S from 11 to 4. Breakfast or Supper, 15c. 543 Craig.

HERALD WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

Situations WANTED FREE. Other notices SIX Insertions for the PRICE of FOUR.

SITUATIONS VACANT.

Advertisements under this heading ½ cent per word.

WANTED—Six first-class job compositors. Apply to Foreman Herald Job Department, 603 Craig St.

AGENTS WANTED — Subscription Agents—Greatest money maker for 1900. $5 to $15 day easily. Paris Exposition Illustrated, as we did the World's Fair. Greatest seller of the Century. Apply at once for territory and enclose 5 stamps for sample book and instructions. Mention this paper. Address Campbell's Illustrated Journal, Chicago. x

WANTED—A thoroughly competent general servant. Apply 79 St. Matthew st. 306x

WANTED—General servant; one who understands cooking; must have references; call mornings. 93 Park ave. tf

WANTED—General servant; references. 74 Mackay st. 305

AGENTS WANTED FOR "CONQUERING the Dark Continent," or "Fighting in Africa"; the Battles with the Boers; England and the Transvaal; complete history of Africa and its wars; best terms; we pay duty and freight; outfit free. Home Company, 3343 Market st., Philadelphia. x

MONEY TO LOAN.

MONEY MONEY MONEY MONEY MONEY MONEY MONEY

We Shall Give You Money.

If you want to borrow money and own Household Goods, Pianos, Organs, Bicycles, Horses or Waggons, call on us, and we will advance you any amount from $10 to $1,000 without removing goods. All transactions made without publicity, and money can be paid back in small monthly or weekly payments to suit borrower. You can get the money the same day you apply for it. No charge unless loan is made. Call and get our terms

Montreal Loan & Brokerage Co.
Room 8, No. 260 St. James St.,
Cor. Victoria Sq., Bank of Toronto Bldg.
Mention Herald.

Marriage Licenses Issued

MONEY TO LEND
—BY—
JOHN M. M. DUFF, Accountant and Commissioner
107 St. James Street
And No. 5 Selkirk Avenue, Guy Street, above Sherbrooke Street.

MONEY LOANED SALARIED PEOPLE holding permanent positions, with responsible concerns, upon their own names, without security; easy payments. Toleman, 202 New York Life Building.

FOR SALE.

Advertisements under this head 1c per word.

DRESS COAT AND VEST FOR SALE. Address N 21, Herald. x

FOR SALE — GENT'S RACCOON COAT, almost new. Apply J. D., Herald Office.

MACHINERY FOR SALE — GAS ENGine, ten horse-power, second hand. Apply J. F. Mackay, Herald. tf

FOR SALE — THE SIEGE OF LADYSMITH. Instructing, fascinating, shrewd tactics. Sold everywhere, or forwarded direct by post prepaid, on receipt of twenty-five cents. (No stamps). Address Ladysmith, P.O. Box 1045, Montreal. x

FOR SALE — A STEINWAY UPRIGHT piano, fine tone, and in perfect order. This instrument will be sold for $190 to immediate purchaser. Apply 151 Stanley street. x

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

WANTED TO PURCHASE—HIGH PRICES paid for books and paper covered novels, collections of old postage stamps, old china, curiosities, ancient clocks, watches, old jewellery, firearms, swords, and any kind of antiquities. Montreal Stamp and Book Exchange, 2414 St. Catherine, west of Peel. x

ROOMS TO LET.

FURNISHED ROOMS, WITH OR WITHOUT board, by day, week or month. STILLWELL'S Temperance House 711 and 713 Craig st. tf

PATENTS.

PATENTS PROMPTLY SECURED

Write today for a free copy of our interesting books "Inventors Help" and "How you are swindled." We have extensive experience in the intricate patent laws of 50 foreign countries. Send sketch, model or photo for free advice. MARION & MARION, Experts, New York Life Building, Montreal, and Atlantic Building, Washington, D.C.

PATENTS.
Fetherstonhaugh & Co.,
Canada Life Building, Montreal.
OFFICES—Toronto, Ottawa and Washington

PATENTS AND TRADE MARKS,
OWEN N. EVANS,
TEMPLE BUILDING, MONTREAL

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

SITUATION WANTED by a man aged 39, tall, smart, of good appearance, as porter, messenger, janitor, or similar capacity; handy at anything; good city references. Address Harold C. Fairbrass, 210 St. George st., city. 302x

WANTED—By young man (19), work of any kind; abstainer, fair education, and best of references. F. Taylor, 1174 St. Denis street. 309x

CALICO PRINTING — Colormaker and chemist, at present employed in one of the largest printworks in Britain, large Canadian trade done, thoroughly familiar with all styles, glad to hear of opening; would take subordinate position. B. O., Herald. x

WANTED—By young Englishman, situation in the city as single driver. Apply J. R., Herald Office. 307x

POSITION WANTED by a young man, aged 24, who has had four years' experience in general store, and can give best of references; not afraid of work. Box N 27, Herald Office. 305x

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

A BUSINESS WOMAN, with half a day at her disposal, desires a position as secretary to a lady or gentleman; understands keeping accounts, fyling papers, etc.; highest testimonials as to integrity and reliability. Box N 22, Herald. 303x

WANTED—By a poor woman, any kind of work by the day. Mrs. R., in rear of 325 St. Urbain. 302x

BUSINESS CHANCES.

EUROPE! EUROPE! EUROPE! — TICKETS at lowest rates. Choice accommodation. Plans and information free, on application to W. F. Egg, C. P. Ry. Ticket Office, 129 St. James Street. 296x

MISCELLANEOUS.

DR. FULTON Positively Cures quickly, painful diseases and ailments of all kinds. Most reliable method. Success assured. Enquiry FREE. Correspondence solicited. 2432 St. Catherine St., near Stanley Street.

In Fine Furniture We Excel
In Medium Price Furniture we lead.
In Low Price Furniture we distance our competitors.
Great facilities for filling large orders on short notice.
GEO. H. LABBÉ & CO,
Manufacturers and Exporters.
Show Rooms, 208 McGill Street.
Factory and Office, De Lorimier Avenue.

DEPARTMENT FOR WOMEN READERS

ST. MARGARET'S HOME XMAS TREE

The Patients and Their Friends Spend a Very Delightful Evening—Santa Claus Gives Presents.

Last night St. Margaret's Home was the scene of a good deal of excitement and festivity, for Santa Claus was there in person to distribute the numerous gifts to the patients, nurses and Sisters of the Home. It was a touching as well as a most interesting sight. The patients were all assembled in the beautiful lofty west ward at the top of the house; some lying helplessly in their beds, some very old ladies in chairs, some fairly well and able to enter heartily into all the fun. At the top of the big room, facing the door was as splendid a Xmas tree as Santa Claus ever presided over. It was a fine tall, sturdy, green tree, and one sighed sympathetically to think of the amount of work done by nimble fingers in decorating its branches with the pretty flags and glittering balls which hung on every spray. There were myriads of lighted candles sending out a soft light, and at the foot of the tree were piles and piles of paper parcels which everyone eyed with much interest. The kind, unselfish Sister went about from one to another, chatting and giving pleasant words to each person. Soon after eight o'clock a large number of visitors had assembled, and the lights were turned out to give everyone an opportunity to see the tree in all its beauty.

Santa Claus' arrival was greeted with much laughter and applause, as he marched in wearing his red fur-trimmed garments, and with white hair and beard. Santa Claus, it may be mentioned, is known to the public as Mr. Jack Rose, and the jolly saint apologized for being a trifle late by explaining that Carsley's did not close very early. The fun was universal, as parcel after parcel was held up and the name called out. There were some inscriptions which spoke of appreciation and kind feeling, "To —— from the patients of —— ward." "To ——— from his friends in St. Margaret's Home," and so on. Cheeks grew pink and eyes bright as patient after patient found her lap filled with parcels which were opened to show all sorts of thoughtful pretty gifts. At last when the tree was exhausted the Sisters, that no visitors should be forgotten, distributed dainty bags of bon bons. Then the piano was brought in and Miss Saunderson, Miss Yarker, Mr. Davy and Mr. Bailey delighted their audience with beautiful sacred songs. Refreshments were served, and soon after tea the last good nights were said, and the happy evening was over.

Any visitors to this beautiful Home must be struck by the thoroughly home-like atmosphere and the happy relations which appear to exist within its walls. The handsome, spacious hall and rooms, the beautiful corridor filled with plants, and the pretty rooms and wards all have an air of comfort and refinement. It was very beautiful to notice the affection of the patients for the Sisters and nurses in charge.

"You seem very happy and bright," I said to one cheerful girl.

"Oh, you couldn't help being happy here," she said, "they are so kind to you." The sweet-faced Sisters, in their white caps and collars and dark gowns, who attended all evening to the patients and guests, seem to reap the reward of their patience and gentleness in the affection of those in their care. There are at present in the Home between fifty-five and sixty patients, four Sisters and six nurses. Many visitors go to visit the patients, and read or sing to them and bring news of the outside world, and on Sunday afternoon kind friends go regularly to sing and hold a little service. St. Margaret's Home in a quiet, unostentatious way, is a great influence for good.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Among the Toronto guests at the Robin-Molson wedding on Wednesday were Mrs. Robin and Mr. Charles Robin, mother and brother of the groom, and Miss Sprague, who will leave for home in a day or so.

* * *

Lady Van Horne's dance on Wednesday night was thoroughly successful, and delightful in every respect. The beautiful house is well adapted for large entertainments, and the rooms devoted to the guests were effectively decorated with flowers and palms. Small tables were placed in the hall and dining room where supper was served, and a large supper table had for decoration American Beauty roses. The list of invited guests included most of the fashionable young people, amongst them being several married people. Some of those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harrison B. Young, Mr. and Mrs. George Cantlie, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Macdougall, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Reford, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Mackenzie, Dr. and Mrs. Shirres, Mr. and Mrs. Brooke Claxton, Mr and Mrs. MacTier, Miss Muriel Greenshields, Miss May Stephens, Miss Evelyn Mackenzie, Miss Edith Gault, Miss Evelyn Marler, the Misses Angus, Miss Coristine, the Misses Drury, Miss Phyllis Porteous, the Misses Clouston, Miss Thibaudeau, Miss Edith Molson, Miss Mabel Molson, Miss Lily Graham, Miss Reid, Mr. Travers Allan, Mr. S. A. Finley, Mr. G. W. Stephens, jr., Miss Howard, Mr. Campbell Howard, Miss M. Bond, Mr. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, Miss Eagle, Mr. Eadie, Miss Lacoste and Mr. Lacoste, the Misses Forget, Mr. Willie Angus, Mr. and Mrs. Napier, Miss Marjorie Riddell, Miss Shaughnessy, Miss Meighen, Mr. and the Misses Rawlings and many others.

* * *

A very charming and most successful Christmas week dance was that given last night by M. and Mme. H. Beaugrand, of 67 University Street, to introduce their young daughter, Mlle. Estelle Beaugrand, to society. No young girl could make her debut under more favorable circumstances than at a beautiful ball in the house of her parents. The spacious hall made a delightful ball room, and the dining room and reception room were also cleared for dancing. There was an excellent orchestra, and dancing was kept up till a late hour. The supper was served upstairs at small tables, leaving the lower floor clear for dancing. Mme. Beaugrand, who was assisted in receiving by M. Beaugrand and their daughter, looked very handsome in a beautiful gown of pale blue corded silk, trimmed with white lace and blue shot silk. Mlle. Estelle Beaugrand was charmingly dainty in a lovely frock of white embroidered chiffon, over white silk, with frills of chiffon at the bottom. There were white flowers in the gown, and she carried a big bouquet of white roses. Mlle. Beaugrand's only ornament was an opal and pearl necklace. There were many very lovely gowns worn, as is usually the case at a Montreal ball. The list of guests included:

Messrs. Rafael de Casares, Chs. Rodier, L. B. Pillow, Dr. Boulet, R. B. Van Horne, Dr. Benoit, L. R. Sims, C. Galibert, G. MacKay, Hugh MacKay, A. Tachereau, Dr. Grafton, Rene Beaudry, Fred MacFarlane, A. Roy, Dr. A. de Martigny, Dobbin, Geo. Herdt, G. W. Stephens, jr., G. Martin, L. Normandin, A. Desrosiers, A. Dubuc, E. Surveyer, DeBlois Thibaudeau, R. Robidoux, R. Delfosse, M. Ouimet, H. E. Archambault, C. Moncel, G. Moncel, J. Duchastel de Montrouge, E. Bury, J. Auger, L. Pinsonneault, H. A. Coussirat, P. Mercier, H. Mercier, G. Langlois, L. A. Finley, N. Evans, J. Loranger, V. Beaudry, E. Desnoyers, E. Hosmer, P. Lacoste, F. Beique, E. Langlois, T. Rinfret, Kahala, A. Gaulin, L. Patenaude, Dr. Lachapelle, C. Donahue, A. G. Bachand, J. A. Beaulieu, R. De Lorimier, L. Fortier, E. Bury, E. Duverger, Howells Frechette, M. Dyonnet, Dr. H. Kemp, G. W. Pacaud, Judge Carrier, F. LaRocque, T. Rinfret, A. Byers, L. Rinfret, R. Byers, Garneau, and the Misses Lareau, Desaulniers, MacFarlane, Reid, Thibaudeau, Van Horne, Shaughnessy, Stephens, MacKay, Frechette, Bond, Sims, Normandin, Desnoyers, Auger, Desjardins, Nelson, Linton, Dansereau, Lacaille, Steele, Dubuc, Lanctot, Prevost, Roy, Evans, Monut, Pinsonneault, Bolvin, MacDonald, Galibert, G. Galibert, Ouimet, Tarte, Guertin, Bury, Laframboise (Ottawa), Surveyer, Barry, LeBlanc, Lacoste, Beaudry, Hamilton, Duchastel de Montrouge, Morgan, Frechon, O'Brien, David, Coussirat, LeBeuf, Frechette (Ottawa), Labelle, LaRocque, Frechon, Normandin.

* * *

Mr. R. H. Reid, of New York, arrives in town to-morrow to spend the New Year with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reid, 57 Union avenue. Before taking up his residence in New York Mr. Reid was major in the Garrison Artillery here, and takes a keen interest in Canadian military matters.

* * *

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir C. A. Pelletier were at the Windsor yesterday.

Her Excellency the Countess of Minto has signified her intention to be present at the drawing-room concert to be given to-night in Ottawa at the house of Mr. Justice and Mrs. Gwynne.

* * *

The Rev. Frederick Renaud and Mrs. Renaud visited their old home in St. Johns this week.

* * *

A pretty wedding took place at Winchester on Saturday last, when Miss Effie Florence, daughter of Mr. John Rowat, was united in marriage with Mr. Merritt Gordon Broder, of Montreal.

* * *

Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Boulden, of Berthier, who are well known in connection with the Boys' School there, are at the Windsor.

* * *

The Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Hillhurst, was also at the Windsor yesterday.

* * *

The Misses Margery and Hazel Robinson, of Montreal, are in St. Johns visiting their aunt, Mrs. Trotter.

* * *

Mrs. Dunlop, who unfortunately sprained her ankle lately, is getting better.

* * *

Miss Allie M. Ham, M.A., who has been in Portage la Prairie for the past few months, returned last evening to her home in Montreal.

* * *

The Woman's Press Club of New York City, instead of their usual valentine festival, are to give a reception on February 14 to their president, Mrs. J. C. Croly, "Jennie June." The function is in honor of her wedding anniversary, which falls on February 14, and of her seventieth birthday, which has just passed in this month of December. A loving cup is to be presented to Mrs. Croly by the club.

* * *

Lady Chapleau spent Xmas in Sherbrooke with her father, Colonel King.

* * *

Kingston, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—A very pretty wedding took place on Wednesday at the residence of Mr. James C. Clough, Sargin-son, Ont., when Miss Sophia M. Cleugh was married to Mr. William J. Fair, of Kingston. The Rev. John Moore performed the ceremony. The bride wore a handsome gown of white brocaded silk, and the bridesmaid, Miss Bedford, was in white cashmere. Mr. Edward Cleugh was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Fair left by the afternoon train for a wedding trip to Montreal, New York and Washington.

* * *

Brockville, Dec. 27.—At the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Halladay, in Elgin, this morning, their second daughter, Miss Bertha Elizabeth (Birdie), was married to Mr. John H. Mills, principal of the High School at Waterford, Ont. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Wm. Philps, B.A., B.D., pastor of the Elgin Methodist Church, in the presence of only members of the family.

Other weddings in the vicinity to-day were those of Miss Minnie Watson, of Lansdowne, to Mr. Wm. Thomas; Mr. George Bryson, of Lyn, to Miss Maggie Derbyshire, eldest daughter of Mr. Isaac Derbyshire, of Chantry; Mr. Thomas Kilday, of Buffalo, N.Y., to Miss Lulu Robinson, of Gananoque; Mr. John Eaton and Miss Julia Pearce, both of Athens; and Miss Susie Hanna, daughter of Mr. Richard Hanna, of Elizabethtown, to Mr. Herbert Landon, of the same township.

Herald Coupons Good as Gold..

The Herald will offer many valuable premiums this fall, in return for Herald Coupons.

Issue of Monday, DEC. 4th, announces

"KENILWORTH"

By Sir Walter Scott.

Regular English Edition, bound in rich cloth with gilt tops and gilt titles.

LIST OF PREMIUMS:

Ivanhoe.....6 Coupons and 12c
5 Cents extra if by mail.

The Designer.....10 Coupons
5 Cents extra if by mail.

Dominion Cook Book..25 Coupons and 25c
6 Cents extra if by mail.

Herald Scribbler.....6 Coupons
Cannot be sent by mail.

CONDITIONS.

Coupons presented for any article must be of different dates.

Coupons will be good for any article until it is withdrawn from the list above.

If to be sent by mail, extra postage must be remitted.

Letters relating to coupons must be addressed, Coupon Dept., Montreal Herald.

COUPON AGENCIES.

Herald Coupons may be exchanged at Herald Office or at following agencies:
383 Notre Dame—F. Whitaker, Grocery.
11 Papineau Square—Mrs. A. Smithe, Books.
680 St. Denis—Mrs. White, Books.
439 St. Lawrence—T Vaughan, Books.
293 Bleury—E. C. Genge & Co., Fruits and Confectionery.
965 Main—A. P. Morrison.
2117 St. Catherine—J. Milloy, Books.
2587 St. Catherine—M. A. Curran, Books.
P.O., Westmount—Miss McColl, Stationery.
213 St. Antoine—J. L. King, Books.
2674 Notre Dame—N. S. Wilkins, Newsdealer.
157 Congregation Street, Point St. Charles—Wm. Monteith, Grocery.
236 Hibernia—Mrs. Crutchlow, Fancy Goods.
673 Wellington Street—G. L. Webber.
66 Shearer Street—Mrs. Connolly.
99 Britannia Street—Mrs. Lydon.
401 St. Denis St.—P. A. Dubord.

DECEMBER 29, 1899.

HERALD COUPONS GOOD AS GOLD

This Coupon will be accepted by The Montreal Herald in exchange for articles offered by it, on conditions specified in said offer.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Announcements per insertion—Births, 25c; marriages and deaths, 50c.

BIRTHS.

APPLEBY—December 25, at 4084 Tupper Street, the wife of John Appleby, of a daughter.

CARON—At 1 Hutchison Street, December 27, the wife of Paul Caron, of a son.

DARLING—At 418 Wood Avenue, Westmount, December 24, the wife of Herbert Darling, of a son.

DROLET—December 23, At Ottawa, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Drolet, a daughter.

DUHAMEL—At Montreal, December 21, the wife of J. G. Duhamel, of a daughter.

GLAZEBROOK—At London, December 21, the wife of A. J. Glazebrook, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

BARBER-McKINLEY—December 25, at Grand Valley, Ont., by Rev. B. L. Cohoe, Arthur J. S. Barber, of Erasmus, West Luther, to S. Alberta, eldest daughter of Wm. McKinley, of Monticello, East Luther.

BARTON-MACDONALD—December 26, at Toronto, by Rev. R. P. Mackay, Charles Arthur Barton, manager Canadian General Electric Co., Peterborough, Ont., to Mabel Effie, daughter of Randolph Macdonald.

BAYLEY-BASKERVILLE—At London, December 19, by Rev. W. T. Hill, Hubert Bayley, to Agnes S. Baskerville.

BOWDEN-ELLIOT—December 20, at St. Stephen's Church, Westmount, by Ven. Archdeacon Evans, Albert G. Bowden, to Annie Elliot, eldest daughter of Richard Elliot.

BEAL-LANG—At Toronto, December 25, by Rev. W. H. Withrow, D.D., Henry D. Beal, of Peterborough, to Emma L. V., youngest daughter of the late James Lang, of Harriston, Ont.

DEATHS IN THE CITY.

MADORE—At Lachine, on the 28th December instant, Alexandre Madore, aged 82 years and 2 months. Funeral will take place at Lachine, on the 2nd of January next, at nine o'clock a.m. Relatives and friends are requested to attend without further notice. 397x

KERR—Died, on Wednesday, December 27th, Ada Warren Kerr, youngest daughter of the late Victor J. Warren, of Bridgewater, Ontario, beloved wife of John L. Kerr.

ALLAN—At 139 Centre Street, Point St. Charles, Bridget Devereux, widow of the late Michael Allan, aged 75 years. Funeral to-morrow at 7.30 a.m., to St. Gabriel Church, thence to Cote des Neiges.

JOHNSTON—December 28, Catherine Acheson, widow of the late W. P. Johnston, aged 73 years.

MADORE—At Lachine, December 28, Alexander Madore, aged 82 years. Funeral at Lachine on January 2.

McCUAIG—December 14, Catherine Fraser, native of Scotland, wife of the late John D. McCuaig, Peveril, P.Q., aged 90 years.

ROBILLARD—At St. Henri, December 26, in his 33rd year, Coltaire Robillard.

SICOTTE—December 27, in her 55th year, Amelie Benoit, wife of Elzear Sicotte.

STOTT—December 27, William B. Stott, of Oldham, England, aged 58 years, for many years employed by the Montreal Street Railway. Funeral from the Royal Victoria Hospital to-morrow, at 2.30 p.m., to Mount Royal Cemetery.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE.

CRAIG—December 21, at London, Sarah Craig, widow of the late John Craig, aged 81 years.

KAY—December 22, at London, Mary A. Kay, third daughter of John Kay.

O'CONNOR—December 20, at London, Jas. O'Connor, aged 49 years.

ROBERTSON—At Fairholme, Brantford, Ont., December 25, Nellie M., wife of the late A. Robertson, of the Bank of British North America, and daughter of Mrs. De Veber, of Brantford.

SIMMONS—At Hull, Que., December 8, Irene Lossee, widow of the late John Simmons, in her 87th year.

WARD—At Port Hope, Ont., December 24, Thomas U. Ward, deputy registrar of East Durham, in his 63rd year.

Is there a woman living who could go into a room that is half papered without suggesting that it would have looked better with a wider dado or a different ceiling?

DR. CODERRE'S RED PILLS FOR PALE AND WEAK WOMEN
BOX OF 50 PILLS 50 CENTS

CORNWALL WEDDINGS.

Marriage of Mr. Blackader and Miss Reynolds, and Mr. Harris and Miss Buckland.

Cornwall, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—St. John's Manse was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday afternoon, when Ernest C. Blackadder, son of Jas. Blackadder, of the West Front, was married to Miss Catherine Reynolds, daughter of the late John Reynolds. Rev. Dr. McNish officiated. Miss Mary Ross performed the duties of bridesmaid, while Daniel Ross, of Eamers' Corners, supported his cousin, the groom. The bride received a large number of valuable presents, including a purse of gold from the parents of the groom. A large number of friends went to the G.T.R. depot to wish them a safe journey on their wedding trip to Lewiston, Me., and other eastern points.

The N.Y. & C. have adopted a new schedule of rates of three cents a mile, the fraction of a mile being counted as a mile.

The twenty-third annual convention of the Presbytery of Glengarry Sunday School Association will be held in the Presbyterian Church at Newington on January 16th and 17th. Interesting papers and addresses will be given by the clergymen of the Presbyterian churches in this district and other prominent Sunday school workers.

Nominations for office of public school trustees, which took place yesterday, resulted in the re-election by acclamation of E. H. Brown, West Ward; W. Hodge, Centre Ward, and J. P. Watson, East Ward.

On Wednesday evening the members of Camp Aberdeen, Sons of Scotland, elected the following officers for the coming year:—Chief, J. A. Chisholm; chieftain, Tavish McTavish; chaplain, J. C. Alguire; recording secretary, J. A. Hunter; financial secretary, J. A. MacCormick; treasurer, A. G. Watson; physician, Dr. Nichol; marshall, Dr. W. McGill; standard-bearer, A. P. McIntosh; senior guard, W. McIntosh; junior guard, J. Dewar; trustees, D. Monroe, D. McDonald and A. Denney; pipers, J. McDonald and A. McDonald; auditors, J. F. Smart and A. I. McDonell. The above officers will be installed at the regular meeting on the evening of January 9th.

Upwards of two score of Cornwallites went to Wales last night to attend the Christmas tree and entertainment given under the auspices of the Church of Our Lady of Grace at Dickinson's Landing. An excellent programme was rendered by Jas. McFarlane, Hugh Brown, Wm. Kee, R. D. A. Mulcahy of Cornwall, Miss Fox of Dickinson's Landing, and Miss Leblanc of Wales. The handsome presents with which the tree was laden were distributed to the young people. The cane contest resulted in a victory for Frank Clark.

A large number of friends of the contracting parties were present at Trinity Memorial Church last night to witness the nuptials of Wm. Henry Harris, of Albany, N.Y., to Miss Alice Buckland, daughter of Geo. Buckland, of the West End. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Rural Dean Houstan. The bride was attended by Miss Lizzie Wells, while Edward George Airy supported the groom. After thecerremony a large number of friends went to the residence of the bride's father, where a sumptuous repast was served ,and the wedding festivities were kept up until a late hour.

Nomination for separate school trustees, which took place on Wednesday, resulted in the re-election of Father Desaunhac for East Ward, the election of E. O'Callaghan in place of Michael McEniry, resigned, for Centre Ward; P. J. Lally and R. Conroy for west Ward, but it is hardly likely there will be a contest.

A large deputation of the members of the Church of the Nativity called at the presbytery last night and presented their pastor, Rev. Father Desaunhac, with a purse of $100 in gold and a beautiful portrait in oil of himself nicely framed. The presentation was made by Oscar Leblanc, while Mr. Genest read a beautifully worded address, which was gotten up and beautifully illuminated by J. E. R. Matte. The committee in charge of the presentation was Oscar Leblanc, L. Charlebois, D. Dauis and J. E. Chevrier.

The MODERN MERCENARY

By E. & H. HERON.

A STORY OF LOVE AND ACTION.

(Copyrighted by Doubleday & McClure.)

CHAPTER XII.

ANTHONY UNZIAR.

No one could have gathered, from the quiet aspect of Rallywood's tall, soldierly figure, that a whirl of emotion was passing through his brain. Yet above all rose one dominant sensation—a vast relief. Counsellor shared his own opinion with regard to Valerie. Her daring words to the duke had no serious meaning; they were only the natural echo of a girl's preference for a young and beautiful woman to preside over the court, rather than the bloated rake who now lolled uneasily in the chair before him. He recalled the forlorn little smile with which she had accepted von Elmar's lover-like protestations at Mme. de Sagan's doorway. Its forlornness had been lost upon Unziar, who had drawn but one merciless conclusion from the little scene. Close on the heels of these reflections a vivid recollection rose before Rallywood's mind of the first night he had met her. The lights and music of the grand saloon of Sagan died away, and he was standing again on the ridge below the Hotel du Chanceller, looking out over the glimmering lamps of Revonde, dominated, as always, by the regnant red eye of the guards' dome, and he felt once more that strange new warmth and thrill in his veins which, at the time, he had believed to be born of an opening career beset with danger and difficulty. To-night, however, he judged more clearly; he knew that his dull life had been rekindled, and his ambitions had taken fresh fire from the dark starlit eyes Valerie Selpdorf had raised to his in the chancellor's anteroom two months ago.

"Captain Rallywood!"

Rallywood started. The duke made him a sign to approach. Then, rising from his chair, he took the young man's arm, and leaning heavily upon it moved towards the card room, meeting Unziar with Mademoiselle Selpdorf on the way.

"Hey, Mademoiselle Valerie," he stopped abruptly, "would you teach my guards treason?"

"To teach your highness's guards treason is impossible!" replied Valerie, with a slight lifting of her proud head.

"The influence of a pretty woman has no limit," retorted the duke.

Valerie's red lips trembled.

"Generations have already proved that the fidelity of the Selpdorfs has also no limit. But I beg you to accept an apology for my foolish words."

"But such words from a Selpdorf!"

"We have always been loyal, sire."

The duke shook his head sadly.

"But the world changes—what has been is not. And the first reason nowadays why a thing should no longer be, is the fact that once it was!"

Valerie was almost as tall as the duke himself, and she looked level into his weary eyes.

"Have we changed with the world, sire?"

"Not—yet," replied the duke, bitterly; then, struck, as it seemed, by the intrinsic spirit of the young imperial face gazing into his own, he added: "Though you tempt a man to believe in you, mademoiselle!"

"I say this before your highness and these gentlemen of your guard," Valerie said, her eyes flashing. "May the Selpdorf, who ceases to be true to your highness and to Maasau, die!"

In after time events brought back the vehement words to the minds of the three who heard them.

"And I say 'Amen!'" The duke took her hand and added, "Which proves, Valerie, that you have conquered your old friend, Gustave of Maasau. Come, Captain Rallywood, half an hour's play and then to bed."

Valerie looked up at Unziar, as she walked beside him.

"And yet you would not believe me?"

"Come!" was Unziar's reply.

She laid her hand within his arm and passed silently through the reception rooms beside him.

She felt that the time had come when Unziar could no more be put off by the little wiles and evasions a woman employs who has nothing to give the man who loves her but a definite answer. Two luxurious chairs stood ready for occupants in the nook to which he led her, but he had no thought to give to conventionalities. He stood before her keen and white and desperate with doubt.

"Valerie, what does all this mean?"

Though only a girl in years, Valerie was a woman in experience. Experience, not gained altogther at first hand, be it understood, but such as a clever woman easily gathers from the lives of those about her. As the motherless daughter of M. Selpdorf, she had had exceptional opportunities. Thrown into the midst of a brilliant but vicious society, her eyes had seen more of the bare undertexture of life than was perhaps desirable; she had looked upon the shift and drift of things political with an ever-present knowledge that there danger lurked and waited; she had learned the uses of reserve, and something of the art of resource; and, above all, her womanly preceptions had taken on a strange edge of sensitive power, due to her father's quaint methods of pointing out to her the difference between the seeming and the true. By reason of this premature insight into the motives and stress of human existence she gained in safety and strength, as her father desired; but, on the other hand, she had lost the sense of happy irresponsibility that goes so far towards making up one of the sweetest essentials of youth. Luckily there is one thing which can never be quite destroyed at second hand—the romance and illusions that beguile boyhood and girlhood, and the liability to be so beguiled still lived in Valerie's strong and vivid nature.

To be Continued.

DAILY FASHION HINT.



DINNER GOWN.

To-morrow's Menu.

Hints to housekeepers... ... ...
Envy shooteth at others and woundeth herself.

BREAKFAST—Pears. Oatmeal. Beefsteak. Onion Sauce. Fried Potatoes. Prune Sauce. Rolls. Coffee.

DINNER—Oxtail Soup. Roast Tripe. Baked Sweet Potatoes. Corn. Red Cabbage Salad. Jelly. Plain Bread. Mince Pie.

SUPPER—Brains with Tomatoes. Corn Meal Raised Muffins. Fried Sweet Potatoes. Stewed Pears. Grapes. Tea.

At the Gates of Winter.

With stir of petals amber-lin'd,
Bronze plumes and scarlet, autumn kiss'd
Sweet, snowy buds that brave the wind,
And clouds of rosy amethyst;
In sheltered gardens where the soft
Air wanders, and late sunlight comes,
Lifting their dainty heads aloft,
Still blossom the chrysanthemums.

The color wanes in field and wood,
The hedge is brown, the brakes are bare;
Yet, seeing these, the quick'ning blood
Leaps to the sad, blanch'd face of care,
With sudden throb of life that grows
To highest impulse and desire,
While in the flawless flower glows
Eternal beauty's sacred fire.

Ah, such wild glory doth remain,
So many lovely things are born,
Such passion fills sweet Nature's strain,
I cannot think the world forlorn!
Nor tell my heart that love is dead,
Nor sigh for summer, fair and fleet,
While heav'n is bright above my head,
And flow'rs are bright about my feet.

—Pall Mall Gazette.

A foolish turkey struts about at this season endeavoring to attract attention to his shape. The wise one tries to look as though he were going into a decline.

Food for the Sick
—AT THE—
DIET DISPENSARY
79 Osborne Street.

1537 to 1541 St. Catherine St.
MONTREAL.

Chas. Desjardins & Co.,
THE LARGEST
FUR HOUSE
IN THE WORLD,
Solicit the honor of a visit to
view their immense selection of
Fine Furs.

OLD FURS of all kinds re-dyed, repaired and remodelled into the newest styles—repairs received at an early date will have our special attention.

Our SEAL and PERSIAN LAMB JACKETS are world renowned.

Chas. Desjardins & Co.,
1537 to 1541 St. Catherine St.
MONTREAL.

HENRY MORGAN & CO.
COLONIAL HOUSE,
Phillips Square,

Heavy Stock of—
Fine Furs.

Owing to the long continuance of unusually mild weather, the stock of
LADIES' FINE FURS
Is somewhat heavier than it should be; we will therefore offer the same from To-morrow, SATURDAY, at
20 per cent. Discount
With 5 p.c. Extra for Cash
This is a Rare Opportunity.

New Years' Gifts.
Now showing a nice assortment of
Five O'Clock Tea Kettles
In Brass and Wrought Iron Stands, from
$2.50 to $18.

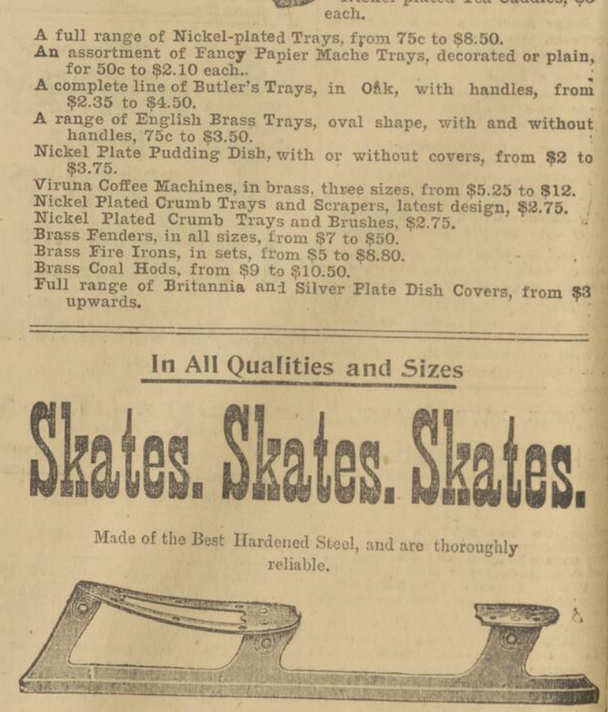




CHAFING DISHES
In Copper, Nickel-plated, with the improved Lamps, from $4 to $18.
Chafing Dish Sets, Ebony Handles, $4.25 per set.
Chafing Dish Broilers, Ebony Handles, $2.10 each.
Nickel-plated Toast Racks, $2.50 each.
Nickel-plated Tea Caddies, $3 each.

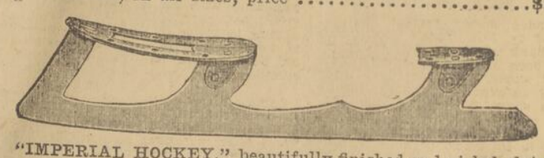
A full range of Nickel-plated Trays, from 75c to $8.50.
An assortment of Fancy Papier Mache Trays, decorated or plain, for 50c to $2.10 each..
A complete line of Butler's Trays, in Oak, with handles, from $2.35 to $4.50.
A range of English Brass Trays, oval shape, with and without handles, 75c to $3.50.
Nickel Plate Pudding Dish, with or without covers, from $2 to $3.75.
Viruna Coffee Machines, in brass, three sizes, from $5.25 to $12.
Nickel Plated Crumb Trays and Scrapers, latest design, $2.75.
Nickel Plated Crumb Trays and Brushes, $2.75.
Brass Fenders, in all sizes, from $7 to $50.
Brass Fire Irons, in sets, from $5 to $8.80.
Brass Coal Hods, from $9 to $10.50.
Full range of Britannia and Silver Plate Dish Covers, from $3 upwards.

In All Qualities and Sizes
Skates. Skates. Skates.
Made of the Best Hardened Steel, and are thoroughly reliable.



A FEW OF THE LEADERS.

Ladies' "Beauty," beautifully finished and nickel plated, best quality welded and tempered steel, concaved blades, made specially for Ladies and Children, in all sizes; price $2.00
Ladies' "FAVORITE," beautifully finished and nickel plated, Bessemer Steel, hardened, made specially for Ladies and Children, in all sizes; price $1.50



"IMPERIAL HOCKEY," beautifully finished and nickel plated, best quality welded and tempered steel, improved toe plate, made specially for Ladies and Children; in all sizes; price $1.75
"DOMINION," Gentlemen's Hockey, beautifully finished, plain and nickel plated, best quality welded and tempered steel; blade perfectly straight and concaved; every Skate fully guaranteed. In all sizes; price .....$1.25 and $2.50
A full and complete line of all the standard makes, comprising eighteen different styles; price ranging from 25c to $4 per pair.
HOCKEY STICKS AND HOCKEY PUCKS IN THE DIFFERENT SIZES, ALL PRICES.

OPTICAL DEPARTMENT—Sight tested free of charge. The best artificial aids for hearing. A full stock of Optical and Mathematical Instruments on hand. Artificial eyes matched and inserted.
SEWING MACHINE DEPARTMENT—Large stock and full range of prices, from $12.50 to $45.00.
BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS—For Ladies, Misses and Children. A full assortment always on hand.
MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT—All orders receive prompt and careful attention. CATALOGUE mailed free on application.

HENRY MORGAN & CO.
MONTREAL.

R. WILSON-SMITH,
Investment Broker,
151 St. James St., MONTREAL.

Government Bonds,
Municipal Securities,
Industrial Securities.

A large line of Gilt Edge Investments always on hand.

TRANSVAAL,
CAPE COLONY,
NATAL,
RHODESIA.

THE
IMPERIAL BANK OF CANADA

Is prepared to Issue Letters of Credit Negotiable at Branches of the Standard Bank of South Africa, Limited.

The Bell Telephone Company
Of Canada, Limited.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

A Dividend of Two Per Cent. has been declared, payable at the Company's Office, in Montreal, on the 15th day of January next, to shareholders of record the 30th December, 1899.

CHAS. P. SCLATER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Montreal, 15th December, 1899.

STOCKS STRONG HERE, BUT IRREGULAR IN WALL STREET

Pacific, Twin City and Toronto Were Local Features.

NEWS FROM LONDON

Four Important Failures—Bank of Montreal Brings Back Gold.

Stocks were fairly bullish again this morning, with the local market perhaps more so than New York. The market there was inclined to be somewhat streaky and in spots the feeling was strong, with occasional gains over the reactional figures of last night.

The general feeling was good. Encouraging news came from London, and the apprehension regarding failures was groundless. There were four embarrassments, but all of a minor character, and cables talked light of them, adding that the feeling, owing to easy money prospects, was much better all round.

Pacific was strong to-day, selling up 1-8 in London and a little more here. In fact, the local feeling on the stock was exceptionally firm, and after 375 shares had changed hands at 92 and 92 1-4, it was bid up to 92 5-8 at the close, with 93 asked. Toronto Rails also did a little better than yesterday, and Twin City, after starting at 62 3-4, was bid up to 64 3-4, the final sale of the morning being made at that figure. The remainder of the list displayed a firm undertone, the mining group failing to attract much attention, but holding fairly well.

The Bank of Montreal to-day brought back $500,000 gold from New York.

$ $ $

The recovery in some of the Wall Street leaders from the recent slump has been more marked than many suppose. Sugar declined 37 1-2 and has rallied 16, Tobacco lost 30 and rallied 17 5-8, Steel and Wire lost 13 1-4 and rallied 14 1-2, Federal Steel lost 20 and rallied 10 1-2, Continental Tobacco lost 17 5-8 and rallied 11, Glucose lost 20 and rallied 9 3-4, Tennessee Coal lost 48 3-4 and rallied 18 1-2. In the railroads Atchison pfd. lost 10 7-8 and rallied 5 5-8, Manhattan lost 15 5-8 and rallied 7 1-8, Rock Island lost 12 3-8 and rallied 6, Southern Pacific lost 10 3-4 and rallied 6 1-4, New York Central lost 13 1-2 and rallied 10 3-4, and so on. The rallies are based on last night's figures.

$ $ $

L. J. Forget & Co.'s London cable quoted Grand Trunk first at 83 1-4, second at 53 1-4, third at 20, Canadian Pacific at 93 1-8, Hudson Bay at 19 7-8, and Anaconda at £8.

$ $ $

Montreal Street Railway earnings yesterday were $4,566.09, an increase over the corresponding day last year of $583.11.

$ $ $

The Wall Street list was inclined to be irregular. J. S. Bache & Co.'s messages to Mr. C. D. Monk said: The Bank of Montreal will ship $500,000 gold to Canada. Traders sold the market on the hardening of money, which has to be carried over three days. Four small failures in London on Kaffirs. They are unimportant. B.Q. statement for November, net decrease $215,000.

Soft coal conference at J. P. Morgan's office considered significant; important developments improving position of all the coal roads is under discussion. L. & N. director says fully 4 per cent. has been earned for current six months. About five million gold is expected to go out to-morrow. St. Paul net decrease is accounted for by large improvements to the road.

$ $ $

Here is the history of an industrial: General Carriage, which was bid up in the outside market to 200 a short time ago, was offered down yesterday from 45 to 20 without any bid. To-day it was offered down from 20 to 10, with 1 the best bid for the slump.

The market is high enough for the present. Northern Pacific total net increase $487,858. Heidelbach will ship $1,000,000 gold to-morrow.

$ $ $

New York, Dec. 29.—Noon.—Money on call firm at 6 per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.; sterling exchange firm at 4.87 1-4 to 4.87 1-2 for demand and at 4.81 1-2 to 4.82 for 60 days. Posted rates, 4.82 1-2 to 4.83 and 4.88 1-2; commercial bills, 4.80 1-4 to 4.80 3-4. Silver certificates, 58 1-2 to 59 1-2. Bar silver, 59 1-4; Mexican dollars, 47 1-2. Government bonds irregular.

$ $ $

If the London money market had not been relieved by New York's gold remittances the Bank of England's statement would have been awaited upon with some concern. It would, moreover, have made an extremely unfavorable showing; for to-day's figures show that no less than $3,800,000 gold was given up by the bank for the interior, with a simultaneous increase of $2,145,000 in its loans. These changes are not exceptional for the period, with inland business active. In the corresponding week last year, for instance, the decrease in the bank's gold holdings through interior remittances alone was $3,875,000—almost exactly what the interior took this week—and meantime its loans rose $15,000,000. But in December, 1898, a stream of gold was flowing from the Johannesburg mines to London. Germany drew very heavily on London's gold, as it would have liked to do this year; but more than $6,000,000 came in from British South Africa, and in the end both the German market and the provincial "Christmas trade" were easily enough accommodated. From the United States not a dollar in gold was then received by London. This week, two-thirds of the gold received by the Bank of England, which was barely enough to offset the interior demand, came from New York. The net result of both home and foreign movements is a further decline in the ratio of reserves to liabilities. But the change is only slight; the proportion is still some 3 per cent. above the low level of last March, and only a few days more remain in which the strain of the January settlements must be provided for. To meet this further demand, the bank received to-day $1,780,000 foreign gold, and at least $4,000,000 more is now afloat for London from New York, all of which will appear in the bank's returns next Thursday. Beyond question, therefore, the worst of the London embarrassment is past. If January and February follow the usual rule, money will presently be flowing back to London from the interior.

$ $ $

Toronto, December 28.—Clearings and balances of the Toronto banks as passed through thelocal clearing house during the past week, including to-day, were as follows:—Clearings, $9,120,990; balances, $927,312. Clearings of the Toronto banks during the corresponding week a year ago totalled $7,208,177 and $6,812,242 during the similar week of 1897.

$ $ $

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:—

Total reserve increased	£ 511,000
Circulation, decreased	£ 511,000
Bullion, increased	46,750
Other securities, increased	429,000
Other deposits, increased	830,000
Public deposits, increased	1,102,000
Notes reserve, increased	533,000
Government securities increased	1,000,000

The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability is 36.57 per cent.; last week it was 36.98. Rate of discount unchanged at 6 per cent.

$ $ $

The Montreal Clearing House Statement for the week shows:

	Clearances.	Balances.
Total for week ending December 28, '99.	$13,750,641	$1,873,500
Corresponding week, 1898	11,849,821	1,829,867
Corresponding week, 1897	10,357,193	1,378,788
Corresponding week, 1896	8,385,721	1,198,646

$ $ $

MORNING BOARD SALES.

325 shares Pacific at 92.
50 shares Pacific at 92 1-4.
30 shares Street Railway at 284.
25 shares Street Railway at 285.
4 shares Merchants at 162 1-2.
1 share Merchants at 160.
35 shares Comemrce at 140.
25 shares Dom. Coal, pfd., at 117.
8 shares Telephone, xd., at 175.
50 shares Electric at 188.
2000 shares Payne at 102 1-2.
25 shares Twin City at 62 3-4.
25 shares Twin City at 63.
25 shares Twin City at 64.
50 shares Twin City at 64 3-4.
450 shares Toronto Railway at 101 1-2.
25 shares Toronto Railway at 101 5-8.
200 shares Toronto Railway at 101 3-4.
50 shares Toronto Railway at 102.
50 shares Toronto Railway at 102 1-8.
125 shares Toronto Railway at 102 3-8.
50 shares Toronto Railway at 102 1-2.
1000 shares Republic at 103.
500 shares Montreal-London at 35.
25 shares Richelieu at 104 3-8.
70 shares Richelieu at 105 1-8.
7¼ shares Telphone Rights at 70.

BIG CANADIAN RAILWAY EARNINGS

The earnings of the leading Canadian railroads continue as eloquent testimony to the remarkable prosperity of the country, and nowhere are the railroads doing a better business, or showing larger gains in earnings, than they are here. The last statement just issued by Canadian Pacific, is a striking one, showing as it does the gross and net earnings of the road for eleven months. The gross earnings, which amount to $26,259,819, are away above the figures for the entire year of 1898, while the total net increase over the earnings of last year for the eleven months is $1,657,923. The following figures show the statement in detail:

	Nov. 1899.	Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 1899.
Gross earnings	$2,977,403.69	$26,259,819.05
Working expenses	1,695,167.81	15,405,635.12
Net profits	$1,282,235.88	$10,854,183.93

In November, 1898, the net profits were $1,080,508.86; and from January 1 to November 30, 1898, there was a net profit of $9,196,260.51. The gain in net profits over the same period last year is, therefore, for November, $201,727.02; and from January 1 to November 30, $1,657,923.42.

"STREET" GOSSIP.



MR. JULES S. BACHE.

Mr. Jules S. Bache, who is well-known in Montreal, being a frequent visitor here, is one of the biggest of the Wall Street brokers. Mr. Bache was the leading witness at yesterday's enquiry into the Brooklyn Rapid Transit fairy story case in New York. It was thought by some that Mr. Bache was one of James R. Keene's brokers, but this was denied by Mr. Bache and Mr. Keene himself.

Other witnesses were examined, but no important disclosures were made, and it is evident that the stories which injured the value of B.R.T. stock to the extent of something like $8,000,000 were started by some of the small fry. James R. Keene, it was said, had been subpoenaed. Mr. Keene refused to affirm or deny the report. "I hope that the Grand Jury will get at the truth," said Mr. Keene significantly. "There will be some lively music if they do."

$ $ $

The local money market is virtually in the same position. The banks are still adopting very conservative methods and the rate is unchanged at 6 per cent.

$ $ $

By the decisive vote of 186,652 shares in favor, against 15,971 shares opposed, the stockholders of the Boston & Albany Railroad Company, at an adjourned special meeting yesterday, voted to approve the lease of their road to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, thus ending, as far as they are concerned, one of the bitterest railroad controversies in the history of New England.

$ $ $

The principal item of interest in the weekly return of the Bank of England is the increase of £1,000,000 in government securities, showing that the Government had to borrow that amount from the bank in connection with the war disbursements. The market now wonders whether the proceeds from the new issue of treasury bills, to be raised next month from the market, will be first used to repay the bank, or for disbursements. The increase of other deposits is partly due to borrowings from the bank.

$ $ $

Wall Street estimates of next Saturday's gold engagements place the amount at $3,000,000. Superintendent Mason, of the Assay Office, has not yet been instructed to furnish bars for export at less than one-tenth of 1 per cent. premium, so nothing but coin will, it is thought, be shipped from New York.

$ $ $

All brokers comment on the large amount of stock being bought and taken off the market. One prominent house says such stock will not come out again at these prices.—Wall Street Journal.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

There is a little demand for cheese, but holders are firm in their ideas at 12c to 12 1-4c, and it is more or less of a standoff.

Butter is steady. Finest creamery is selling at 21c to 21 1-2c, and western rolls 18c to 19c as to grade.

The egg market furnished no change today, business ruling quiet and prices steady. We quote: 23c to 26c for fresh new laid stock; Montreal limed, 17 1-2c to 18c; western limed, 16c to 17c, and culls 11c to 13c per dozen.

With an increased supply prices of poultry were rather easier to-day, but the cold weather is a favorable factor. Prices are as follows: Turkeys, 9c to 9 1-2c; ducks, 7 1-8c to 8 1-2c; chickens, 7c to 8c; geese, 5c to 6c; old fowl, 5c to 6c.

Honey continues dull but steady. White extracted is quoted at 9c to 10c; dark clover at 8c to 8 1-2c; and buckwheat extracted at 7c to 7 1-2c per lb.

Beans remain as last quoted. Choice hand-picked pea beans, $1.52 1-2 to $1.57 1-2, and choice primes at $1.42 1-2 to $1.47 1-2.

Maple products rule quiet; sugar, 9 1-2 to 10c; and syrup, 60c to 70c per gallon tin.

The potato market continues steady under a good demand, despite liberal receipts. Car lots on track quotable at 45c per bag, and small quantities at 5c to 10c per bag advance, according to the size of the lot.

Good Canadian hops are jobbing out at 10c per pound.

There is no change in ashes. We quote: First sorts, $4.20 to $4.25; seconds, $4; and pearls, $5 to $5.25 per 100 lbs.

Prince Arthur Skating Rink—Band Saturday evening, also New Year's afternoon and evening.

A BIG DECREASE

Chicago's Wheat Shipments This Year Fell Away Off.

AFTER THE BUCKET SHOPS.

The Cattle Markets Hold Pretty Firm—The Sugar Markets—World's Wheat Supply.

Chicago in the year 1899 has shipped only 10,700,000 bushels wheat, compared with over 38,000,000 bushels shipped in 1898. The 1899 receipts have been 30,600,000 bushels, compared with 35,750,000 bushels received in 1898. Joe Leiter swelled the 1898 figures, shipping almost 20,000,000 bushels wheat that year during his famous corner. The disparity between 1899 and last year in the matter of wheat shipments is startling.

$ $ $

The Chicago Board of Trade bucket shop committee was in session yesterday scrutinizing the list of correspondents furnished by the private wire houses.

$ $ $

The world's visible supply of wheat, according to Bradstreet's statement, showed for the week a decrease of 753,000 bushels, compared with an increase for the same week last year of 293,000 bushels. According to the same authority the available of corn east of the Rockies increased 573,000 bushels, and the available of oats decreased 100,000 bushels.

$ $ $

Cable to Counseiman & Co. yesterday summarized the foreign crop and price situation as follows:—United Kingdom—There is an increasing consumptive demand and prices are tending up. Argentina—There is a large wheat crop of probably fine quality. There is some damage in certain sections by rain. Roumania—Prospects are continuing good. Russia—There are complaints of drought and of absence of snow. Hungary—Prospects are bad for the new crop. France and Germany—There is an absence of snow covering. The weather in nearly all the European wheat districts is severe, with little snow protection.

MONTREAL GRAIN.

There is a fair enquiry for Manitoba wheat, and the idea is about 65c afloat, Fort William. Coarse grains are dull, and deliveries at country points are still light, though they are expected to increase shortly. Oats are quoted at 25c to 25 1-4c; peas at 57c to 57 1-2c; rye at 50c; buckwheat at 48c; No. 1 barley at 39c; No. 2 at 38c, west of Toronto freights, and buckwheat at 49c, eastern freights. Some Ontario spring wheat is moving east of Toronto at 65c.

There is only a quiet local trade in flour, and prices are steady. We quote: Winter patents, $3.60 to $3.90; straight rollers, $3.30 to $3.40; in bags, $1.65; Manitoba patents, $3.90 to $4.15; and strong bakers, $3.60 to $3.70.

Oatmeal continues steady at $3.50 per barrel and $1.70 per bag.

Feed was the same. Ontario bran, $15 to $15.50 in bulk, and Manitoba do., $14.50 to $15 in bags.

Baled hay was steady. We quote: Choice No. 1 at $9 to $10; No. 2, $8 to $9; and clover, $7 to $7.50 per ton, in carload lots.

Open Until 10 O'clock To-night. ADMITTANCE FREE all this week to our Monster Illuminated New Year's Tree.

THE S. CARSLEY CO. LIMITED

Notre Dame St. Montreal's Greatest Store. Dec. 29th, 1899.

Double Delivery for Montreal East.

The phenomenal increase in The Big Store's holiday trade in the eastern portions of the city necessitates the management doubling its delivery of goods in Montreal East.

This tremendous increase of trade proves beyond doubt that The Big Store's stocks are larger, its assortment greater and its prices from 15 to 20 per cent. lower than other stores. Everything is ready for the grand rally to-morrow.

GRAND FINAL RUSH for TOYS at the BIG STORE

The grand final rush for Toys will take place to-morrow. It promises to be even greater than Xmas week. Hundreds of new Toys added to-day, making the assortment the best in Canada and the prices lower by 15 to 20 per cent. than ordinary toy stores. NO WONDER THE BIG STORE IS BUSY.

Dress Dolls. Ten Pins, Tool Chests. Locomotives. Girls' Sleighs.

Dressed Dolls	11c	Toy Watches	8c	Iron Carts	11c
Jointed Dolls	24c	5,000 Hockey Sticks	9c	Swords	11c
Kid Dolls	14c	Tool Chests	27c	Banks	5c
Dolls' Trunks	27c	Drums	24c	Pianos	32c
Wool Dolls	6c	Blocks	5c	Girls' Sleighs	35c
Ten Pins	22c	Cruisers	24c	Boys' Sleighs	12½c
Tea Sets	3½c	Paint Boxes	9c	Snow Shovels	5c
Card Games	4c	2,000 Hockey Pucks	12½c	Baby Swings	35c
Wash Sets	23c	Iron Trains	14c	Bureaus	5c

Thousands Upon Thousands Will Come to our New Year Kid Glove Sale

To-morrow The Big Store anticipates the Biggest day's Kid Glove selling ever known in Canada. With the largest and most complete stock of Ladies' and Gent's Kid Gloves in the Dominion, and prices being from 15 to 20 per cent. lower than ordinary stores, we are safe in predicting an enormous day's business.



To-morrow (Saturday) will be one of the greatest days in the year for Kid Glove buying, and The Big Store will commence at 8 o'clock sharp to-morrow morning giving away

KIMBERLEY GEMS, SCARF PINS BIG BOTTLES OF PERFUME

With every pair of Kid Gloves at 60c and over sold at The Big Store to-morrow.

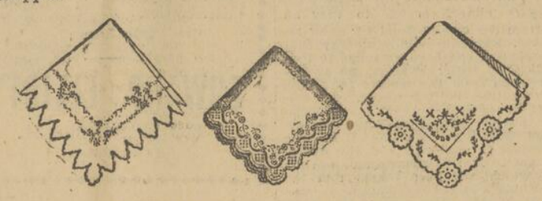
Kid Glove Prices

Ladies' Perfect Fitting 4 Button Kid Gloves	60c pair
Ladies' 7 Hook Lacing Kid Gloves, select quality	75c pair
Ladies' 2 Stud Kid Gloves, extra quality	97c pair
Ladies' French Kid Gloves, in extra selected stock	$1.10 pair
Ladies' 7 Hook Finest French Kid Gloves	$1.50 pair

And Thousands more equally as cheap.

Tremendous Handkerchief Sale

To-morrow will be a tremendous day in handkerchiefs. Positively certain to beat all records. An extra staff of assistants will be ready to meet all customers and give their best possible service to the New Year shopper.



No. 1 Lot contains 6 Plain and Fancy Handkerchiefs and Bottle of Perfume. Special Price ..... 50c a box

No. 2 Lot contains 6 Pretty Handkerchiefs and Bottle of Perfume. Special Price 75c

No. 3 Lot, hand-painted box, with 6 Beautiful Handkerchiefs and a Bottle of Perfume. Special Price $1.00

Other Prices—
$1.25, $1.50 and $1.75

Parlor Tables



Very desirable for New Year's Gifts.

75 Only, Dainty Parlor Tables, in quarter cut oak with fancy turned legs and undershelf, nicely finished. To-morrow, 85c

Jardiniere Stands — 100 of them, in antique and mahogany finish. Splendid value at 50c each. To-morrow 30c

A Special in Rubbers



300 pairs of Ladies' Good Quality Rubbers, croquet style, size 2½ to 7, worth 45c. 32c

New Year Sale of Boys' and Men's Clothing

To-morrow this department will pile up a record for clothing selling never before approached. Everything has been perfected to make New Year's buying speedy and satisfactory. Besides you are surrounded by every guarantee that our values in boys' and men's clothing are from 15 to 20 per cent. better and lower prices than ordinary stores. Come to-morrow and test it.



Boys' Suits

Boys' Swell Norfolk Suits, strongly made, of good tweed, from $1.40

Boys' Smart Knickerbocker Tweed Suits, stylish cut. Special, from $2.90

Boys' Blue Black Blanket Coats, lined red flannel, and coat lined fancy tweed, seams piped red. A warm, comfortable and manly coat for "The Boys," from $3.75

Given Away
With Boys' and Men's
CLOTHING.

One Universal Pocket Knife will be given away free with every Suit of Boys' or Men's Clothing at $2.00 or over, sold in this department from now till New Year's Eve.

A BOYS' KNIFE

A BOY'S KNIFE is a boy's pride, and a knife that will do anything is the knife a boy wants.



Men's Overcoats

Men's Beaver Overcoats, velvet collar, fly front, fancy checked lining. Special ... $4.90

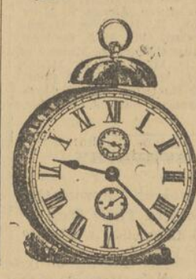
Men's English Cheviot Overcoats, velvet collar, fly front, extra tweed linings. Special, $12.00

"Our Boys' Popular Skates"

The best place in the city to buy Skates is at The Big Store, because there you find the largest stock at the least prices.



Strong Steel Skates	19c pr.	Steel Hockey Skates	36c pr.
Hockey Skates, Steel	40c pr.	Fine Steel Hockey Skates	87c pr.
Strong Steel Skates	43c pr.	Fine Quality Steel Skates	80c pr.



Alarm Clocks

These Pretty Clocks are well suited as a useful and correct New Year's Gift. 14S Nickel Plated Alarm Clocks, reliable timekeepers good strong movement, splendid alarm bell. The regular $1.00 kind. To-morrow, 65c

THE S. CARSLEY CO. LIMITED,
1765 to 1783 Notre Dame St., 184 to 194 St. James St., MONTREAL.

CATTLE MARKETS

A GOOD DEMAND FOR CHOICE STOCK IN LOCAL MARKETS.

Prices Maintained—A Steady Demand for Shipment to Great Britain.

Cold weather has had a good effect upon the trade done at the Montreal stockyards, St. Etienne Street. Arrivals were heavy and largely of low grade of cattle. Exporters and local buyers were out in good numbers. The best cattle sold at from 3 1-2c to 4c per lb., and in one or two instances a shade higher. The common to medium were quoted at from 2c to 3c per pound, while the poor stock and old bulls sold at 1 3-4c per pound. Sheep sold at 3c per pound, and a few choice ones found sale at 3 1-4c per pound. Lambs were in good demand and were readily bought up at prices ranging from 4c to 4 1-2c per pound, while the common and lean stock were quoted at 3 1-2c per lb. Calves were from $2 to $10 each, or from 4c to 5c per lb. Hogs sold at $4.25 per hundred lbs., while the poorer classes realized about $4 per hundred pounds.

There were about 300 head of butchers' cattle, 25 calves and 600 sheep and lambs offered for sale at the East End Abattoir. No prime stock was offered on the market to-day, and there seemed to be very little demand for beef of any kind, with 4c per lb. about the top price paid. Several large bulls were bought for shipment to Great Britain at 3 3-4c per lb.; common cattle sold at from 2 1-2c to 3 1-4c per lb.; good veal calves sold for $2.50. Nearly all the calves were "bobs," which sold at from $2.50 to $4 each. The mutton critters were not a good selection, and the sheep sold at from 2 1-2c to 3c per lb., while the lambs brought from 3 1-2c to 4 1-2c per lb. Fat hogs sold at from $4.15 to $4.30 per 100 lbs. for straight lots, weighed off the cars.

TORONTO.

Toronto, December 28.—This week's business, so far, at the Toronto cattle market is almost unprecedented in its history. There was no market on Tuesday on accounts of no receipts. Same condition was experienced to-day. Buyers were on hand but found nothing to bid for.

GRAIN UP WEST.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Wheat—The receipts are light, but the demand is small, and the market is dull and easy at 65c for red and white west; spring is unchanged at 69c west and 70c on a low freight to New York; Manitoba wheat is steady; No. 1 hard is quoted at 78c, grinding in transit, Owen Sound and Sarnia, and 74c on track midland; No. 1 northern, 75 1-2c, Montreal freights; No. 2 hard, 75 1-2c, North Bay. Flour—The market is dull; cars of straight roller in barrels are quoted at $2.80 to $2.85 west. Millfeed is steady at $14 to $15 for shorts, and $12.50 to $13 for bran west. Barley—Unchanged at 38c for No. 2 and 39c for No. 1 west. Buckwheat—The market is unchanged at 48c west. Rye is steady at 49c outside. Corn—The market is steady at 31c for Canadian yellow west; American is quoted at 40 1-2c for No. 3 old, 41c for No. 2 and 39c for new No. 3 yellow Toronto. Oats are easier at 26c for white east; mixed are quoted at 25c and white at 25 1-2c west. Oatmeal is steady at $3.25 for cars of bags, and $3.35 for barrels here. Peas—The market is dull at 58c east, and 57c west.

PRODUCE SHIPMENTS.

The exports of cheese and butter up to December 23rd, since close of navigation were:

Ports.	Cheese.	Butter.
Bristol	11,183	1,164
London	40,822	68
Liverpool	3,794	827
Manchester	1,749	263
Glasgow	60	...
Total	57,608	2,322
Total since close	110,646	7,913

PROVISIONS.

Por kand smoked meats are moderately active and steady. We quote:—Canadian short cut mess pork, $14.50; short cut back, $14; and heavy long cut mess, $14 per barrel; pure Canadian lard, in pails, 7 1-4c to 7 3-4c per lb.; and compound refined at 6c to 6 1-2c per lb; hams, 10c to 11 1-2c, and bacon, 11c to 11 1-2c per lb.

Under heavier receipts values on dressed hogs are rather lower at $5 to $5.50 per cwt.

Shipping Notes.

St. John, N.B., December 28.—The arrival of steamer Alcides, of the Donaldson Line, and Manchester Importer, from Manchester, to-day, make five steamers now at Sand Point piers discharging or loading general cargoes for Great Britain and Ireland. The C.P.R. is hustling cars night and day to keep abreast of this rush of freight.

The Allan Line steamer Carthaginian arrived at St. John's, Nfld., at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

The Allan Line steamer Orcadian arrived at St. John's, Nfld., at 7.30 a.m. on Thursday.

The Dominion Line United States mail steamship New England, from Boston, the 20th inst., passed Brow Head at 4 o'clock this afternoon, Thursday.

Head Line steamship Bengore Head, Captain Brennan, from Belfast, arrived at St. John on Wednesday evening. She is due to sail for Dublin on the 31st inst.

Messrs. Elder, Dempster & Co. were informed by cable yesterday that their steamers Lake Erie and Montcalm have been chartered by the Imperial Government for conveyance of Lord Chesham's yeomanry to the Transvaal.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

New York, December 28.—Arrived, Germanic, Liverpool.

Swansea, December 27.—Arrived, Ingram, Tilt Cove.

St. Louis Loan Ratified.

There was no quorum at the meeting of the electors of the town of St. Louis municipality on Wednesday evening, called to discuss the proposed by-law authorizing the issue of $200,000 in debentures, and Mayor Villeneuve declared the by-law ratified ipso facto. In the evening a meeting of the Council was held, when the report of the morning meeting was read by Secretary Vincent, informing the Council that the proposed by-law to borrow $200,000 had been approved.

Week of Prayer.

The Evangelical Alliance has arranged for the week of prayer, commencing Sunday, Jan. 7. The following topics are suggested: Sunday sermons: "The Body of Christ; its completeness;" Monday, Confession and Thanksgiving; Tuesday, The Church Universal; Wednesday, Nations and Their Rulers; Thursday, Families and Schools; Friday, Foreign Missions; Saturday, Home Missions and the Jews; Sunday, Jan. 14, sermons, "The Members of Christ; their Importance."

1492
AMERICA DISCOVERED
Telephone same number, and get lowest quotations on all
STANDARD MINING STOCKS.
A. W. MORRIS
Member of the Montreal Mining Exchange
Canada Life Building,
MONTREAL

MONEY TO LOAN
ON GOOD
MINING STOCKS
At Reasonable Rates.
Investment Gold Bonds for Sale at Prices to net 4 p.c. to 5 p.c.
The Telfer & Ruthven Co'y.,
11 St. Sacrament St.

The INTERCOLONIAL
COAL MINING COMPANY, Limited
Works—DRUMMOND COLLIERY,
Westville, Nova Scotia.
Miners and Producers of "Drummond" Coal and Coke, from the celebrated Pictou Seams of Nova Scotia. Offered in all sizes, and quantities to suit purchasers. Shipments by water or rail.
HEAD OFFICE, 199 Commissioners Street, Montreal.

RICE
Finer Grades
"INDIA BRIGHT."
"ROYAL."
"IMPERIAL SEETA."
"CAROLINA."
Polished Grades
To which particular attention is invited.
"POLISHED."
"JAPAN GLACE."
"IMPERIAL GLACE."
MOUNT ROYAL MILLING CO., LTD.
D. W. Ross Co'y, Agents, Montreal.

BROKERS.

McCUAIG, RYKERT & CO.,
STOCK BROKERS,
Members Montreal Stock Exchange.
Special attention given to transactions in mines and standard mining stocks.
London & Lancashire Chambers
ST. JAMES STREET, MONTREAL.

FINLAYSON & GRANT
Custom House Brokers,
Forwarders and Warehousemen
Bell Tel. Main 1303. P.O. Box 424.

NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given by the promoters of the "Compagnie Hypothecaire," an apartnership incorporated by an act sanctioned on the 27th of February, 1893, will apply to the Quebec Legislature, at its next session, for an act to amend its charter in so far as concerns: 1. The operations of the said partnership, in such a way as to lend on the security of life insurance policies, and to become depositors of sums of money entrusted to it. 2. The issue of the capital stock, in such a way as to extend, diminish and divide the shares, to increase the said capital shares at will, and if needed, for several causes and necessities. 3. The appointment of the directors and administrators and where the majority should be found. 4. The modifications of the articles relating to unions and general meetings, special and ordinary assemblies, the place where they will be held, the delays and manner of calling them, lastly in what relates to the nominative shares and others. Lachance & Roy, Attorneys for the promoters of the said company. Quebec, 29th November, 1899. Lachance & Roy, 12 Rue St. Pierre, Quebec.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the Town of Maisonneuve that we will make an application to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec at its next session for the passation of a bill, having for object certain amendments to its charter, the said amendments relating to the municipal elections, the municipal electors, the qualification of mayor and councillors, the annual credits, the valuation roll, the loans, the public roads and powers of the corporation, municipal notices, municipal police, bonuses to be granted to manufactures, evaluators and expropriations, and to better explain certain powers of said Town of Maisonneuve, which are contained in the actual Charter, and for other purposes in connection with the municipal administration.

Montreal, 2nd December, 1899.

BEAUCHAMP & BRUCHESI,
Attorneys for the Town of Maisonneuve.

NOTICE!

A Special General Meeting of the Shareholders of the South Shore Railway Company, will be held at the Head Office of the Company, in Room No. 25, of the building known as the Imperial Building, No. 107 St. James Street, in the City of Montreal, on Tuesday, the 9th of January, 1900, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of authorizing the Directors of the said South Shore Railway Company to issue bonds, debentures, or other securities, with power to secure such bonds, debentures, or other securities, by a mortgage deed, creating mortgages, charges, and incumbrances upon the whole of the property, assets, rents, and revenues of the Company, present or future, or any part thereof, as provided by the Charter of said Company, and by the Railway Act of Canada.

ED. C. LALONDE,
Secretary.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC,
District of Montreal.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Ex Parte.

Jeremie Amyoth, laborer, of Chateauguay, Petitioner for the appointment of a curator to the vacant succession of the late Reverend Jean Baptiste Vaillancourt, in his lifetime priest of the City of Montreal.

In view of the said petition, the relatives and creditors of the said late Jean Baptiste Vaillancourt are ordered to appear before the Prothonotary of the Superior Court, for the Province of Quebec, in the District of Montreal, at the office of the Clerk of Tutelle, in the Court House of the City of Montreal, on Thursday, the fourth day of January, 1900, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to give their opinion on the said appointment of a curator.

It is ordained, moreover, that the present order be published, twice in French in La Patrie, and twice in English in The Herald, two newspapers published in the City of Montreal.

Montreal, December 27th, 1899.

J. E. CHAMPOUX,
Deputy P.S.C.

ROBIDOUX & ROBILLARD,
Attorneys for the Petitioner.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

What to buy and when to buy is the question. If you are thinking of Haberdashery go to TOOKE'S. Everything here at prices marvellously low.

Dressing Gowns, Smoking Jackets, Silk Neckwear, Silk Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs, Silk Braces, Silk Umbrellas, Gloves, lined and unlined, Bath Robes, Underwear, Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Etc. . . . . .

R. J. TOOKE, 177 St. James Street. 2387 St. Catherine St., West. 1553 St. Catherine St., East.

COWAN'S
Hygienic Cocoa.

Queen's Dessert Chocolate
Chocolate Cream Bars
Chocolate Ginger and
Crystalized Ginger

Are absolutely pure goods. They are healthful and nutritious, and ought to be in every household.

New Year's Cake, Candies, &c.

....Everything in our Line....

JAMES M. AIRD'S
Well Known Stores.

These Closing Days of the 19th Century

Find us busier than ever. We pause long enough, however, from talking business with you to wish you a Happy New Year. With the exit of 1899 we desire to express our thanks to our Public for showing their appreciation of our Store and Service by giving us a business beyond our expectations. Again, we wish you a Happy New Year; may every kind of happiness and success be yours for the New Year. What a year it is going to be for you and for us! We are going to give you bigger and better stocks; new ideas and plans born of the success of 1899, that have been carefully thought out, will make a greater success of 1900. There is still time enough left of this Old Year to get your share of those desirable goods we are showing: Silk Mufflers, Oxford Wraps, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50; Silk and Cashmere Mufflers, English Squares, from 50c. to $3.50; Smoking Jackets and House Coats, $5 to $5.50; Dressing Gowns, three specials, $7.50, $9, $15; Fancy Braces, 50c. to $3.50; Umbrellas, $1 to $10; Cuff Links and Shirt Studs, latest novelties to choose from. The best way to make your selection is to come and look over the goods.

MACKERROW BROTHERS

The Twin Haberdashers, 2246 ST. CATHERINE STREET, Opposite Victoria Street.

AGENT'S COMMISSION

His Rights in a Real Estate Sale Vindicated.

AN INTERESTING DECISION.

Other Judgments in the Superior Court and the Court of Review.

Several judgments were delivered in the Superior Court yesterday, chief of which was the following in a real estate case by Mr. Justice Archibald :—

J. Stevenson Brown et al. vs. George James Crowdy et al. es qual.—This is an action by the plaintiffs, who are real estate agents, to recover from the defendants the sum of $800, being a commission of 2 1-2 per cent. upon the price of a certain property belonging to the defendants.

The plaintiffs allege that George James Crowdy and George A. Kohl were executors under the will of the late Dame Jane Ludlam (Mrs. Hutton), and had under their management as part of her estate the property on Sherbrooke Street adjoining Erskine Church, known as official lot 1751, of St. Antoine Ward, and that they had authority under the said will to sell said property either by auction or private sale; that about the 18th of November, 1898, by a writing, the said defendants placed the said property for sale in the hands of the plaintiffs, price limited to a minimum of $1.75 per foot; commission 2 1-2 per cent.; agency to expire on the 1st of May, 1899; that plaintiffs failed to sell the property during the said period at the price mentioned, and could only get an offer of $1.25 per foot, which they submitted to defendants, and which was refused; that about the 5th of May, 1899, defendants wrote plaintiffs, drawing their attention to the expiry of the agency, but stating that they would be pleased to consider any offer which the plaintiffs might obtain for the property; that on the 8th May, 1899, the defendants verbally told the plaintiffs that if they would obtain a renewal of the offer of $1.25 per foot, previously rejected, it would then be accepted, which plaintiffs did, on the 9th of May, open for that day only, and that the defendants used this offer to effect the sale to other persons at the same price, and plaintiffs claim that under the circumstances they are entitled to their commission.

Defendants plead, admitting the greater part of the facts alleged by the plaintiffs and referring to the correspondence between the parties. As to the interview between the plaintiffs and the defendants, on the 8th May, 1899, defendants deny that they promised plaintiffs that a renewal of the previous offer of $1.25 per foot would then be accepted, but admit that they promised to endeavor to have it accepted, and they allege that they did endeavor to have it accepted by the beneficiaries under the will, but were unable to do so, a portion of said beneficiaries refusing to consent to a sale at that price, and expressing their willingness to take the property over at that price, on account of their interest in the estate, which proposal the defendants agreed to and immediately communicated with the other heirs, who reside in England, but the transaction had not been, at date of plea, completed.

There is no doubt that the defendants had power to sell without consulting the heirs if they had chosen to exercise that power. But the proof leaves no doubt that they were unwilling to use the utmost limit of their authority in that respect. The proof convinces me further that the plaintiffs were aware that the defendants were not proposing to sell without the consent of the heirs. The defendants upon receiving the renewed offer vigorously supported it. They appeared exceedingly anxious to wind up the estate. They threatened the dissenting heirs that they would use their power to sell without their consent unless the matter was immediately closed. Under these circumstances these heirs agreed to take over the property as part of their share in the estate, stating at the same time that they considered the property of greater value. This is not the case of an anxious purchaser forced to advance his offer by higher offers obtained from others; it is the case of joint proprietors taking the property over at a valuation less than its worth in order to prevent its sacrifice by a sale to a stranger.

Where does the plaintiffs' right to a commission come in? Not under any contract, clearly. It can only be, then, under the principle that plaintiff's services were useful to the defendants, and resulted in the transaction which was finally agreed upon between the heirs. It cannot be said that plaintiff's proceedings caused the transaction made between the heirs relating to the property; they were only the occasion of such transaction. I cannot find that plaintiffs are entitled to succeed. The action is dismissed with costs.

The following judgments were also handed down:

Mullins vs. Lalonde.—This was an hypothecary action against the defendants for the sum of $510.90, being the balance of $1,179, part price of sale of immovables in the possession of the defendants. By their plea the defendants admitted that they are in possession as owners of the immovables subject to plaintiff's hypothec, but they add that they are only indebted in the sum of $46.66, which sum they tendered before suit and deposited with their plea; that they had paid the difference in money and in work done for the plaintiff, and materials furnished in execution of a certain contract. To this the plaintiff answered in law that the price of the work in question could not be offered in compensation. The court dismissed this answer in law. The answer on the merits was to the effect that the work was very badly done, and that defendant was not entitled to the amount claimed. The court came to the conclusion on the evidence that the plaintiff was entitled to an amount (not yet fixed) somewhat less than $100.

Dame J. Claude vs. Laplante, jr.—Judgment granting separation as to property.

Dame A. Laurent vs. Guimont.—The action was for separation from bed and board. The delibere was discharged in order to enable the plaintiff to complete her proof.

Chartrand vs. Ouimet.—The taxation of costs was revised.

Dame M. H. Coursol et vir vs. Barlbeau.—Judgment ex parte for $3,548.24, on deeds of obligation.

Dame M. Lamarche vs. St. Hilaire.—The seizure was maintained.

Court of Review.

In the Court of Review, present Justices Gill, Mathieu, and Davidson, the following judgments were rendered yesterday afternoon:

Corporation of the Village of Marieville vs. Dame H. Bouthillier.—Judgment of the Superior Court, Ste. Hyacinthe, confirmed.

Congregation du Tres St. Redempteur vs. Bradshaw. Judgment of the Superior Court, Montreal, reversed.

Moquin vs. Lefebvre.—Judgment of the Superior Court, for the district of Bedford, confirmed.

Banque Jacques Cartier vs. Corporation de Limoilou et al.—Judgment of the Superior Court, Montreal, confirmed.

MR. BURNETT'S FUNERAL.

Many Citizens Paid Him a Last Tribute of Respect Yesterday—Service in St. Paul's.

The funeral of the late James Findlater Burnett took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, 32 Summerhill Avenue, to Mount Royal Cemetery, largely attended by Montreal's most representative citizens. The casket rested in a perfect tower of flowers, tributes from loving relatives and friends. A beautiful floral harp of white roses and lillies from the Montreal Hunt Club, of which organization deceased had been an ardent member, and a magnificent pillow of white lillies and violets from the members of the Stock Exchange, reposed with beautiful effect at the casket's head. The Rev. Dr. Murray conducted a short service at the house. The cortege moved along Summerhill Avenue, Cote des Neiges, Sherbrooke, Mountain and Dorchester streets to St. Paul's Church, where the funeral services were held, Rev. Dr. Barclay, of St. Paul's Church officiated, with the Rev. Canon Ellegood of St. James the Apostle assisting. Rev. Canon Ellegoode feelingly referred in prayer to the admirable Christian disposition and loving, noble character of deceased, deploring, while still in acquiescence to Divine ordination, that one so grand and beautiful should be taken with such awful suddenness.

The chief mourners were the three brothers of deceased. The pall-bearers were Messrs. H. Ewen, C. E. Sullivan, T. H. Weir, E. W. Buchanan, and E. M. Strathy.

Among those present were: Hon. Senator W. W. Ogilvie, L. A. Gault, S. O. Shorey, R. Baldwin Hart, ex-Mayor R. Wilson-Smith, Campbell Lane, Q.C.; Dr. Johnston, of McGill; R. O. Mitchell, Dr. J. A. Yates, Angus W. Hooper, H. Learmont, Stanley A. Bagg, Rev. Dr. Ross, Rev. Dr. Scrimger, G. T. Benson, Bartlett McLellan, J. S. A. Macdonald, Geo. B. Grier, Duncan McIntyre, W. S. McIntyre, James S. Howard, James Crombie, R. B. Ross, Harold Redpath, R. H. Dunlop, Col. A. J. Strathy, Geo. R. Hooper, Colin Campbell, Master of Montreal Hunt; C. D. Monk, W. R. Miller, Police Captain Grey, Major Richard Costigan, Montreal Field Battery; Arthur Hamilton, Dr. Fred. Boucher, and J. A. Macdonnell.

EXPRESS SYMPATHY.

Firemen's Benevolent Association Mourn the Loss of Their Late Sub-Chief.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association, on motion of Supply Officer Mr. Jos. Beaulieu, seconded by Assistant Chief Jackson, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, we, the members of the Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association, desiring to place on record the high esteem in which our late fellow member, Assistant Chief John Beckingham, was held by each member of this association, as well as by the citizens of Montreal in general;

And, whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His wisdom, to remove from our midst our esteemed confrere, Assistant Chief Beckingham, who has been an active member of the Montreal Fire Department for the past forty-three years, also holding the important position of secretary of this Association for some twenty-eight years;

And, whereas, in the death of Assistant Chief John Beckingham, the Montreal Fire Department has lost a most faithful and efficient officer, his family an affectionate husband and father, and the community an honorable citizen;

Resolved, that we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathies in this their sad bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the bereaved family; also a copy sent to the daily press.

Very Convenient.

133 St. Peter Street is close to all banks, brokers' and merchants' offices, and you get a cup of delicious coffee, bread rolls, or a hot mutton pie for 10 cents. Clean and comfortable. Welsh, 133 St. Peter Street.

A CIVIC SURPLUS

Finance Committee Finds Itself With $9,620.

NONE FOR SNOW-CLEANING.

Reserve Fund Cannot Be Touched, and Road Committe Will Have to Vary Another Item.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee yesterday afternoon, Ald. Rainville, the chairman, announced that after the various appropriations had been distributed to the committees there yet remained $9,620 balance on hand. It was decided to recommend to Council that this sum instead of being returned to the treasury should be portioned off to the various committees "to square the accounts," Ald. Rainville said.

The question of snow removal was brought up by Ald. Brunet, chairman of the Roads Committee, who applied for funds for the removal of snow from the streets.

It will be remembered that among the amendments to the charter to be asked for at the next session of the Legislature by the City Council is one to vary an amount from the reserve fund for snow removal. Ald. Rainville said yesterday that until the charter had been amended to that effect, allowing such variation, no money could be taken from the reserve fund. The Roads Committee could, however, vary certain amount from next year's appropriations for that purpose, by obtaining permission from the City Council. When the charter would be amended and the money could be got from the reserve fund, and the amounts which had been taken from the appropriations could be replaced. It was decided to do this. The rest of the meeting was given to routine business.

A POINT OF LAW.

Argument Heard as to the Applicability of Imperial Merchant Shipping Act to Canadian Cases.

Mr. Justice Wurtele sat in the Court of Queen's Bench yesterday, and continued the hearing of appeals from decisions of the Police Magistrate. The morning was taken up with the case of James O'Day, who was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in July last for harboring deserters from the British steamship Assyrian.

Messrs. J. N. Greenshields, Q.C., and Trenholme Dickson appeared for the defendant. Their main contention was that the registry of the vessel was a fundamental point, as its British registry brought it under the operation of the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act, which provided fine but no imprisonment for the offence in question. No evidence on the point was adduced at the trial, and under the discretion vested in judges by section 900 of the Criminal Code, counsel asked that the Judge send back the record to have the fact of the registry ascertained.

Mr. Peers Davidson, for the prosecution, argued that the conviction had been rightfully made, and that no injustice was done O'Day.

His Honor took the matter en delibere, while expressing the view that he must go on the record as it was laid before him.

COACHMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

First Annual Meeting for the Election of Officers Held Last Evening.

The Montreal Coachmen's Association, which was organized about twelve months ago, and which has since its establishment done much towards the promotion of an esprit du corps amongst this class of employes, held its first annual meeting in the rooms of the association at the Montreal Veterinary College, No. 8 Union Avenue, last evening. The reports of the treasurer and secretary, from which it appeared that the membership was increasing and the association had over $200 to its credit, were read. A few congratulatory remarks were made by President Maxwell, and Mr. M. C. Ledoux, the treasurer, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, with the following result: Hon. president, Dr. Charles McEachern; hon. vice-president, Dr. M. C. Baker; chairman, Mr. Thomas Brown; vice-chairman, Mr. B. Spears; secretary, Mr. W. Roberts; treasurer, Mr. C. Ledoux; and chairman of the working committee, Mr. Wm. O'Grady.

THE WATER COMMITTEE.

Claim for Rent of Poles from Merchants Telephone Company Referred to Attorneys.

The Water Committee met yesterday afternoon, and took up variations in appropriations. Another matter which came up was an account from the Merchants' Telephone Co. They claim $300 for one year's rent of poles along which the private wires of the department run, and $156 for keeping the department's private wire in order. The Committee resolved to pay the $156, but referred that for rent of poles to the City Attorneys for their opinion as to the city's liability in the matter, inasmuch as no agreement had been made between the company and the corporationn for such payment.

Want a Gateway.

At the Roads Committee meeting yesterday a petition was presented by a number of icemen, requesting that the city either cut a gateway through the permanent dyke at St. Gabriel Ward, to enable vehicles engaged in the ice harvest to pass freely to and fro between Magdalen Street and the river, or erect a bridge affording the ascent and descent by easy gradients. Mr. St. George said a gateway would be dangerous. The matter was left in the hands of Ald. Gallery and Mr. St. George.

A Small Fire.

The western section of the fire department was called out last evening at 8.10 by an alarm from box 56, corner Fulford and Coursol Streets, for a fire at 76 Plymouth Grove, the residence of Mr. Charters. Captain Mitchell and the men of No. 12 station extinguished the blaze with a babcock before much damage had been done.

Mr. Lavallee for St. James Ward.

Mr. L. A. Lavallee, advocate, has consented to accept nomination as a candidate in St. James Ward North at the coming municipal elections.

SCOTCH... ...WHISKY

"HELM" BLEND
Leith, Scotland.
This Whisky is blended from the most celebrated whiskies distilled in the Scottish Highlands.
90c per Bottle.

"MACGREGGOR'S" BRAND,
Leith, Scotland.
Fine Old Whisky,
Only 80c per Bottle.

"VALENTO" WINE
A sparkling non-alcoholic beverage, made from the best Valencia grapes and manufactured by The London Hygienic Wine Co'y, in quart bottles.
25c Each.

EDWARD ELLIOTT,
650 Sherbrooke St.
Cor. Mance.

EPPS'S COCOA

GRATEFUL COMFORTING

Distinguished everywhere for Delicacy of Flavor, Superior Quality and Highly Nutritive Properties. Specially grateful and comforting to the nervous and dyspeptic. Sold only in 1-4 lb. tins, labelled JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Homœopathic Chemists, London, England.

BREAKFAST SUPPER

EPPS'S COCOA

FITS STOPPED FREE. Permanently Cured by DR. KLINE'S GREAT NERVE RESTORER. Positive cure for all Nervous Diseases, Fits, Epilepsy, Spasms, and St. Vitus' Dance. No Fits or Nervousness after first day's use. Treatise and $2 trial bottle sent through Canadian Agency FREE to Fit patients, they paying express charges only when received. Send to Dr. Kline, Limited, 931 Arch Street, Philadelphia. Agent, J. A. Harte, Druggist, 1739 Notre Dame Street.

Montreal Wallpaper Factory,

Office:
13 Voltigeurs Street,



PAPER THAT PLEASES

You will find in our Wall Paper creations the sort of designs that please. You will find a coloring that will improve any room. You will find quality that will prove pleasing to those who buy and are anxious to obtain the best effects in Wall Paper. If you carry our paper in stock you may depend on your being able to please a great majority of your customers. It combines all the excellent features of high quality and of high character, and we want you to know how thoroughly we watch for new effects, so that you may always be in the lead when you handle our papers.

Colin McArthur & Co.
Sample Room:
13 VOLTIGEURS STREET.
MONTREAL.

Lake of the Woods Milling Co
LIMITED.

The Most Perfect Mills in Canada. Keewatin, 2,250 bbls. per day; Portage la Prairie, 750 bbls. per day. Elevators at all important wheat points in the Northwest. All grades of hard wheat flour in barrels and bags. Quotations and other information can be had on application. Office, Board of Trade Building, Montreal.



Bright, Beautiful Days

and cold evenings mean only one thing, a Fur Collar or a new Cape. Not a day passes but you need them. No trouble to show them. The greatest assortment to choose from to suit all ideas. Ladies are critical about Furs, but we can please them in every respect, and at the same time save them money. Quality and fit sell our goods.

E. A. Ste. Marie,
1499
St. Catherine Street.

Pianos

We have just now a considerable stock of Pianos.

Large Discount up to Dec. 31st.

Foisy Freres,
1760 & 1766 St. Catherine Street.

Fine ....Ales

The Montreal Brewing Co'y.

COAL OIL

"Crown Acme"
Brand is a Water-White Oil, made expressly for Family use. It is entirely free from Sulphur and gives a bright white flame without smoke or smell. Sold at a lower price than American oil.

Ask Your Dealer for It.
Quotations and samples furnished to the Trade on application to

The Imperial Oil Co., Limited.
Board of Trade Bldg., Montreal.
Telephones 552 and 899 Main.
Merchants 926.

Talk to Us

About any work you may have to do in the plumbing line. We can refer you to hundreds of satisfied customers. Telephone Up 1241 .....

Dockrill & Co.,
55 METCALFE ST.

Marine Insurance
EDWARD L. BOND,
30 ST. FRANCOIS XAVIER ST., Montreal.
UNDERWRITERS

For the Following Companies:
BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE CO., of Liverpool.
RELIANCE MARINE INSURANCE CO., of Liverpool.
MARITIME INSURANCE CO., of Liverpool.
BOSTON INSURANCE CO., of Boston.
GENERAL MARINE INSURANCE CO., of Dresden.
GENERAL INSURANCE CO., of Trieste.

Certificates payable in any part of the world.
Bankers give fullest protection on Credits or Advances to Customers.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

Hundreds of articles suitable for New Years Gifts in stock for selection.

Silk Smoking Jackets and Dressing Gowns, &c., &c.

JOHN BULL, SHIRT TAILOR, 2381 St. Catherine Street.



If your grocer does not keep this beer in stock telephone to our Bottling Department.

Bell Tel., E. 465.
Merchants 1636.

ST. LAWRENCE SUGAR REFINING COMPANY,
LIMITED.

Laboratory of Inland Revenue, Office of Public Analyst. Montreal, April 8th, 1895.

"I hereby certify that I have drawn, by my own hand, ten samples of the ST. LAWRENCE SUGAR REFINING CO.'S EXTRA STANDARD GRANULATED SUGAR, indiscriminately taken from ten lots of about 150 barrels each. I have analysed same, and find them uniformly to contain

99 90/100 TO 100 per cent. of Pure Cane Sugar with no impurities whatever.

(Signed) **JOHN BAKER EDWARDS, Ph.D., D.C.L.,**
Prof. of Chemistry and Public Analyst, Montreal.

Pearl Jewellery

Has been much sought after this holiday season, and will be much in evidence this winter. In this style of Jewellery there are so many dainty and artistic settings that people of taste admire it more than any other form of Jewellery apparel. Our selection of these goods is very complete, and comprises many dainty little articles suitable for gifts ranging in price from **$1.50 to $100.00.**

STORE OPEN EVENINGS THIS WEEK.

R. A. DICKSON & CO. Jewellers
2261 St. Catherine Street,

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION LABEL MONTREAL

The Herald is published by The Herald Publishing Company, 130 St. James St., Montreal. James S. Brierley, Managing Director.