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Last Week's Weekly.....121,994
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LAKE SUPERIOR COMPANY'S AFFAIRS

Financiers Arrange a $1,000,000 Loan to Facilitate Its Business.

BIG SHRINKAGE IN VALUES

Mr. Clergue, the General Manager, Declares the Position of the Company to be Sound.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

PHILADELPHIA, December 15. — The officers of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company have made such arrangements that it is now believed the financial difficulties of the big concern will be tided over. The report that Mr. F. H. Clergue, the vice-president and general manager, had telegrapned his resignation from the "Soo" is denied. The price of the shares have been declining since April, and the crash of Thursday and Friday brought the shrinkage to the enormous total of $25,000,000.

CAUSE OF THE COLLAPSE.

It is thought that the immediate cause of the collapse in Consolidated Lake Superior issues was the noising about in banking circles of the effort to raise the $35,000,000 loan. This created distrust. It is also declared by stockholders that the officers and some directors of the company have paid too much attention to the "ticker" and stock manipulation and not enough to the management of the actual business and affairs of the concern.

After examination into the affairs of the Consolidated Lake Superior the underwriting syndicate, which will provide the $35,000,000, decided that it would be bad in every way to let the company go under, not only because a valuable property would be jeopardized, but also because of the ill effects it must have on things generally. The conclusion was reached that by conservative, careful management the Consolidated Lake Superior Company proposition can be worked out gradually and the value of the properties owned developed.

Immediate cash needs, it was authoritatively stated, have been supplied under the preliminary $1,000,000 loan arrangements of Friday. It is understood the banking system which has agreed to aid the company will provide it with funds through the Commercial Trust Company as obligations and commitments mature.

TO ELECT A PRESIDENT.

A successor to F. S. Lewis, who resigned the office of president, has not yet been selected, but a meeting of the directors is to be held to-day, when it is expected a new president will be elected. It is said he will be named by the banking syndicate which will finance the Consolidated Lake Superior Company. In the meantime Theodore C. Search, vice-president, is acting head of the company. He said that a collateral loan of $3,000,000 would probably be arranged by Monday, and that there would be no bonds issued.

Mr. Search has issued a statement, in which he said the company, finding itself in need of money, had practically arranged for a loan of $3,000,000 when the break came, upsetting the plans of the directors. It was necessary, in consequence, to negotiate a new plan. Mr. Search also stated that President Lewis resigned, not because of friction in the board of directors, but to leave the company free to act as it saw fit.

SOLD REGARDLESS OF PRICE.

A Philadelphia paper, speaking of Friday's break in that market, says:

Local firms with correspondents in Montreal were among the first and heaviest sellers. Their orders were to sell regardless of price. This action was followed by a faster decline. Stop loss orders were uncovered early, and then, as the decline becomes more severe, there came a deluge of stock —26,041 shares of common and 2,655 of the preferred. The drop was the culmination of a steady fall since April, and it brought the total loss since that time to a grand total of $27,767,328.

One of the primary reasons for the serious drop is said to have been the stringent condition of the local money market. Regarding this, a director of the company said:

"Banks and trust companies have been calling loans all week, and yesterday calls were made upon certain individuals, whose collateral, in part consisted of preferred Consolidated Lake Superior. Where prompt response to these calls was not made, the stocks were unloaded. In a number of cases, I am informed additional margins could not be provided, and stocks to a large amount, were sold to protect banks, trust companies and brokers."

LOAN TO BE PAID TO-DAY.

The $1,000,000 arranged by the company will, it is understood, be paid over to-day and will be secured by notes, presumably of the Algoma Central Railway and the Algoma Steel Company, probably endorsed, and by preferred stock of the Consolidated Lake Superior to be issued and the underwriting agreement covering the payment coming due. Delay in closing the matter finally is due to the fact that certain of these underwriters are dilatory in paying up because of embarrassment caused by the slump in the stocks.

This slump upset the deal for the $3,000,000 loan which was pending. It was reported and not denied that there is a floating indebtedness, of which the present company is responsible, of about $1,000,000. The new loan will provide for this.

Deferring payment of the dividend declared—$481,121—reduces the necessities of the company by that much. The remaining $1,500,000 which would have been left out of a $3,000,000 loan was to have been expended on further development work. If this shall be provided it will be through a subsequent deal. The receivers declined to put up cash for the dividend.

A powerful underwriting syndicate has been formed. As now constituted this syndicate includes financial institutions and private bankers of three cities, as follows:

Commercial Trust Company, Philadelphia.
Fidelity Trust Company, Philadelphia.
Franklin National Bank, Philadelphia.
First National Bank, Philadelphia.
Fourth Street National Bank, Philadelphia.
Bank of North America, Philadelphia.
Merchants' National Bank, Philadelphia.
Speyer and Co., bankers, New York.
Morton Trust Company, New York.
Mercantile Trust Company, Baltimore.

MR. CLERGUE'S STATEMENTS.

TORONTO, December 15.—The Globe to-day says in response to a request from the Globe for an official statement of the affairs of the Consolidated Lake Superior, Mr. Clergue telegraphed the following last night:

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., December 14.

There is no justification for the slump in Consolidated Lake Superior. The company owns here productive works costing over twenty million dollars, absolutely unencumbered and free from any liens. The only debts of the company are bank loans and small accounts for current operations, the total amount of which is more than equalled by stock and materials on hand. The actual net earnings for last year more than equalled a dividend of 7 per cent. upon all the preferred stock issued, and the business secured for the various works for the next twelve months will add more than one million dollars to last year's net earnings. All of the various works are well known to be of the latest and most perfect design, and the company's mines, forests, ships, railway and power, all free from fixed charges, provide every element of first costs to these factories most favourable. The continuing pressure of the money market compelled some shareholders to force their shares upon the market when they could not be absorbed, hence the panic in the quoted price.

(Signed) F. H. CLERGUE.

The World credits the following statement to Mr. Clergue:

"The slump may be attributed to two things, first, probably on account of the article published in the Canadian papers to the effect that the rail mills will not run again this winter, and, second, perhaps, some small stockholder either needing money or becoming afraid of some nameless something, offered his stock for almost nothing, and raised a general scare. Stocks are very sensitive, and the slightest break will often cause a big slump like that of Saturday, but the recovery is just as rapid, and this will be no exception.

"The condition of the company was never better, especially now that we have these big contracts, which are at a good figure. We have one thousand men at work in the woods getting out lumber. We have a large force at work on the railroad which is being pushed rapidly, pig iron is rapidly accumulating at the rail mills. The blast furnaces are being pushed and although a long job will be in operation before very long, as to the pulp mill about which there is some uneasiness. We have orders far ahead, and the reason for shutting down was to change some of the parts from wood to steel that will soon be completed and the plant running as usual. There is no need to fear for the success of these works for the future looks brighter to-day than for a long time past."

Mr. Clergue further pointed out that a combination exists between English and German rail makers by which the price is fixed every 30 days. Just now they are charging their home customers $32 per ton, but the Germans have sold rails to Mackenzie & Mann, to be laid down, freight paid, at Port Arthur, at $27 per ton. As the freight from Germany amounts to about $5 per ton, this means a net price to the manufacturers of only $22. The Sault rail mill cannot compete against that figure. Mr. Clergue most emphatically states.

ORIGIN OF THE CONSOLIDATION.

The Consolidated Lake Superior Company was originally chartered under the laws of the State of Connecticut, April 18, 1897, as the American Lake Superior Power Company, in order to take over the various properties owned by F. S. Clergue, at Sault Ste. Marie. It changed its name July, 1898, to the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, its charter being amended for that purpose. It has an authorized capital of $82,200,000 in common stock and $35,000,000 seven per cent. cumulative preferred stock. Of this, however, it is understood that only some $28,000,000 of the preferred stock has been subscribed for, of which it is said about $25,000,000 has been paid in. A certain amount of the common stock was given with the preferred stock as a bonus, and so far as known none of the common stock has been actually subscribed for in cash. According to a supplemental statement in the company's third annual report—the only one available at this writing—covering the year ended June 30, 1901, the total amount of preferred stock outstanding October 31, 1901, was $14,475,800, and it was added that the total average amount of preferred stock outstanding for the year ending June 30, 1902, would not exceed $18,000,000. It was also said that during the fiscal year ending June 30, next, an additional amount of $7,000,000 of preferred stock "will be issued for a like amount of cash, making then a total $25,000,000 preferred stock outstanding."

Naturally, it is supposed that the company has failed to dispose of "that additional $7,000,000 preferred stock for a like amount of cash," and that that is the immediate cause of the trouble.

LAST BALANCE SHEET.

The company's balance sheet for the year ended June 30th, 1901, was as follows:

ASSETS.

*Subsidiary companies	$18,889,370.00
Lake Superior Company	1,541.40
Cash balance	8,336.32
	$18,899,247.72

LIABILITIES.

Preferred stock	$6,000,000.00
Less in treasury Lake Superior Power Company	1,109,630.00
	$4,890,370.00
Common stock	$14,000,000.00
Profit and loss	8,877.72
	$18,899,247.72

The asterisk denotes, as explained in a foot note, that the subsidiary companies embrace the ownership of the following companies: The Sault Ste. Marie Pulp and Power Company, the Lake Superior Power Company, the Michigan Lake Superior Power Company, and the Tagona Water and Light Company. This list illustrates, however, only partially the various enterprises the parent company is engaged in and the number and character of the properties it owns. The interests represented in the company may be judged from the personnel of the directors. According to the most recent report available they include the following very well-known men: E. J. Berwind, H. A. Berwind, William L. Bull, of New York city; James Butterworth, F. H. Clergue, E. V. Douglas, W. P. Douglas, J. S. Freeman, Lynde Harrison, Edward C. Lee, F. S. Lewis, Charles E. Orvis, John Pitcairn, S. M. Prevost, Samuel Rea (a director and fourth vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company), T. C. Search and James S. Swartz. The chief offices of the company are in the North American Building, in Philadelphia. It also has an office at 100 Broadway, in New York city, and at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. The registrars of the company are the Commercial Trust Company, of Philadelphia, and the Morton Trust Company, of New York.

TARIFF IS NOT SUFFICIENT.

Speaking of the crisis at the Clergue establishment at the "Soo," La Patrie says: "The state of the United States market, the decline in prices of the best quoted stocks, are a warning, a notice of motion to our business men, especially to investors.

"There is no doubt that the financial situation of the Clergue enterprises was largely affected by the closing of the steel mills at Sault Ste. Marie. And this closing would not have occurred if our tariff had sufficiently protected the industry of railway rails."

In another article, the same paper says, "The Sault Ste. Marie crisis may mean much to our industrial enterprises one of these days."

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Steamer Bogota Was Wrecked.

NEW YORK, December 15. — Advice from Barranquilla confirm the report of the total wreck of the steamer Bogota in the Magdalena River recently near Elbanco, says a Herald despatch from Colon. She had on board a large force of government soldiers, many of whom were drowned. The details of the disaster have been suppressed.

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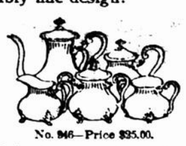
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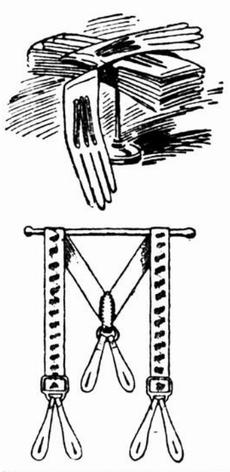
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John Hall, an old man, who lived alone in Thurlow Township about six miles north of Belleville, Ont., was burned to death on Friday. His dwelling took fire and was completely destroyed before the neighbours could reach it.

The Dominion Oil Company, Limited, has been incorporated to exploit the new Chatham oil fields. The directors are G. M. Fennell, New York; M. J. Woodward, Petrolea, and Christopher Smith, Chatham. Capital, $35,000.

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Dr. M. C. Baker Seriously Ill.

Dr. Malcolm C. Baker, of McEachran, Baker and McEachran, has been confined to his house, 194 Milton street, for the past few weeks owing to a serious illness. He has been attended by Drs. Finnie, Bell and Lafleur. His condition to-day shows no improvement.

Banquet for Mr. Monk, M.P.

The citizens of St. Jean Baptiste Ward have determined upon offering a banquet to Mr. F. D. Monk, K.C., M.P. The affair is expected to take place towards the latter part of January, 1903, at the College Hall, corner of Marie Anne and Sanguinet streets.

The Leyland line steamer Cambrian sailed from London on December 11th for Boston.

The Allan line steamer Ocadian sailed Saturday afternoon from Glasgow for Portland, Me.

HOCKEY.

CANADIAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MEETS

Not to Play for Stanley Cup During Season.

BUT SEASON IS SHORTENED

Cornwall Made a Great Plea for Admission, But Was Not Allowed to Join the Association.

The Canadian Amateur Hockey Association put itself on record to the effect that they will not play for the Stanley cup in future, but after the regular playing season is finished, but at the same time, to meet would be challengers of the cup half way, they agreed to cut down their playing time by a week.

The first game in the schedule finishes on February 25th. The hon. secretary, Mr. McRobie, was instructed to write Mr. P. D. Ross, the trustee of the cup, to that effect, and although Mr. Ross' answer is expected with a good deal of curiosity, it is felt that what has been done should please him, as it is in accordance with the desires expressed by him in the communications sent to the Association.

The settlement of the question really created but little discussion.

Mr. Chitty, of Montreal, was anxious to know whether the Association authorized



MR. HARRY J. TRIHEY, B.A., B.C.L.,
President of the Shamrock A.A.A., the Newly Elected President of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

the Montreal club to play for the cup if the trustees should be of the opinion that it must be played for during the regular playing season. Montreal did not want to play during the season, and break up the schedule, and they would have stated so at the start if it had not been that they thought it would be more courteous to ask the opinion of the different clubs comprising the Association on the point. They were prepared to carry out whatever decision was reached by the Association.

Mr. McRobie, on behalf of the Victorias, put it on record to the effect that the Victorias certainly would be in favour of allowing Montreal to play for the cup during the season if that were the only way of preventing it going back to the West by default.

Mr. McLaughlan said that the question should never have come up, and the Stanley cup matches should never have been allowed to interfere with the regular season.

President Trihey called the attention of the delegates to the correspondence with Mr. Ross, and thought that by acting in harmony with the suggestions contained therein, the matter could be easily settled.

MOTION TO SETTLE MATTER.

Mr. McRobie, the new hon. secretary, read part of the correspondence, and after that a motion was made to the effect that the Montrealers be instructed not to play any matches for the Stanley cup during the regular playing season, but that the delegates be instructed to arrange the playing schedule in such a manner as to finish the season by the twenty-eighth of February.

Some little discussion occurred as to whether the motion being after Section 6 of Article X. of the Constitution, which provides that no club shall play any exhibition matches during the league season without the permission of the league.

It was suggested that nothing could be done till this law had been amended, and that to amend it was an act which could be only accomplished at the annual meeting. It was necessary also to give two weeks' notice.

President Trihey, however, ruled that a simple resolution would accomplish the desired end for the present, and that the question in the constitution bearing upon the matter could be amended next year.

It was therefore agreed to pass the resolution mentioned above, with a change. Instead of referring to the Montreal club, it was made to read that the champions of the Association be forbidden to play any matches for the Stanley cup till after the regular playing season is finished, but that the delegates be instructed to arrange the schedule in such a manner as to the season would end on February 28.

The first real new business of the meeting was the discussion about the application of Cornwall to the association, and, as was expected, Cornwall was refused.

This part came before the election of officers, and President Haines had the pleasure of presiding at it.

QUEBEC WAS OPPOSED.

From the beginning the Quebec delegates showed that the Citadel City was unvocably opposed to the admission, a position which in a way they were compelled to take, since last year they opposed the admission of a club from their own city.

To admit of a discussion of the case at all, it was necessary to suspend the constitution, which provides that no club make application for admission unless it has first won an intermediate championship.

When the motion to suspend the constitution, which has to be passed unanimously, came up, the Quebec delegates did not vote. Almost immediately afterwards they explained that they had not understood their position in the matter, and when the voted was caled for again, they voted against it.

Then came a wrangle, some of the clubs, notably Montreal and Victoria, being in favor of giving the Cornwall deputation an opportunity of being heard. Quebec and Ottawa said nothing, but Mr. McLaughlin stated that there was little use in taking up the time of the meeting listening to Cornwall if it was decided beforehand that they were to be thrown down. From what he said it was evident that the Shamrocks were in favour of the admission of the club.

Finally it was decided to give them a hearing, and Messrs. J. P. Lally and Stiles were admitted.

They made sensible and convincing pleas for the admission of their club. They dwelt upon their fine rink, the backing they had, the fact that the entire city of Cornwall was in sympathy with them, their geographical position which was not worse than that of Ottawa, and their willingness to do anything that would suit the other clubs, to gain admission.

They offered to play two games with Quebec in Quebec.

Their eloquence, however, did not prevail, and when it came to a vote, after the delegates had discussed the difficulty of expanding the schedule sufficiently to let in Quebec, only two clubs—Ottawa and Shamrocks—held up their hands when the vote "in favour" was called for. After that the election of officers took place, Mr. James, who for two years has administered the affairs of the Association in such an able manner, nominating Mr. Trihey.

The latter, after his election, thanked the delegates both on behalf of the first time that a member of that club had been elected to the high position which he now held.

The delegates present at the meeting were:

Montreal—Messrs. Chitty and James.
Shamrock—Messrs. Trihey and McLaughlin.
Victoria—Messrs. Lockerby and McRobie.
Ottawa—Messrs. Murphy and Butler.
Quebec—Messrs. Scott and Stocking.

Mr. Trihey's report, which was particularly interesting, read as follows:

Mr. President and Gentlemen,—Another year of prosperity and unqualified success for the Canadian Amateur Hockey League has passed, and as secretary I beg to submit a short summary of the progress made during that time.

But one regular meeting was held, many changes in the rules and by-laws were made, and you will be pleased to hear that these new laws have been well observed and have proven a benefit to our winter sport. Particular reference should be made to the successful carrying out of the new rule regarding the starting of matches at the advertised time. From the faithful and commendable manner in which the different clubs have lived up to this rule the impression has been given to the patrons of hockey that a grievance has been rightest, no longer will they be asked to wait an unreasonable length of time for the commencement of a match.

This, with other reasons, contributed to make the past season one of the most interesting and popular in the history of our league. Fast, clean and closely contested matches were the rule, and after a hard and close struggle, the Montreal Hockey 4 club occupied the proud position of champions.

As a fitting close to the season came the brilliant victories of our Montreal Hockey Club over the redoubtable Victorias of Winnipeg, and, as a consequence, the return of the Stanley Cup to the care of this league.

Mr. President and Gentlemen, we cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing to the Montreal Hockey Club the deep admiration which their successes in Winnipeg last spring were so well merited.

They have received congratulations from us all individually, but an association such as ours, founded to foster and encourage the game of hockey, should not allow an event of such importance to pass unnoticed. I should put on record our appreciation and admiration for the great work done for the welfare of hockey by that brave of the Montreal hockey team.

I am happy to be able to report that the utmost good feeling has existed between the different clubs composing our league and with sister associations.

But one interest was sent to your league during the year, and before your executive council could be convened to consider it, an amicable settlement had been arrived at.

The Victoria Hockey Club, however, wish to be put on record as objecting to the use of any other than the official Spalding hockey pucks in championship contests.

I regret exceedingly having to draw your attention to the poor support in the keeping of an official record of matches, which the secretary of this league receives from too great a number of referees. Instructions to referees are quite clear that they should forward to the secretary of the league a report of the match during which they officiated, embodying the names of players and officials, and the result of the contest. I must report that more than 50 per cent of the referees during the past season complied with this request. As a consequence the league finds itself without a basis for official record of the matches and players who participated therein.

While discussing irregularities, Mr. President and Gentlemen, would it not be wise to consider some means to offset the wholesale exportation of hockey players? Should not some steps be taken to bring this matter to the notice of the C.A.A.U.? It would seem that from the open and undisguised manner in which inducements are held out to our players to induce them to desert their clubs and transfer their allegiance to the other colors borne by clubs outside the Dominion of Canada, something tangible and convincing in the way of proof could be laid before the governors of the C.A.A.U.

Thanking all the clubs for their kindness and consideration during my term of office, and with apologies for shortcomings, the whole respectfully submitted.

H. J. TRIHEY.
Hon. Sec. C.A.H.L.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mr. H. J. Trihey, Shamrock.
First vice-president—Mr. P. B. Butler, Ottawa.
Second vice-president—Mr. A. D. Scott, Quebec.
Secretary-treasurer—Mr. F. McRobie, Victoria.
Mr. Chitty, representing Montreal on the executive.

Following is the senior schedule:

January 3—Victoria at Ottawa.
January 3—Shamrock at Montreal.
January 10—Ottawa at Shamrock.
January 10—Victoria at Quebec.
January 17—Quebec at Shamrock.
January 17—Montreal at Ottawa.
January 24—Victoria at Montreal.
January 24—Ottawa at Quebec.
January 24—Victoria at Shamrock.
January 31—Quebec and Montreal.
January 31—Shamrock at Ottawa.
February 7—Montreal at Quebec.
February 7—Ottawa at Victoria.
February 11—Shamrock at Victoria.
February 14—Quebec at Ottawa.
February 14—Montreal at Shamrock.
February 21—Ottawa at Montreal.
February 21—Shamrock at Quebec.
February 25—Montreal at Victoria.
February 26—Quebec at Victoria.

THE INTERMEDIATES ELECTED OFFICERS.

The Schedule Will be Drawn Up Later.

The Intermediate League which met after the big Association had finished business, elected the following officers:

President—Mr. John Lockerby, Victoria.
First vice-president—Mr. A. J. Cawdron, Aberdeens.
Second vice-president—Mr. Geo. Spargo, Three Rivers.
Secretary-treasurer—Dr. Henry, Westmount.
Executive—Mr. D. Brown, Montreal; Mr. P. Murphy, Shamrock; Mr. A. D. Scott, Quebec; Mr. R. H. Gale, Crescents; Mr. P. M. Butler, Ottawa.

The schedule will be drawn up during the coming week.

The delegates present were:
Montreal—Messrs. Chitty and Brown.
Victorias—Messrs. J. M. and R. A. Lockerby.
Crescents—Messrs. Gale and Bolton.
Shamrocks—Messrs. Murphy and Quinn.
Aberdeens—Messrs. Cawdron and J. McGee.
Quebec—Messrs. Stocking and Scott.
Westmount—Messrs. Dr. Henry and Irving.
Ottawas—Messrs. Butler and Murphy.
Three Rivers—Messrs. Spargo and Baptiste.

Resignations from the Point St. Charles A.A.A. and the Montagnard A.A.A. were received and accepted. Sherbrooke failing to send representatives and pay annual fee, were suspended.

The above changes left Three Rivers alone in Central series, section A, and they were placed in Eastern series, with Quebec and Crescents of Quebec. Other sections remained unchanged. The financial statement was very satisfactory and showed a substantial balance on hand.

Bankers' League Schedule.

At a meeting called for the purpose of organizing the Montreal Bankers' Hockey League, the following officers were elected: Patron—Rt. Hon. Lord Strathcona, and Mount Royal, K. C. M. G.; hon. president, Mr. E. S. Clouston; president, Mr. B. B. Stevenson; hon. vice-presidents, Messrs. H. V. Meredith, G. H. Balfour, W. G. Brown, E. C. Pratt, R. N. King; secretary-treasurer, G. Hamilton Harman.

The schedule of matches follows:

January 2—Bank of Montreal vs. Quebec Union.
January 6—Sovereign Bank and Ontario vs. Molson's Bank.
January 14—Bank of Montreal vs. Sovereign Ontario.
January 19—Molson's Bank vs. Quebec Union.
January 22—Quebec Union vs. Sovereign Ontario.
January 30—Bank of Montreal vs. Molson's Bank.
February 3—Sovereign Ontario vs. Quebec Union.
February 6—Molson's Bank vs. Bank of Montreal.
February 10—Quebec Union vs. Molson's Bank.
February 13—Molson's Bank vs. Sovereign and Ontario.
February 19—Quebec Union vs. Bank of Montreal.
February 24—Sovereign Ontario vs. Bank of Montreal.

Desse Brown the Coach.

At a meeting of the players of the Montreal Club, it was unanimously decided that Desse Brown be asked to act as coach. The Montreal team has a few brilliant extras on this season and everybody will have to play for their place.

Week at the Arena.

Following are the arrangements made the present week at the Arena:

Monday.
3 to 4 p.m.—Senior School.
4 to 5 p.m.—High School.



MR. FRED McROBIE,
President of the Victoria Hockey Club, Newly Elected Hon.-Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

5 to 6 p.m.—Molsons Bank.
7 to 8 p.m.—Junior Shamrock.
8 to 9 p.m.—Senior Shamrock.
9 to 10 p.m.—Westmount.
10 to 11 p.m.—Y.M.C.A.

Tuesday.
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.—Westmount Ladies.
11 to 12 a.m.—Montreal Ladies.
1 to 4 p.m.—Wykeham House.
4 to 5 p.m.—Westmount Academy.
5 to 6 p.m.—Quebec Bank.
7 to 8 p.m.—Junior Victoria.
8 to 9 p.m.—Senior Victoria.
9 to 10 p.m.—Senior Shamrock.
9 to 10 p.m.—Senior Montreal.
10 to 11 p.m.—Junior Montreal.

Wednesday
2 to 3 p.m.—Bishop's College.
3 to 4 p.m.—Wykeham House.
4 to 5 p.m.—Abingdon School.
5 to 6 p.m.—Bank of Montreal.
7 to 8 p.m.—Junior Shamrock.
8 to 9 p.m.—Y.M.C.A.
9 to 10 p.m.—Y.M.C.A.
10 to 11 p.m.—Westmount.

Thursday
4 to 4 p.m.—Senior School.
5 to 6 p.m.—High School.
6 to 6 p.m.—Quebec Bank.
7 to 8 p.m.—Junior Montreal.
8 to 9 p.m.—Senior Montreal.
9 to 10 p.m.—Senior Victoria.
10 to 11 p.m.—Junior Victoria.

Friday.
10 to 11 a.m.—Westmount Ladies.
11 to 12 a.m.—Montreal Ladies.
3 to 4 a.m.—Wykeham House.
4 to 5 p.m.—Westmount Academy.
5 to 6 p.m.—Bank of Montreal.
6 to 7 p.m.—Molsons Bank.
8 to 10.30—Skating, R.W.F. Band.

SKATING.

LADY MINTO TO GIVE SKATING PRIZES.

Finals to be Skated Off on the Rideau Rink.

OTTAWA, December 15.—Her Excellency the Countess of Minto has during the three years she has been in Canada done much to promote the cause of skating—a cause which one would hardly imagine would need any assistance to make it a popular one with the children of this land of cold but fascinating winters. But in this modern world of ours, everything it seems must be taken up and fostered by some one whose patronage will mean that others will follow her example and love the things that she loves. The wife of a Governor-General can ordain the fashion as she pleases. Lady Minto has made skating not only an agreeable but a necessary accomplishment for the society women of Canada. And in consequence Canadian girls, at any rate, are very much more proficient in the art than they or their sisters were four years ago. And now in the last year of Lord Minto's term of office, Her Excellency has decided to get up a competition, the finals in which will be open to ladies from all over Canada, and competent judges will award prizes to those whose skating fulfils the requirements. Needless to state, such a competition will excite a great deal of interest. Arrangements concerning it have not yet been definitely decided upon, but it will probably take place in the Rideau rink, or at Government house, early in February.

CURLING.

Games at St. Lawrence.

There were some pleasant club games at the St. Lawrence curling rink on Saturday.

Laz. Rubenstine, A. E. Harvey, Ald. Cleriihue, Walter Kearns—Skip 7.

E. H. Amand, Louis Rubenstine, Jim Henry, F. Kearns—Skip 6.

For barrel of meal.

Laz. Rubenstine, A. E. Harvey, Walter Kearns, Ald. Cleriihue—Skip 6.

E. H. Amand, L. Rubenstine, F. Kearns, Jim Henry—Skip 5.

Point A.A.A. Bazaar.

The unsold goods remaining from the Point St. Charles Amateur Athletic Association bazaar, will be sold off this evening. The bazaar has been a great success.

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FOOTBALL

SNAP BACK GAME ADOPTED AT LAST

The Ontario Union Will Play It Next Season.

ROUGH RIDERS OPPOSED IT

Ontario Clubs Say They Do Not Care Whether the Canadian Union Approves of Their Action.

TORONTO, December 15.—The nineteenth annual meeting of the Ontario Rugby Union was held Saturday afternoon, with President A. W. Ballantyne in the chair, and the clubs reported were: 'Varsity, Toronto; Pleasure Club, Hamilton, Peterboro'; London, Ottawa; Ramblers, Kingston; Deseronto, Toronto's, Queen's, Kingston, Hamilton, St. Michaels and Wellesleys, Toronto.

The meeting, although not as large as former years, did not lack any enthusiasm. The most important question for many years came up, it being of changing the rules of the play, whereby the play will become more open, and the old scrimmage done away with. The question was settled on a vote of 20 to 5 in favour of adopting the snap-back system. There were more arguments for both sides. The reports from Ottawa were adverse to the new rules, as was Mr. Harpell, from Queen's, but the Toronto teams and those of the surrounding towns were favourably inclined, and it was the general opinion that it would be easier for smaller places to get 12 men than 15 as it had been.

Hal. McGivern, Ottawa, said it was a terrible mistake to use these rules, as it was nothing more or less than the American game.

Mr. Harpell, of Queen's, said it would be greatly to the Toronto teams' advantage, but would keep outside clubs from joining the union. This idea was dispelled after discussion by several representatives from smaller places. On a vote of 19 to 4 it was decided to play under them, whether the Canadian Union adopted them or not.

Some changes were made in the constitution, whereby the fees for senior teams have been increased to $4, and intermediate and juniors to $3.

A sub-committee will be appointed each year to look after the intermediate and junior series.

The following officers were elected by acclamation: President, W. N. Ferguson; vice-president, D. McPherson; Peterboro; secretary-treasurer, F. D. Woodworth, Toronto; executive, F. H. Thompson (Argonauts), H. Baskerville (Otawa), S. Dumoulin (Hamilton), W. Little (London), E. Yates ('Varsity); representatives to Canadian Rugby Union, W. N. Ferguson, F. D. Woodworth and A. W. Ballantyne.

The executive committee met previous to the annual meeting to consider the application of Toronto and the West, and Pleasure Club, of Hamilton, for admission to the senior series. These applications were favourably received; but, as the season is over, this matter was left to the incoming executive.

ALL-CANADIANS' FIRST VICTORY.

They Defeated Irish Team by Score of 11 to 8.

BELFAST, December 15.—The hearty welcome and hospitality extended to the All-Canadian team of footballers since their arrival has been remarkable. This is especially so in Ireland. From the time of landing in Liverpool up to the hour of the match Saturday with the North of Ireland team, the Canadians had but two hours' practice. All the time was taken up with sightseeing and attending receptions, luncheons and at homes.

Rain fell in the early morning, but at noon the weather cleared with every prospect of a fine afternoon.

The result of the match was a victory for the visitors, the score being Canada 11, North of Ireland 8.

A crowd of two thousand witnessed the game, and the ground was in splendid condition.

The Canadians passed badly in the first half, but during the second half their general play and passing greatly improved, the stars being Schofield, of British Columbia; Powers, of Ottawa, and Bauld, of Nova Scotia.

The excellent work of Powers was especially conspicuous, he scoring the first goal by a brilliant run. The Canadians played a strong forward game. Phillips, Jack and Britton were spare men, and did not play Saturday. The game was very fast. The Canadians were jubilant over the win, and their victory was most popular with the crowd, the Irish experts being of the opinion that on good turf the Canadians were able to tackle any team in the three kingdoms.

ULSTER, December 15.—The visiting Canadian team, in their first football match here defeated the Ulster eleven by a score of one goal and two touchdowns to a goal and one touchdown.

Kicks.

The annual Oxford and Cambridge match resulted in a tie, both sides scoring a goal and a touchdown. There were 7,000 persons present. The ground was slippery and the weather dull and drizzly. Oxford scored all the points in the first half and Cambridge all the points in the second half. Toward the close, when the elevens tied, the excitement was intense. The ball was in Oxford's territory, and Cambridge was playing strong when "Time" was called.

The Association football match played between Toronto Scots and Preston for the championship of Ontario, resulted in favour of the Scots by 2 goals to 1.

CYCLING

END OF BIG CYCLE RACE

Leander and Krebs Won With Newkirk and Jacobson Second.

WERE FAR BEHIND RECORD

No Team Was Strong Enough to Equal the 2,733 Miles of Miller and Waller.

NEW YORK, December 15.—George Leander and Floyd Krebs won the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden Saturday night, Jacobson and Jid Newkirk were second.

The scene within the great building did not present the odds and ends of excitement that marked the close of the six-day race a year ago.

There was a big crowd, it is true, but men, women and children did not jam the garden as they did last year.

The keen relish of the affair, for one thing, had been taken off the race by the one-sided way in which the long contest ended. Only two teams had been left in the lead, and although the band blared its best and women and flowers were there in plenty, the tense excitement of a year ago was lacking.

There was one little incident during the night worth noting. Floyd Krebs went out to relieve his mate, Leander, and fell asleep on his wheel. He ground away, mechanically, however. His trainers dosed him with ammonia, and then he woke up and rode away like a streak.

George Leander is said to be the son of wealthy parents in Chicago, where he has his home, but he is said to have become estranged from them because he entered the six-day race.

His younger brother came from Chicago to see the finish of the contest. There was an affecting scene on the trackside as the brothers met.

"The old folks are willing to forgive everything," said the younger brother, "if you will give up the track."

"I'll think about it after this race," said George.

LEANDER SURE HE WOULD WIN.

The freshest, strongest man on the track two hours before the final struggle began was apparently George Leander. He almost settled the place for first money at 6 o'clock.

He and his team mate, Floyd Krebs, were tied in the lead, with Newkirk and Jacobson. Krebs, whose legs had been bothering him for two days, was on the track and nothing dangerous was expected of him. Suddenly, however, he broke away like a flash from the rest of the weary riders and had gained a quarter of a lap before the rest realized what had happened.

The garden was thrown into a tumult, and there were shouts of "Leander! Leander! Get out!"

Leander did get out and sprang on his wheel as quickly as possible for the relief. He was just a trifle late, however, for the speedy Jacobson, who smelled danger, dug his heels into his pedals, and after a half mile's furious grinding, overtook Leander and a catastrophe was averted.

Leander smiled contentedly, as he threw himself off his wheel to give place to Floyd Krebs again.

"What do you want to say about the race?" he was asked.

"Nothing much," he laughed, "except that I'll get the money. That's good enough for me."

IRISH TEAM GAINS A LAP, ALSO $50.

The men were reserving both their speed and their strength for the great struggle, and as a result there was very little sprinting done until about 5 o'clock. At that hour Newkirk and Leander, the opposition leaders in the long grind, were on the track together and each tried to steal away quietly away from the other. Newkirk ran Leander up the bank, and while the two were playing a game of cat and mouse, Peterson slipped in and was off like a shot. In a twinkling he had gained a quarter of a lap, and then his team mate, Keegan, the Irishman, sprang on his wheel and relieved him. Keegan kept up the good work, opened up the gap to three-quarters of a lap, when he was presently relieved by Peterson, who gained a lap amid the frantic cheering of the crowd.

An enthusiastic admirer of Keegan and Peterson was so delighted with their achievement that he gave the pair $50, Keegan at once handed the money over to Nat Butler, the veteran Boston cyclist, who was knocked out of the race the other afternoon because of a broken shoulder, and who was watching the progress of the race from the trackside with his arm in a sling.

WHAT THE RIDERS GOT FOR THEIR WEEK'S WORK.

The prizes were divided as follows:
First team, $1,500.
Second team, $1,000.
Third team, $750.
Fourth team, $500.
Fifth team, $350.
Sixth team, $200.
Seventh team, $150.
Eighth team, $100.

In addition to this, each of the competitors received a bonus. Floyd McFarland heading the list with $500. All their expenses for training, etc., were paid by the management.

It was roughly estimated that during the week 100,000 persons had witnessed the race, and that the receipts were $75,000, as against 356,000 last year. The cyclists received altogether about $10,000 out of the receipts.

GOLF

MR. FAYETTE BROWN RE-ELECTED CAPTAIN.

All the Amendments Proposed Were Passed.

There was a well attended annual meeting of the Royal Montreal Golf Club on Saturday evening at the Windsor Hotel.

The following officers were elected, Mr. Fayette Brown being again honoured with the position of captain and president: Messrs. Fayette Brown, G. H. Balfour, Dr. Ruttan, K. R. McPherson, E. A. Whitehead, jr., W. S. Clouston and Dr. A. McPhail.

The reports which were presented by Mr. O'Flaherty were most satisfactory, and assurance was given that the new lands acquired during the last season will be ready for play at the beginning of the next.

All the amendments which were proposed and refer to minor changes in the rules, as published in the Star of last Monday, were adopted.

Tuque Bleue's First Tramp.

Secretary Bowie, of the Old Tuque Bleue Snowshoe Club, has issued a call for the club's first tramp, which is to take place on Wednesday evening next.

A meeting of the Overland Amateur Athletic Association will be held this evening in the Empire Hall, corner St. Catherine and St. Lawrence streets. Important business will be transacted, and a large attendance is expected.



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SHOOTING.

TO CHALLENGE SOME U. S. CLUB

That Is What the Montreal Revolver Club Intends to Do Next.

WILL HAVE A TURKEY SHOOT

It Will Have as Prizes Two Turkeys and a Chicken and Will Ocur on Thursday.

At a recent committee meeting of the club it was decided to have a good old-fashioned turkey match shot in conjunction with the usual weekly competition on the evening of 18th December at the Victoria Rifles' Armoury. The conditions are that the best aggregate of three strings of six shots each wins the biggest turkey, and the second best aggregate wins the second largest turkey, while the third will have to be contented with a chicken. This match will not interfere with the series in any way, as the scores made in it will count in the grand aggregate series which runs throughout the winter.

The president, Mr. J. A. Taylor, has again signified his intention of donating a series of prizes for competition each month, and Dr. G. W. Oliver has also donated a handsome prize for the best score made in six shots throughout the season.

Handicaps are to be allowed to the younger members, in order to afford them every encouragement, but in competition with the more experienced shots of the club. The handicaps run all the way from 10 to 25 points per string of six shots, and they will not be announced until after the conclusion of the turkey shoot on the 18th, so that no member will know whether his score entitles him to a fat bird or a slice of crow.

Up to the present time the best score made is 53 points out of 60, and was made by Mr. Harrison B. Young with his .32 Colt, while he is closely seconded by Mr. E. C. Eaton, with 52 points.

Some of the members feel that the club is in good enough condition to challenge some of the revolver clubs in the United States to a friendly team match, each to be shot on the home ranges and the score exchanged by mail. As the majority of revolver shots in the States, however, use the 44-calibre arm, a decided advantage would be with them in a match of this sort, as the M. A. A. A. Revolver Club is restricted to 38-calibre for indoor work. A move, however, will be made in this direction later on if the members continue to improve their scores as they have done in the past six weeks. A large attendance of members is expected at the Turkey shoot next Thursday night.

THE TURF

The Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, December 15.—Despite unfavourable conditions there were sixteen starters in the preliminary Derby handicap, worth $2250 to the winner, and the best stake of the meeting so far decided. F. M. Dick's pair, Kilmane and Sweet Alice, coupled, were favourites at 5 to 2, but neither proved a contender. Lord Melbourne, at the long odds of 25 to 1, made all the running, Floreatine, at 8 to 1, who was always within striking distance, outgamed him in the final drive and won by a neck. Weather clear and track heavy.

First race, 5½ furlongs—Ben Mora, 109, H. Booker, 10 to 1, won; Alpaca, 109, McCafferty, 4 to 1, second; Playlike, 112, Cannon, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1.11 3-5. Frank Kenny, James J. Corbett, Utterp, Four Leaf C, Russelton, Ace of Spade, Sandflea and Sister Sarah also ran.

Second race, 1 mile—Sheriff Bell, 100, Gannon, 7 to 2, won; Aurie B., 90, W. Hicks, 5 to 1, second; Inspector Shea, 108, Fuller, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1.52 2-5. Ray and Robert G. Lansing also ran.

Third race, 6 furlongs—John Peters, 102, Gannon, 9 to 10, won; The Lady, 115, Buchanan, 2 to 1, second; Echolale, 107, Milburn, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1.19 3-5. Antonius, Sailor, Cadmus, Lady Alberta and Glennevi also ran.

Fourth race, the Preliminary Derby, 6 furlongs—Floreatine, 116, R. Williams, 8 to 1, won; Lord Melbourne, 100, Hoar, 25 to 1, second; Kittaning, 116, Boissen, 5 to 2, third. Time, 1.20. Pride of Galore, Canvon, Lord Touchwood, Henry McDaniels, Sweet Alice, Pageant, Welcome Light, Price of Endurance, Oronte, Handspinner, Farmer Jim and Brookstone also ran.

Fifth race, 1 1-16 miles—Jessie Jarboe, 107, W. Hicks, 8 to 5, won; Scotch Plaid, 100, Treanor, 4 to 1, second; C. B. Campbell, 106, Gannon, 7 to 5, third. Time, 1.46. Death also ran.

Sixth race, 1¼ miles—Georgia Gardner, 98, Wellwood, 15 to 1, won; Compass, 98, Fuller, 2 to 1, second; Irving Mayer, 98, Trainor, 6 to 1, third. Time, 2.48 2-5. Labon also ran.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Both young Corbett and Terry McGovern have decided to train at Cincinnati for their fight in Detroit next month. McGovern has left the Queen City. He will be trained by Charlie Mayhood, and will do his work at his old quarters. Corbett will leave shortly for Cincinnati. Harry Tuthill will look after the Denver boy during his training.

C. J. Thomson, immigration agent at Virden, Man., has been appointed by the Dominion Government to accompany the Scotch curlers on their tour through Canada. The selection is regarded as a particularly happy one, Mr. Thompson being an enthusiastic, whole-souled Scotchman and thoroughly conversant with matters pertaining to this country.

At a meeting of the Westmount Athletic Association on Saturday last it was settled that a new slide should be built. Complete plans were submitted and approved by the meeting, and work will begin tomorrow. The new slide will be built on the slope of the hill, near the Westmount railway station, and will have four chutes. A large platform for spectators, commanding a splendid view of the whole slide, will be erected on the brow of the hill. The subscription has been fixed at $3 for the season for outsiders, and $2 for the members of the Westmount Athletic Association. Many applications have already been promised, and there is every prospect that the slides will be well patronized.

AQUATICS

REALLY EXCLUDES FOREIGN CREWS

Henley Refuses to Meet Professionally Trained Crews in Future.

IT DOES NOT AFFECT YALE

But it Will Prevent Cornell From Taking Part in the Races Set for Next July.

LONDON, December 15.—At a meeting of the Henley Regatta Committee Saturday it was decided, by a vote of 13 to 2, to exclude all crews coached by professionals within a month of the opening of the regatta.

The text of the rule adopted is as follows:

"No eight-oared, four-oared, or pair-oared crew shall be allowed to compete if, within four weeks prior to the commencement of the regatta, the crew shall have been coached during any practice in rowing, or controlled, or directed in their training by any person not considered an amateur oarsman, sculler, or coxswain, under the general rules."

R. C. Lehmann, the well known oarsman, gave notice that at a special meeting of the regatta committee to be called shortly, he would move that the new rule be amended so as to include scullers.

While the resolution adopted by the Henley stewards does not specifically bar foreign crews from competing in the regatta, it is generally regarded as practically shutting out visitors, as it is owing to hard lines that oarsmen from other countries will be prepared to change their established customs in order to acquire the privilege of competing at Henley.

Next year's regatta was fixed for July 7, 8 and 9.

Cornell Out of It.

ITHACA, N. Y., December 15.—The rowing authorities of Cornell are somewhat surprised at the action of the board of stewards of the Henley Regatta, in passing the rule that all foreign crews, which have been coached by professionals within a month of the regatta would be barred from participation.

Professor Durand stated that while Cornell's ultimate action could be determined only by an official meeting of the athletic council, undoubtedly Cornell would throw up the whole matter. "We could not think of entering a crew without the service of Coach Courtney," said Professor Durand, "and of course we would want to take him with us."

Does Not Affect Yale.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., December 15.—The statement from England to the effect that the stewards of the Henley Regatta have voted to admit no foreign crews who are coached by professional oarsmen unless the coach terminates his work thirty days prior to the meet, aroused great interest among Yale oarsmen.

The concensus of opinion is that Yale did not intend to send a crew to Henley next June, but that the decision of the stewards would probably not militate against a Yale crew, inasmuch as a graduate, who is not a professional, is Yale's head coach by a settled policy.

Fitzsimmons said in reply to Gus Ruhlin's challenge for a six-round bout before the Pennsylvania A. C. of Philadelphia: "Jeffries and I can make more money than $2,500 in one night. We are meeting with great success, and from here we will work east and thence we intend to tour Europe. We can draw $5,000 in Philadelphia without bordering with any such challenge as Ruhlin sends out. Personally I am ready to meet any man in the world, who can offer sufficient inducements. So far as Corbett is concerned, I guess he can ultimately get a fight with Jeffries if he wants it bad."

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HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Among the arrivals at the hotels to-day were the following:

At the Windsor—W. A. Burns and N. Hutchison, Ottawa; Fred. Porter, Hamilton; J. H. Gilmour, Brockville; M. H. Fitzpatrick, ex-M.L.A., New Glasgow; L. H. Morris, Philadelphia; G. B. Mason, Boston; T. Foley, St. Paul; C. C. Gregory, Antigonish; M. E. Nichols, Toronto; J. D. Reid, M.P., Prescott; J. Rodger, Amherst, N.S.

At the Place Viger Hotel—J. J. Smyth, James Murphy, A. A. Stuart, Louis E. Morin, A. A. Charlebois, Quebec; Louis Schrin, Louis Jacobs, New York; Ellie Vezina, Chicago; Walter S. Pointer, Detroit; W. A. Williams, Buckingham; Geo. Spargo, Three Rivers; E. H. Talbot, Chicago; A. Brunet and wife, Plattsburg; J. B. Reed and wife, Rochester, N.Y.

At the Hall—W. J. Smith, Ottawa; W. S. Lawrence, Woodstock; Jno. Nicoll, Rochester, N.Y.; A. Leafred, Quebec; R. J. Cant, Buffalo; H. Marron, Portland; H. G. Stiles, Philadelphia; G. A. Stiles, Cornwall; D. R. McDonald, Williamstown.

At the Queen's—J. M. Hutchison, New York; D. Anderson, Toronto; W. H. Wilson, London, Eng.; G. H. Greig, Winnipeg; L. Martineau, Paris; W. S. Hudon, Preston; L. J. Beleau, Levis; W. McNeil, London; J. H. Saunders, London; J. Murray, Ottawa; E. B. Elderkin, Amherst; S. Fallon, Chicago; S. King, Moncton.

At the Albion—Paul Fabre, A. R. Banker, Louis Horns and wife, New York City; H. Heedensen and wife, J. L. Gibbons and wife, Boston; George Kelly and Jas. Allen, Toronto; T. J. Sullivan and G. Hams, Buffalo; J. J. Bennett and James Mackie, Detroit; R. J. Dobson and T. Simonson, Chicago; M. A. Carson and J. R. Hughes, Portland.

At Hotel Carsdale—F. W. Nelles, Troy, N.Y.; W. Dwyer, London; R. Fitzpatrick, Boston, Mass.; A. Turner, Brockville; H. Nelson, Ottawa; C. C. Young, Toronto.

At St. James Hotel—Henri Girard, M.P., Richmond; M. Lebel, Kamouraska; Eugene Croteau, Rossland, B.C.; John Mills and wife, Valleyfield; J. Durand, Jas. Haslewood, St. Johns; Que.; M. Lawrence, St. Hyacinth; R. T.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR MONTREALERS

Good Things Which Can Be Found in the City Markets.

VARIETY IS NOTICEABLE

Householders Have a Busy Week Ahead, But Purveyors are Ready for Them.

(For the Montreal Star.)

What shall we eat for Christmas dinner? This may seem like a trifling question to an ascetic, or to the President of Venezuela, but in reality it is the question which is being asked more than any other at the present time. Some may affect not to care what they are going to eat on Christmas, but that is only because they are pretty well satisfied that the cook will attend to that matter for them. Let the cook but fail in her duty, however, and note what will happen. The fact is, the gourmand is pretty well developed in the most of us who are healthy, and in many who are not. Eating continues to be a very important function in life, and until it ceases to be so Venezuela may be in the throes of despair, the coal scarcity may continue, stock markets may be panicky, and tariffs and reciprocity may be subjects of debate, but when Christmas comes around these questions will sink into insignificance before the all important one of what are we going to eat on the 25th of December.

Those who have not any too much money to spend upon preparing a Christmas dinner will be pleased to learn that, although certain items on the bill of fare will cost considerably more than they did a year ago, others will cost less, so that on the whole the cost will probably not be any greater.

TURKEYS ARE SCARCE

Unfortunately the most important item on the list, the one of all others which is inseparable from thoughts of Christmas, namely, the turkey, will be twenty-five or thirty per cent dearer than last year. The toothsome fowl could be purchased for 12c a pound, but this year those who buy a real good bird at 16c or under need not feel that they have been robbed. One does not need to go far to find the cause of this advance. The lack of corn, last winter, and its consequent dearness, persuaded the farmers to sell most of their stock, and the cold wet weather of the spring and early summer killed the young birds off, so that the supply this Christmas is uncommonly light. But in a fair sized turkey the difference will only amount to 50c or so, and when it comes to a Christmas turkey who cares for human desires cares for 50c? In any case, such an one could not better himself than by having recourse to some other fowl, for the influences which affected turkeys have in effected their barnyard companions to an equal extent and cheese fowl and chickens will cost 15c, geese 18c and ducks 13c.

Those who have the power of deduction developed to any degree will doubtless have concluded that with fowl so dear, eggs will probably also be dear. In this they are right. Eggs are very dear, selected and fresh laid, they cost 50 to 60c a dozen, whereas last year they could be bought for 30c without difficulty.

An explanation should be made here in order to sooth the feelings of the poor man. The prices quoted in this article are uptown, St. Catherine street prices. Long ago, so it is said, every one used to go down to Bonsecours market to purchase their Christmas supplies. Perhaps, but Bonsecours market has failed to keep pace with the growth of the city and it would no longer be possible to accommodate every one there. The good old customs and the good days have passed away together. But even yet the market is crowded to overflowing at this time of year, and those who cannot afford to pay uptown prices can purchase turkeys, meat and vegetables one, two and three times three cents a pound cheaper in the old market if they care to take the trouble of going there. As for eggs, there does not appear to be any definite standard for this variety of food. Eggs which are called cooking grades in one store are termed fresh laid in others, but reliable merchants in Bonsecours market claim to sell choice stock at 25 to 30c a dozen, so that there is still a refuge for a poor man. The uptown stores have

ALL SORTS OF DEVICES

for tempting the passer-by into their parlors. The products of forest and stream are displayed most alluringly in the windows. Well does the crafty game dealer know the weaknesses of the public. No one can resist the sight of a background of green boughs, with a deer reclining full length in a bed of sparkling snow, or a row on a few score of partridge (no not partridge, they are prohibited this year, but will duck, black or canvas back or blue bills or mallard not, and a few hare, grouse, pheasants and quail and it will require a policeman to keep the crowd moving. It is doubtful if any one of real good taste imagines for a moment that venison tastes better than beef, and as for will duck there never were any which did not taste of fish or which the domestic duck could not beat to a finish in short order, as far as flavour is concerned. Yet this year venison is selling at 10c to 30c a pound and wild duck at 75c to $5.00 a pair, while beef and other meats are cheaper than a year ago. Lamb chops can be had from 10c to 15c a pound, choice hotel cuts and roasts at 12½ to 15c, English saddles of mutton at 18c, lamb's kidneys at 50c a dozen, sweet breads at 20 to 25c each and sucking pigs at $2.00 upwards. But the glamour of the chase comes over some and lulls him at the window, then the association of ideas, the recollection of the camp fire and delicious half cooked meals, tempts him inside, and he falls a victim to his aboriginal instincts. So, this year he is paying $4.50 a pair for black grouse, $5.00 for English pheasants, 40c to 50c for English hare and $5.00 a dozen for extra quality quail. Nothing much can be said against the flavour of these game birds, for the most of us make poor critics of that which we have not experienced, and certainly the plumage of the pheasant is unusually fine, almost too beautiful to destroy for the sake of one's gastronomical desires, at $5.00 a pair.

Ye lovers of the finny tribe, look at this for a list of rare and costly varieties. Imported from Long Island scraped bass and king fish, 35c a pound; sheep's head, 20c; scollops, 70c a quart; pompino, from the south, 25c a pound; shrimps, 70c a quart; blue fish, 18c a pound; and white perch, 22c. Now it is quite likely that B. C. salmon and haddock, Manitoba white fish, lake trout, pickerel or pike are every whit as good as these rare fish and probably could not be told from them on the table. Yet the poor man or the rich one may buy them at from 10c to 20c or 25c a pound.

COOKED FOODS

But there are households where a cook is too expensive a luxury and the lady of the house is either unacquainted with the mysteries of a good kitchen or else is too indolent to practice them. The lordly husband as he wanders home on Christmas Eve may have the good fortune to run across a cooked meat establishment where, at a considerable advance it is true, upon the cost of the raw article, he may replenish his larder and cause his wife to purr in contentment. Cooked hickens he may purchase at 20c to 28c, jellied tongues at 30c, boned chicken or turkey at 20c, pate de foie gras, two moulds for 25c, chicken croquettes, 60c a dozen, cooked chicken, 60 to 80c, chicken salad, 25 cents, and dozens of other things all sorts of prices. It was a mistake, however, to refer to all these as being cooked. Those which are not cooked, however, are all ready to be cooked, and the lady of the house will only have to apply a match to the gas stove and in less than half an hour two hearts may beat as one again.

VEGETARIAN OPPORTUNITIES.

The vegetarian will doubtless have a sense of having been subtected after all this talk of poultry and meat eating. He may be right, and if so he has certainly had his meat appetite assuaged at a very small cost. But these tempting, uptown and downtown shops have something to suit him also, as he will quickly find out if he will pay them a visit some evening. Shades of the good old days! In the good old days a vegetarian would have starved. There was practically nothing but potatoes for him to eat. Now he may have oranges and lemons, bananas, apples and tangerines, cranberries and nuts, all at a very reasonable price and of prime quality. Mushrooms, also, he may have, though at a cost of $1.25 a pound, butter beans at 30c a pound, and ripe tomatoes in the middle of the winter, one a pound, two a pound and three at a cost of 15c for two. No vegetarian of any sense will ever talk of the good old days. He may add almost infinitely to this list: cauliflowers, 35c to 40c each; celery, two bunches for 25c; green peppers at 60c a dozen; Boston lettuce, two for 25c, and as there is no resistance to crown his savoury if somewhat variegated repast, he may have green peas at 25c a quart.

DESSERT AND FRUITS

And now our dinner is pretty well over, but we still have the dessert to dispose of. Here it comes the plum pudding, for, of course it would not be a real Christmas without this dish. Plum puddings are now being made in enormous quantities by different firms, and they arrive almost ready to place upon the table. The finest English and American makes are sold at 25c to 40c per one pound ones, and $1.10 for four pound ones. Christmas cakes sell at 90c to $1.00 each. Sauce for the pudding may be purchased by the bottle, at 30c to 90c each, clear punch sauce costing 15c to 35c each, and tins of custard wine sauce, 25c each. Of course these delicacies are a little expensive, but they are exceedingly convenient, for not every one is able to prepare them properly.

But it is in the preparation of those delicious preserved and crystallized fruits that the work of the artist is seen. California fresh fruits of all description and preserving their most delicate flavour and colours, are sold in glass pint and quart jars, at 50c to 75c each, brandied pears, cherries, apricots, figs and peaches, quite irresistible to look at, may be had in quart glass jars at from 80c to $1.00 each, and all sorts of fruits crystalized in sugar, at 90c a pound. Then there are cream jellies at 30c a jar, preserved ginger at 25c, and crystalized ginger, at 50c a tin. French table prunes, in jars, Lacona figs at 20c to 25c a pound, table raisins $1.00 to $2.00 a layer, and ramaser stuffed with assorted nuts at 40c a box. Add to this an infinite variety of candies, fruits, nuts, biscuits, cheeses, liquors, all displayed in the most tempting manner, and you have an idea of a modern grocery during the month of December.

And if you still doubt that the question of what we shall eat on Christmas is not the most important question before the civilized world, go and visit these stores in person and you will at least be convinced that the people of Montreal are quite in harmony upon the subject.

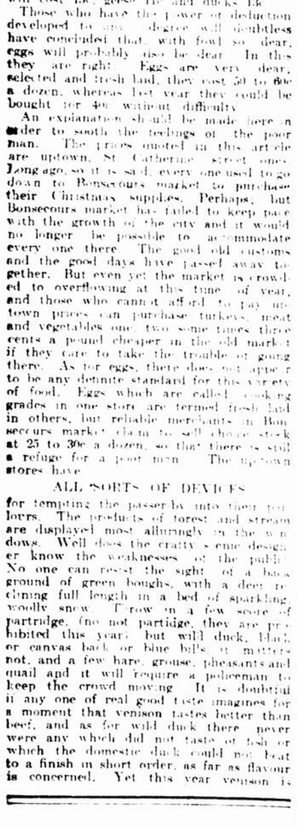
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Important Commercial Case.

An important judgment on commercial matters was rendered Friday by Mr. Justice Langelier, in the case of Boulet vs Metayer et al. The action was for $1,130.61, balance due on the capital and interest on notes endorsed to the Jacques Cartier Bank, and transferred to plaintiff. The defendant Metayer pleaded that the notes were prescribed at the time of the action, and in reply to the pretension of the plaintiff that the prescription had been interrupted by the payment of dividends by the curator to defendant's insolvent estate, he pretended that the curator had no right to interrupt prescription by such payments.

The Court, however, found that as the curator had in hand all the property of the defendants, and was alone authorized to pay or receive amounts due to or by the defendants, he could interrupt prescription. The objection to parole evidence as to the payment of dividends on the notes was dismissed as the law of England in 1849 governs the hearing of evidence in such cases and it allows parole evidence in support of payments made on account.

I could not rise to my feet without fainting.



"I had suffered for three years or more at monthly periods," writes Miss Ella Sapp, of Jamestown, Guilford Co., N. C. "It seemed as though I would die with pains in my back and stomach. I could not rise to my feet at all without fainting; had given up all hope of ever being cured, when one of my friends insisted upon my trying Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. With but little faith I tried it, and before I had taken half a bottle I felt better, had better appetite and slept better. Now I have taken two bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and one of 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and am happy to say I am entirely cured, and all done in two months' time when all other medicines had failed to do any good at all."

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For Sale by Auction

About 500 BOXES, various brands and sizes, will be sold for account of whom it may concern, on

Wednesday, 17th December,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.

in the warehouse in rear of No. 35 Common street.

WALTER M. KEARNS,

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AUCTION SALE OF JEWELLERY

In lots to suit the jobbing trade and others.

The undersigned has received instructions from one who has retired from business to sell by public auction at his salesroom, 1828 Notre Dame street, on

MONDAY and TUESDAY AFTERNOONS, 15th and 16th of DECEMBER, at 2 o'clock each day,

a stock including the following variety of goods: Waltham, Elgin, Hampton and Rockford watches in gold filled, silver and composition cases; gent's plated watch chains, charms, lockets, cuff links, collar buttons and scarf pins; ladies' plated watch chains, gold rings, plated brooches, fancy hair-pins and combs, cuff-links, etc., etc.; fancy clocks, also two nickel-plated show cases.

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THE PUPPET CROWN

By HAROLD MCGRATH

THE GREAT ROMANTIC NOVEL

CHAPTER XXVIII.

INTO THE HANDS OF AUSTRIA.

Madame, surrounded by her staff and courtiers, sat in the main salon of the Continental Hotel, waiting for the archbishop. The false, self-seeking ministers of Leopold's reign crowded around her to pay their respects, to compliment and to flatter her. Already they saw a brilliant court; already they were speculating on their appointments. Offices were plenty; new embassies were to be created, old embassies to be filled anew.

Madame listened to all coldly. There was a canker in her heart, and no one who saw that calm, beautiful face of hers dreamed how deeply the canker was eating. There were two men who held aloof from compliments and flattery. On the face of one rested a moody scowl, on the other, agony and remorse. These two men were Colonel Mollendorf and Lord Fitzgerald. The same thought occupied each mind; the scene in the throne room.

Presently an orderly announced: "Monseigneur the archbishop."

Madame arose, and all looked expectantly toward the door.

The old prelate entered, his head high and his step firm. He appeared to see no one but Madame. But this time she met his glance without a tremor.

"Monseigneur," she began, "I have come into my own at last. But for you and your ambitious schemes, all this would not have come to pass. You robbed my father of his throne and set your puppet there instead. By trickery my father was robbed of his lawful inheritance. By trickery I was compelled to regain it. However, I do not wish to make an enemy of you, Monseigneur. I have here two letters. They come from Rome. In one is your recall, in the other a cardinal's hat. Which do you prefer?"

"Surely not the cardinal's hat," said the prelate. "Listen to me, Madame, for I have something to say to you which will cause you some reflection. If I had any ambitions, they are gone, if I had any dreams, they have vanished. Madame some twenty years ago your duchy was created. It was not done to please Albrecht's younger brother, the duke, your father. Albrecht was childless. When your father was given the duchy it was done to exclude for ever the house of Auersperg from reigning on this throne. You say that you were tricked; well, and so was I. Unhappily I touched the deeper current too late.

"This poor king, who lies silent in the palace, was not my puppet. I wished to make him great, and bask in his greatness. But in that I failed, because Leopold was a poet and a philosopher, and the greatness of earthly things did not concern him. Leopold and I were dupes of Austria, as you are at this moment, Madame. So long as Leopold reigned peacefully he was not to be disturbed. Had you shown patience and resignation, doubtless to-day you would be a queen. You will never be more than a duchess.

"Madame, you have done exactly as Austria intended you should. There is no longer any kingdom." There was a subdued triumph in his eyes. "To you," with a gesture toward the courtiers and office-seekers, "to you I shall say, your own blind self-interest has destroyed you. Madame, you are bearing arms not against this kingdom, but against Austria, since from to-day this land becomes the property of the Imperial Crown. If you struggle, it will be futilely. For, by this move of yours, Austria will declare that this kingdom is a menace to the tranquility of the confederation. Madame, there is no corner-stone to your edifice. This is what I wished to say to you. I have done. Permit me to withdraw."

For a moment his auditors were spell-bound; then all the emotions of the mind and heart portrayed themselves on the circle of faces. Madame's face alone was inscrutable.

"His Excellency, the Austrian Ambassador," announced the orderly.

The archbishop bowed and left the apartment.

"Your Highness," began the Austrian, "his Imperial Majesty commands your immediate evacuation of Bleiberg, and that you delay not your departure to the frontier. This kingdom is a crown land. It shall remain so by the consent of the confederation. If you refuse to obey this injunction, an army will enforce the order. Believe me, Madame, this office is distasteful to me, but it was not avoidable. What disposition am I to submit to his Majesty?"

"Monsieur," she said, "I am without choice in the matter. To put my forces against the emperor's would be neither politic nor sensible. I submit." There was not a sign of any emotion, no hint of the terrible wrath which lay below the surface of those politely modulated tones. But it seemed to her as she stood there, the object of all eyes, that some part of her soul had died. Her pride surmounted the humiliation, the pride of a woman and a princess. She would show no weakness to the world.

"Then, Madame," said the ambassador, suppressing the admiration in his eyes at this evidence of royal nonchalance, "I shall inform his Majesty at once."

When he had gone, Madame turned coldly to her stricken followers. "Messieurs, the fortunes of war are not on our side. I thank you for your services. Now leave me; I wish to be alone."

One by one they filed out into the corridors. The orderly was the last to leave, and he closed the door behind him. Madame surveyed the room. All the curtains were drawn. She was alone. She stood idly fingering the papers which lay scattered on the table. Suddenly she lifted her hands above her head and clenched them in a burst of silent rage. A dupe! a double dupe! Tomorrow the whole world would laugh at her, and she was without means of wreaking vengeance. Presently the woman rose above the princess. She sat down, laid her face on her arms and wept.

Fitzgerald stepped from behind one of the curtains. He had taken refuge there during the archbishop's speech. He had not the strength to witness the final humiliation of the woman he loved. He was gazing out of the window at the troops in the Platz when the door closed.

Madame heard the rustle of the curtain and looked up. She sprang to her feet, her eyes blazing.

"You?" she cried. "You? You have dared to hide that you might witness my weakness and my tears? You . . . . . "

"Madame!"

"Go! I hate you!"

"Ah, Madame, we always hate those whom we have wronged. Do not forget that I love you, with a love that passes convention."

"Monsieur, I am yet a princess. Did you not hear me bid you go?"

"Why?" in a voice singularly free from agitation. "Because I am the only man who has served you unselfishly? Is that the reason, Madame? You have laughed at me. I love you. You have broken me. I love you. I can never look an honest man in the face again. I love you. Though the shade of my father should rise to accuse you, still would I say that I love you. Madame, will you find another love like mine, the first love of a man who will know no second? Forgive me if I rejoice in your despair, for your despair is my hope. As a queen you would be too far away; but in your misfortune you come so near! Madame, I shall follow you wherever you go to tell you that I love you. You will never be able to shut your ears to my voice, far or near, you will always hear me saying that I love you. Ambition soars but a little way; love has no fetters. Madame, your lips were given to me. Can you forget that?"

"Monsieur, what do you wish?" subdued by the fervor of his tones.

"You! nothing in the world but you."

"Princesses such as I am do not wed for love. What! you take advantage of my misfortune, the shattering of my dreams, to force your love upon me?"

"Madame," the pride of his race lighting his eyes, "confess to me that you did not win my love to play with it. If my heart was necessary to your happiness, which lay in these shattered dreams, tell me, and I will go. My love is so great that it does not fact generosity."

For reply she sorted the papers and extended a blood-stained packet toward him. "Here, Monsieur, are your consols." But the moment his hand touched them, she made as though to take them back. On the top of the packet was the letter she had written to him, and on which he had written his scornful reply to her. She paled as she saw him unfold it.

"So, Madame, my love was a pastime?" He came close to her, and his look was like an invisible hand bearing down on her. "Madame, I will go."

"No, no!" she cried, yielding to the impulse which suddenly laid hold of her. "Not you! You shall not misjudge me. No, not you! Those consols were given to me by the woman of your guide, Kopf, who found them no one knows how. They were given to me this morning. That letter. . . . I did not intend that you should see it. No, Monsieur; you shall not misjudge the woman, however you judge the princess. Forgive me, it was the woman who sought your love; it was the princess who had need of it.

"I thought it would be but a passing fancy. I did not dream of this end. To-morrow I shall be laughed at, and I cannot defend myself as a man can. I must submit; I must smile and cover my chagrin. O, Monsieur, do not speak to me of love; there is nothing in my heart but rage and bitterness. To stoop as I have stooped, and in vain! I am defeated. I must remain passive; like a whipped child I am driven away. Talk not of love to me. I am without illusion." She fell to weeping, and to him she was lovelier in her tears than ever in her smiles. For would she have shown this weakness to any but himself, and was it not a sign that he was not wholly indifferent to her?

"Madame, what is it?" he cried, on his knees before her. "What is it? Do you wish a crown? I find me a kingdom, and I will buy it for you. Be mine, and woe to those who dare to laugh! Ah, could I but convince you that love is above crowns and kingdoms, the only glimpse we have on earth of Paradise. There is no boundary to the dreams, no horizons, a vast, beautiful wilderness, and you and I together. There are no storms, no clouds. Ambition, the god of schemes, finds no entrance. Ah, how I love you! Your face is ever before me, waking or sleeping. All thoughts are merged into one, and that is of you. Self has dropped out of my existence. Forget that you are a princess, remember only that you are a woman, and that I love you.

Love has the key to eloquence. Madame forgot her vanished dreams; the bitterness in her heart subsided. That mysterious, indefinable thrill, which every woman experiences when a boundless love is laid at her feet, passed through her, leaving her sensible to a delicious languor. This man was strong in himself, yet weak before her, and from his weakness she gained a visible strength. Convention was nothing to him; that she was of royal blood was still less. What other man would have dared her wrath as he had done?

Nobility, she thought, was based on the observance of certain laws. Around the central star were lesser stars, from which the central star drew its radiance. When ever one of these stars deviates from its orbit, the glory of the central star is diminished. To accept the love of the Englishman would be a blow to the pride of Austria. She smiled.

"Monsieur," she said, in a hesitating voice, "Monsieur, I am indeed a woman. You ask me if I can forget that I offered you my lips? No. Nor do I wish to. Why did I permit you to kiss me? I do not know. I could not analyze the impulse if I tried. Monsieur, I am a woman who demands much more from those who serve her. I am capricious; my moods vary; I am unfamiliar with sentiment. I hate oftener than I love. Listen. There is a canker in my heart, made there by vanity. When it heals—well—mayhap you will find the woman you desire. Mind you, I make no promises. Follow me, if you will, but have patience; love me if you must, but in silence;" and with a gesture which was not without a certain fondness, she laid her hand upon his head.

(To be Continued.)

Bright's Disease and Diabetes Cured.

University Chemist Acting as Judge.

Irvine K. Mott, M.D., of Cincinnati, O., demonstrated before the editorial board of the Evening Post, one of the leading daily papers of Cincinnati, the power of his remedy to cure the worst forms of kidney diseases. Later a public test was instituted under the auspices of the Post, and the cases of Bright's Disease and Diabetes were selected by them and placed under Dr. Mott's care. In three months' time all were pronounced cured. Harvard University having been chosen by the Post to make examination of the cases before and after treatment.



Any one desiring to read the details of this public test can obtain copies of the papers by writing to Dr. Mott for them.

This public demonstration gave Dr. Mott an international reputation that has brought him into correspondence with people all over the world, and several noted Europeans are numbered among those who have taken his treatment who been cured.

The doctor will correspond with those who are suffering with Bright's Disease, Diabetes, or any kidney trouble, either in the first, intermediate or last stages, and will be pleased to give his expert opinion free to those who will send him a description of their symptoms. An essay which the Doctor has prepared about kidney troubles and describing the new method of treatment will also be mailed by him. Correspondence for this purpose should be addressed to IRVINE K. MOTT, M.D., 142 Mitchell Buildings, Cincinnati, Ohio. 242 18 1amo

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—OF—

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TOTAL	330,623
Daily Average	55,104
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From the above figures are excluded several thousand subscriptions regarded as more or less ephemeral.

MONDAY, DECEMBER, 15, 1902.

THE COAL FAMINE.

The threatened coal famine is an opportunity for public spirited action. It ought to be possible to learn exactly what the coal situation is likely to be, if left to the ordinary methods of trade; and if this enquiry discloses the fact that much genuine suffering will ensue among our people, then steps should be taken to prevent it.

The spending of enough money will bring coal to this city which will avert the more serious consequences of a coal famine. And it would pay better to raise the money and spend it than have the report go abroad that certain Canadian cities had a death list as a result of a scarcity of fuel.

The libel that Canada finds it hardest to live down is that it has a murderous winter climate. Gradually and with difficulty we are beating down the prejudice on this point. But a tragic outcome of a mere scarcity of coal would undo years of work along this line.

This was why we were so anxious to see the Doukhobor pilgrimage stopped before winter really assailed it with its scythe. The country could not afford to have the report go abroad that a party of Russian peasants were frozen to death on the Canadian prairie.

It could much less afford to send out the news that great suffering from cold existed in Montreal because coal was dear. A few spectacular tragedies from this cause would cost the country many good settlers and thousands of dollars in capital.

THE COAL QUESTION.

Some time ago the publishers of the Star, acting upon a suggestion made by prominent citizens, intimated to the public that enquiries were being instituted with a view to establishing a co-operative coal supply association. Desirous of providing against a recurrence in Montreal of the coal conditions antecedent to the strike settlement, enquiries were made and investigations have been going on with the result that up to this time assurances have not been forthcoming that would lead to the impression that the project could be said to have advanced to a practical stage. At a future date it may be possible to give further particulars of a reassuring character. As said at the time, it would require a year to promote the proposed co-operative idea, and it could have no influence upon the coal situation this season.

THE DEAN OF RIPON.

It has on many occasions been shown that the Church of England can find room in her fold for many different types of mind and even for strikingly divergent interpretations of her creeds and formulas. The recent utterances of the Honourable and Reverened W. H. Fremantle, Dean of Ripon, at the Churchman's Union in London, seemed, however, to go beyond anything that could with safety be permitted. We may very briefly state that this high dignitary appeared to us, in serious doubt as to the miracles of the New Testament, and even as to the miracle of the Resurrection. Not only so, but he did not seem to think that it was absolutely necessary to believe in the ordinarily received account of the birth of the Saviour. The religious press naturally raised a cry of alarm and distress. On the other hand a clergyman signing himself "Presbyter Londinensis" wrote to the London Times expressing sympathy with Dean Fremantle's views, and saying that he had put them forward at the time of his own ordination without objection. When this clergyman was ordained does not appear; but the present Bishop of London has stated in a sermon that certainly no one holding such views would be ordained in his diocese to-day. The Bishop of Ripon, Dr Carpenter, has felt it incumbent upon him to write to Dean Fremantle to say that he hoped he would be able to reassure the public as to his position. "Knowing you," he wrote, "as I do, remembering how earnestly you have preached Christ to men, and recalling your triumphant voice in reciting the creed, I am confident you would not retain your position for an hour, if the declaration of your faith made in public worship were contradicted by your own convictions."

The reply of the Dean to this appeal is at least as remarkable as his original declarations. He does not recall one word that he said, yet he professes to find it strange "to be supposed to be doubtful about the truths on which I live from day to day, and without which the world would be unmeaning to me." He acknowledges that he does repeat the creeds in a triumphant voice, and he does so because they enable him daily "to express Christ as God manifest in the flesh," and because he has no other object in life but to "preach Him as the Saviour of mankind and to make Him supreme over every part of human life."

We fear this will greatly confuse the minds of simple people. The Dean may be sincere in his way; but that he holds the creeds in the sense, or anything like the sense, in which ordinary Christians hold them no one can believe. The ordinary believer holds them as historically true; the Dean as true in their ethical and spiritual significance. It would surely be better for the Dean to tell his Bishop that, while he honours the creeds as venerable historical documents, and as symbolizing great and important verities, he does not hold them in their plain sense, as he is doubtful of the historic reality of the facts on which they purport to rest. As the matter stands the Dean's position is a very ambiguous and unsatisfactory one.

SANTA CLAUS CHAMBERLAIN.

It is to be noted that the itinerary of the cruiser Good Hope did not include calls at Gibraltar or Malta, and no unnecessary stoppage was made in the Suez canal. Though Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain left the vessel at Port Said, going by the railway route to Suez, and though a formal call was made upon the Khedive of Egypt in Cairo, the Egyptian capital, the Colonial Secretary abstained from taking part in any of the celebrations attending the completion of those mighty "damming" works which promise to make the erstwhile desert shores of the Nile rich in the production of the grain to feed and the wool to clothe the myriads of the fellaheen who, prior to the British supervision of Egyptian affairs, led such a miserable existence.

The necessary coaling of the great cruiser has been arranged by the Admiralty to take place at unusual ports, doubtless in order that it be recognized that the mission of the great statesman is confined to the new situation caused by the addition of the Boer colonies to the British Empire. The only break in the voyage, of importance, is to be made at Mombasa from December 14-17, the port which has risen into prominence as the sea terminus of that Uganda railway which has brought Bombay within ten days of the centre of Africa. Berbera, where the forces are concentrating to operate against the Mad Mullah in Somaliland, though en route, will not be called at.

Upon one condition of the peace settlement we already know from statements made in the British Parliament that there will be no relaxation. We refer to the language question, especially interesting to Canadians if only for the reason that so many of the teachers in the new schools organized by the British regime have gone from our shores. Lord Milner's reply to the position of the late burghers is very definite in its terms. He says that the teachers must all be appointed by the Government, and that the teaching of the English language is compulsory, though opportunity will also be afforded for thorough instruction in the Dutch language to be given in these schools in the case of children whose parents so desire. As regards religious education, parents who desire Bible history to be taught by the medium of Dutch are to be satisfied, but the total time allotted to the study of the Dutch language, Bible history and religion is not to exceed five hours per week for the three subjects.

Those who were teachers in the schools existing under the old regime are to be retained if their ability to teach English is sufficient; those who can only speak Dutch and the "taal" are to be provided, free of charge, with an education in English to enable them to obtain certificates as teachers in the new public schools.

Considering of what immense importance to the future of South Africa is the training of the young of this generation, especially of the offspring of those who have fought against us in the war, it is interesting to note that at the date of the signing of peace there were 28,000 children being educated in the new Government schools in the Transvaal and 14,500 in the Orange River Colony, while under the late Government the total number of children at school in the year before the war never exceeded 15,000 and 9,000 in the South African Republic and Orange Free State respectively.

It seems very clear that the difficulties which Mr. Chamberlain has to overcome are far greater in the Cape Colony—the oldest British possession in South Africa—than in the two new colonies. The decision which Mr. Chamberlain made not to suspend the Cape constitution, however magnanimous and wise it may have been, has entailed upon the Colonial Secretary a task in statesmanship fully worthy of his exceptionally great abilities. A successful solution of the problems which agitate the Parliamentary life of the rival Boer and Progressist members of the Cape legislature cannot but add lustre to the fame of a man already famous. He is due to reach his goal at Durban on December 21, at a very opportune season of the Christian year.

Something like an intelligible explanation of what the Canadian Doukhobors intended by their recent pilgrimage has been given by Vladimir Tchertkoff, a Russian Doukhobor on his way to Canada, before the London Tolstoyan Society. He said it was an error to suppose that the purpose of the pilgrimage was to search for the Messiah. But some Doukhobors felt that their spiritual development was threatened by the material prosperity of the community had attained in Canada. This had disposed some of them to value gain and exploit their fellows. The more rigid in Doukhobor doctrines, therefore, wished to go away and start anew on a better basis. Others wished to dwell in a climate more suitable to gardening without the employment of animals. Most of them thought it wrong to own land as individuals, and these had been shocked to observe that some accepted the Government invitation to take individual titles. A fear that the Government would insist on all taking land in severalty appears to have been a prime force in the movement. Doukhobors believe that no man should own more land than he can or will cultivate. But those in the North-West appear to have wished to hold a large tract communedly. This sort of possession seemed threatened by the Ottawa Government. The people expected to be evicted if they should not comply with the official desire that they take individual titles. They thought it Christian-like and courteous to relieve the Government, whose good will Tchertkoff praises, from the trouble of evicting them.

It is to be hoped that people so sincere, simple-hearted, kindly and industrious may be induced to reconcile themselves to holding land in severalty, and even to the possible spiritual dangers of prosperity. Tchertkoff says that 15,000 Doukhobors lived in Russia for fifty years without one single crime having been committed among them. A great deal of trouble may well be taken by the Government to convince a people so virtuous that they are at liberty to be as good in Canada as it is possible for them to be anywhere else.

To hear our Republican neighbours vaunt their prodigious prosperity, to see their newly enriched flaunting before the world, and to read the national boast of the superiority of American conditions, one might imagine that the United States could not be guilty of neglecting their children, much less of letting them be systematically enslaved. But it is because the horrible crash of the American strong man's feet is on the mouth of children that the cry of the little ones does not pierce through the roar of the national bragging to the national ear and the national conscience. Would that some power the gift would give them to see themselves as others see them! Mr. John Foster Fraser, who has been visiting United States industrial centres, writes: "I have been in many countries, and seen many sad sights. But nowhere in the world is there to be seen such a ruthless sapping of vitality out of little children of eight, ten, and twelve years, making them work long hours for pitiable wages, as in the cotton mills of certain parts of the United States." He saw children of from eight to ten years old working 66 to 70 hours a week for from $1.00 to $1.25. To mention these things in American society is to come under suspicion of being an anarchist. There are no such hide-bound Tories in the world as United States property owners in general. Some years ago an ex-Governor of one of the manufacturing States spoke of attempts to protect American labouring people from the arbitrary domination of their masters, as "treasonable."

Mr Browning's "Cry of the Children," if published in some of the United States industrial centres would be regarded by the bosses as an assault on the constitution of society.

Dressing the Dolls

FOR

Santa Claus.

By the Children's Thoughtful Friends.

To the Editor of the Montreal Star:

Dear Sir,—Being desirous of helping in the work of dressing dolls for some of our charitable institutions, will you please send me two, if you have not disposed of them all.

Yours sincerely,
MABEL E. ANLEY,
190 St. Urbain street.

To the Editor of the Montreal Star:

Sir,—I will be pleased to take two dolls to dress them for you if you wish.

Yours truly,
BEATRICE CUNNINGHAM,
993 Cadieux street.

To the Editor of the Montreal Star:

Sir,—If I am not too late, I will be much pleased to help to dress two dolls. I will do them my very best.

Your little friend,
IDA JENNIE GREEN,
79 Ottawa street.

To the Editor of the Montreal Star:

Sir,—If you will send two dolls to the address below I will be pleased to dress them for the poor children of the city.

Yours sincerely,
EDITH WELLS,
29 Greene avenue, Westmount.

In order that the children may have their gifts in good time for Christmas, it will be necessary that the dolls which kind friends have taken to dress, shall be returned to the Star Office not later than Monday, December 22.

A card, giving the name of the dresser, will be attached to each doll.

A DAILY HINT FROM PARIS.



Blue broadcloth gown, embroidered in blue and white trimmed with plain blue cloth.

THIS DATE 30 YEARS AGO.

(From the Star Fyles for November, 1872.)

Disraeli's health greatly impaired.

Viscountess Beaconsfield, wife of Disraeli, dead.

Subscription to Burns monument in Glasgow amounts to £1,022.

Lady Doughty, prominent witness in Tichborne will case, dead.

Decided to give a ball at St. Lawrence Hall in honour of Lord and Lady Dufferin.

PROMINENT CANADIANS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY.

In the Montreal Star of December 18, 1867, an interview appeared on the North-West wheat crop with Mr. John Ogilvie (who has since died). He was of Scottish descent.

TO-NIGHT'S APPOINTMENTS.

ACADEMY—"The Daughter of Hamilcar."
FRANCAIS—"The Smart Set."
ROYAL—Burlesque and Vaudeville.
NOUVEAUTES—"Le Monde ou l'on S'ennuie."

Special Notice.

A very fine assortment of Pianos and Organs manufactured specially for the holiday trade. Layton Bros., 144 Peel street.

THE PASSING HOUR.

Now that Britain is working hand in hand with Germany, it will know what the "mailed fist" feels like.

It begins to look as if Wall street was all walls and no bottom.

Now is the time for some one to comfort us with the theory that this Arctic December means an early spring or a mild winter or something of that sort. They carried us happily through our wintry summer by promising us a summery winter.

The Government says that it will not make up its sessional programme until after the holidays. It probably wants to see how much money it will have left after buying Christmas presents.

Santa Claus ought to be able to soot most families this soft coal year.

A Montreal man thinks that he has discovered perpetual motion. That is nothing. He has only to watch the City Council tackle a library scheme or prepare to build a civic hospital to see how near they can come to perpetual motionlessness.

It is a constant temptation to say that, if things do not brighten up, more than the babies in Venezuela will cry because of Castrorta.

A new Australian railway is going to run to Port Darwin. This is a part of the evolution of the Australian railway system. It may be, indeed, the missing link.

Ross seems to be ahead up all the creeks in the Yukon, except Salt Creek.

Lord Lansdowne thinks they have too many revolutions in Venezuela, so he has taken a whirl down there himself.

Victoria, B.C., will chip in $5000 if Capt. Bernier will go after the North Pole. Notice may as well be served at once on the Captain, however, that if he brings the North Pole any nearer here than it is now, he will get himself disliked.

It is rumoured that Vice-President Ross thinks of calling a meeting of the Dominion Alliance to see what it feeds that Prohibition majority which keeps on growing in spite of the cold snap. The vice-president knows a majority which he simply cannot make grow.

WOMAN MAY LEGALLY SCOLD.

(From the New York Sun.)

Another right of married women has been "vindicated." A Newark man grew weary of the conversational powers of his wife and asked a magistrate to restrain her. The magistrate rebuked him and held that Mrs Caudle can't be interfered with in her own home. There is her castle. There she can brawl, rail and scold at her liver's content and nobody can stop her. Thus is another hook put into the jaws of government by injunction, and freedom of speech is safe at its own fireside.

An old bachelor says there is nothing dearer to a man than a good wife—or at least more expensive.

Though a man may not understand a girl during courtship, after marriage she never lets up until he does.

While the camera always tell the truth about a woman, the photographer has to do a lot of retouching in order to sell her the picture.

NOT FOR HER.

"Bridget, did you hear the bell?"
"Yessum."
"Why don't you go to the door, then?"
"Sure, mum, I'm not expectin' anny one. It must be somebody to see you."

Men who wink at the soda clerk get what they want in the twinkling of an eye.

A lazy man looking for work is a good illustration of mingled hope and fear.

BOWERY FRENCH.

Teacher—Eddie, what does "Que' mean?
Eddie—It means "What."
Teacher—Jimmie, what does "Que'lle" mean?
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Feed me on gruel again, just for to night.
I am so weary of sole-leather steak,
Petrified doughnut and vulcanized cake,
Oysters that slept in a watery bath,
Butter as strong as Goliath of Gath,
Weary of paying for what I don't eat,
Chewing up rubber and calling it meat.
Backward, turn backward, for weary I am.
Give me a whack at grandmother's jam.
Let me drink milk that has never been skimmed;
Let me eat butter whose hair has been trimmed;
Let me once more have an old-fashioned pie,
And then I'll be ready to curl up and die.

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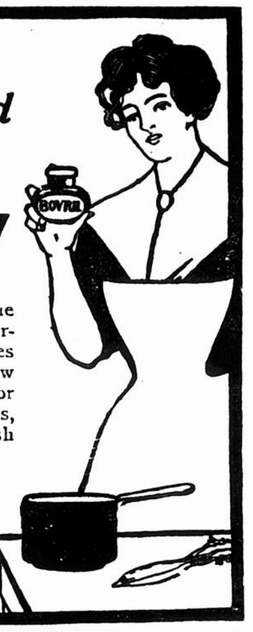
The departmental store of The Hamilton Company at the corner of St. Catherine and Peel streets, is a scene of much business and activity at present. It is really a Mecca for the holiday shoppers, as it is full of all sorts of novelties and wares, suitable for Xmas present. From the basement to the top floor the stock in each department is most complete. And packed away in a large reserve stock, from which the shelves and counters are being continuously replenished. In the basement one will find confidies, toys, dolls and games for the little folk; fancy china, bric-a-brac and statuary for the lover of the beautiful and artistic; and all sorts of kitchen necessaries for the housewife. On the main floor may be noticed a large collection of novelties in silk and other materials, such as Swiss embroidered and Japanese silk handkerchiefs; ladies', men's and children's lined and unlined kid gloves, ribbons of all hues, widths and varieties; perfumes, leather goods, ebony articles with sterling silver mountings, furs, umbrellas and toilet requisites. On the first floor is arranged a big display of Christmas cards, calendars and books, dress goods, men's furnishings, holiday linens, fancy blouses, and a number of very serviceable articles suitable for house and street wear.

The second floor is devoted to silk and flannel waists, wrappers, dressing gowns and jackets, knitted goods and ladies' trimmed hats. The third floor contains a big assortment of men's smoking jackets, dressing gowns, ladies' suits and wraps, curtains, cushions, drapes, shades, poles, and house fittings. The stock in each department is a large one, and suitable to the tastes of the individual purchaser.

The windows of this establishment are, as usual at the Christmas holiday season, most attractively dressed. For the most part they are filled with toys and daintily arranged children's goods. There are some especial features, and these are bound to attract the eye of the passer-by. Among the number are several mechanical contrivances that excite the wonder of the little ones. Inside the establishment these are seen to greater perfection. Animated tableaux depict scenes from real life, such as the Christmas Dream, in which Santa Claus visits the home, and, while the children sleep, fills their stockings with toys, candies, etc. Then there is the tableau of Cinderella and the Glass Slipper, which is also interesting to the children.

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WIDOW OF GENERAL GRANT DIES AT WASHINGTON.

Only One of Her Children at Bedside When End Came.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, wife of former President Grant, died at her residence, in this city, at 11.17 o'clock last night. Death was due to heart failure. Mrs. Grant having suffered for some years from valvular disease of the heart, which was aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis. Her age prevented her rallying from the attacks. Her daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris, was the only one of her children with her at the hour of her death, her three sons, who had been summoned, all being out of the city.

There were also present at the bedside when the end came: Miss Rose Mary Sartoris, a granddaughter, Dr. Bishop, one of the attending physicians, and the two trained nurses. Death came peacefully, the sufferer retaining almost complete consciousness practically to the end. Word has come from Jesse and Ulysses S. Grant, two of the sons, now in California, that they have started on their way to Washington. The other son, General Fred Grant, is in Texas, and he will hasten here as soon as he receives a message telling him of his mother's death. The remains of Mrs. Grant will be deposited in the tomb at Riverside Park, N. Y., where those of her husband now repose.

Mrs. Grant, whose maiden name was Julia Dent, was born in St. Louis in 1826, and was the daughter of Frederick and Ellen Wrenshall Dent. She was married to General, then Captain, Grant, in 1848. During the Civil War Mrs. Grant was with the General much of the time and remained as near as possible to him when he was campaigning. She saw her husband twice inaugurated as President, and accompanied him on his journey around the world. As mistress of the White House she gave liberally to all charitable institutions of the city. Four children were born to General and Mrs. Grant, three sons and one daughter, all of whom are living. Miss Nellie, the daughter, who became the wife of Algernon Sartoris, in 1874, has lived in Washington with her mother for several years. Frederick Dent Grant, the oldest son, is in the army, and two other sons, Jesse and Ulysses Sherman, live at San Diego, Cal. Since General Grant's death Mrs. Grant has spent most of her winters in this city, while during the summer she usually lived at Saratoga, Manchester-by-the-Sea, and other popular resorts. The last two summers she resided with Mrs. Sartoris at Coburg, Ont.



LATE MRS. U. S. GRANT.

Passed Civil Service Exams.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, December 15.—The lists of the successful candidates in the recent Civil Service preliminary examinations appeared in Saturday's Gazette. The local names are as follows:

At Quebec—Barnwell, Leopold; Bouchard, Albert; Boiteau, Simeon; Bourget, Louis J.; Boutet, Adelard; Bussiere, Joseph; Gray, R. F.; Griffin, Dan; Hamel, Pierre; Hanrahan, Michael; L'Heureux, Elzear L.; McGuire, Lawrence; Pepin, H. Rochette, Alfred; Trepanier, J. A.; Patry, Alphonse.

At Montreal—Archambault, J. Albert; Beland, Eugene; Bellerose, J. H.; Brabant, Frederic; Briere, Onuphre; Campeau, Pierre; Charbonneau, Romuald; Decary, Jean Baptiste; Decary, J.R.; Deguise, N.; Desbois, J. B.; Desere, Marie L.G.; Dubouley, A.; Ferns, Donald F.; Fitzgerald, Thomas F.; Ford, James; Fournel, Wilfrid A.; Frenette, E.; Gagnon, Jules; Gaudet, Desire; Gauthier, Hubert; Geoffrion, Francois; Grenier, Napoleon; Gration, Pierre C.; Hearn, Henry; Laurion, Louis; Leclaire, J. E. L.; Lescarbeau, A. E.; Logan, Thomas; Laurier, Raoul; Martin, J. G.; Patenaude, Bernardin; Payette, Pierre; Perreault, Nward; Pilon, J. R.; Pion, Jean J. R.; Roy, Joseph; Sauve, Raoul; Soles, William D.; St. Amour, Lucien C.; Terrien, Eedras; Vallee, Rene.

Granted $100 Damages.

Mr Justice Loranger Friday granted $100 damages and costs to one Tremblay in an action against Hon Dr Joseph Lamotot health officer of the city of St Henri. The plaintiff sued for $1000 personally and $5000 as tutor to his minor children. The facts adduced in support of the claim showed that plaintiff's cousin had come to live with him, and after having been put out for misconduct he returned to the house suffering from smallpox. Plaintiff's wife refused to allow him in, but he went to defendant, who, in his official capacity, forced the sick man into defendant's house and placarded the place. Next day the doctor, after fumigating plaintiff and his family, allowed them to go to live at Cote St. Paul. The disturbance and trouble caused the plaintiff's wife, who was in poor health to give premature birth to a child and she died as a result. The court, while condemning defendant's action, did not consider it right to hold him responsible for the remote consequences of his action. The sum of $100 was therefore awarded to plaintiff personally, and his action as tutor was dismissed.

THE BOOKBINDERS.

The International Brotherhood of Bookbinders gave an enjoyable smoker on Saturday evening in the St Joseph's Hall. Mr. M. R. Gareau, one of the officers of the union, contributed largely to the success of the affair.

The Late Miss Sophia Clerk.

The funeral of Miss Sophia Clerk, who passed away at the Church Home, No. 46 Guy street, on Saturday, took place from the home and from the church of St. John the Evangelist this morning. Miss Clerk, who was upwards of eighty years of age, was the eldest sister and daughter of the late Lieut.-Col. Clerk, King's Highlanders (93rd Regiment), and a sister of Mr. Alexander Clerk, of this city. Miss Clerk, who was greatly esteemed by many of the older generation, had made the Church Home her residence for upwards of twenty years.

European Mails.

The mails for Great Britain and Europe close at the Montreal Post Office during the present week as follows:

Tuesday—6.30 p.m., cosmic. White Star line, *8 p.m., St. Paul, American line.
Friday—9.30 a.m., Lucania, Cunard line.
Sunday—10 a.m., Pretorian, Allan line.

The mail for France, Germany, Italy etc., per La Touraine, General Transatlantic line, closes Wednesday, *8 p.m.

*Letters may be posted up to 6 p.m., other matter should be posted before 5 p.m.

MEETINGS AND AMUSEMENTS.

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ROAR OF CANNON ADDS TO VENEZUELAN COMPLICATIONS

The Allied Fleets Turned Their Guns Loose on Puerto Cabello on Saturday and the Fire Was Returned.

POPULACE WAS EXCITED OVER THE EVENT

President Castro Counsels His People to Be Prudent—Reason for Bombardment Was Indignities Heaped on British Vessel.

PUERTO CABELLO, December 15.—The British cruiser Charybdis, and the German cruiser Vineta bombarded the fortress here at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The fire was returned, but after a bombardment of forty-five minutes the Venezuelan guns were silenced. The fortress is composed of Fort Solano, and the Castle Libertador. After the firing ceased, the Charybdis sent marines to occupy the castle. The fortress was almost demolished. It is possible that only a few persons were injured by the shelling. The commander of Castle Libertador has been taken prisoner. The cruisers are still here.

At 7 o'clock Saturday morning the Charybdis and the Vineta arrived here, searching for Venezuelan gunboats. The two cruisers sent their boats into the inner port, but finding no gunboats the boats returned. The captain of the British merchant steamer Topaze, which was seized by the mob last Wednesday, then visited the Commodore on board the Charybdis, and lodged a protest against the violation of his ship. The British captain returned an hour later with a detachment of fifty marines, who took charge of the Topaze. The populace were greatly excited at this incident, and raised the cry "To arms," but there was no disorder.

MESSAGE TO AUTHORITIES.

The British commodore then sent a message to the authorities at Puerto Cabello, demanding immediate satisfaction for the action of the mob in having hauled down the British flag from the Topaze, saying that if this satisfaction was not forthcoming in two hours, at 5 o'clock the fortress and the Custom House would be bombarded. On the receipt of this demand the authorities sent a message to President Castro, asking for instructions.

A committee of merchants of Puerto Cabello then approached the American Consul here, petitioning him to intervene. The consul accepted this mission, and visited the cruisers, but he could obtain no alteration in the decision of the allies.

ALLIES OPENED FIRE ON THE FORTRESS.

At a quarter before five, a reply was received from President Castro, who authorized the chief official here to give the British commodore ample satisfaction. Before this answer could be communicated to the American consul, the hour stipulated for its receipt had arrived; the cruisers immediately opened fire on the fortress. The fire was returned from Fort Solano and Castle Libertador. While the fire continued there was intense excitement in this port. Every house in town was closed.

The British marines purpose to make use of the cannon in Castle Libertador. No damage was done to the town.

The entrance to the inside harbor at Puerto Cabello is through a narrow channel, not more than a few hundred feet wide. To the left of this channel as one enters the harbor, situated on a low sand pit, is the fortress, which was bombarded by the German and British cruisers.

It is an old-fashioned structure which was rebuilt in the eighteenth century. Its sides are comparatively low, and would offer but poor resistance to modern shells. It is not possible that the Venezuelans had any modern cannon there.

The custom house at Puerto Cabello is situated on the right or mainland side of the channel. It is a long, two-story brick building and contains, besides executive offices, large warehouses. Steamers discharging at Puerto Cabello tie up immediately in front of the custom house. The town itself is flat, and stretches from the waterfront inland to the base of hills a distance of two or three miles.

The outside harbor at Puerto Cabello is hardly more than a large bay, offering little protection to shipping. The inside harbor is very secure, and quite commodious.

Puerto Cabello is second in importance to La Guaira.

The trade of several interior provinces centres here and Puerto Cabello is the port of Valencia, an important town in the state of Carabobo. A railway in which English capital is largely interested, connects Puerto Cabello and Valencia.

ULTIMATUM OF ALLIES.

The Anglo-German ultimatum was delivered at Puerto Cabello at half-past four, and the fortress was shelled at 5 o'clock. The ultimatum was as follows:

To the Controller of Customs at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, December 11, 1902:

"We have the honour to call your attention to the following facts. The British steamer Topaze, while discharging coal here recently, was confiscated and pillaged. Her officers and crew were subjected to great indignities, and subsequently liberated, and permitted to return to their vessel. Yesterday her captain was compelled to lower his flag. The American vice-consul has informed us that this was done by the populace without the intervention of the local authorities. We request you to send immediately to the British commodore complete satisfaction on the part of the Government of Venezuela, for the insult offered to the flag of this country, and also a guarantee that similar proceedings must not reoccur, and German and English residents at this port will not be molested. If we do not receive the communication of your answer by five o'clock this afternoon, we will proceed to demolish the forts, and if the fire is returned the custom house also. Consequently we urge upon the official commanding this city to remove prisoners and troops from the fortress in order to avoid unnecessary loss of life and to take steps to avoid that unauthorized persons return the re

"Neither of the Governments of Great Britain and Germany desire to meddle with private individuals and the seizure of the Venezuelan Government's ships is made only to enforce ordinary courtesy and to obtain satisfaction for the innumerable offences which remain unanswered for.

"We are,

"Your obedient servants,

"(Signed) "MONTGOMERIE,

"Commodore of the Charybdis and Commander of the British Squadron in Venezuelan waters.

SCHEDER,

"Commodore of the German Squadron in Venezuelan waters."

REPLY OF VENEZUELANS.

The following is the Venezuelan answer to the Anglo-German ultimatum:

"The Commodore of the Charybdis and Vineta:

"We have the honour to reply to your message through a commission composed of American, Italian and Dominican consuls. The authorities at this port did not countenance the lowering of the British flag on the steamship Topaze, which act was perpetrated only by the populace.

"On account of the events at La Guaira imprisonments were made on superior orders and those imprisoned were released subsequently on superior orders.

"The Germans and English here enjoy ful guarantees."

Here follow the signatures of the authorities.

This answer was delivered to the Italian consul at five in the afternoon and he was making signals when the bombardment began. A German resident, and two servants at San Esteban, three miles from Puerto Cabello, were killed in the shelling of the fort.

EXCITEMENT AT VENEZUELAN CAPITAL.

CARACAS, December 15.—The news of the bombardment of Puerto Cabello caused most intense excitement here. The population flocked into the streets and patriotic demonstrations continued all night. An immense crowd, whose numbers are estimated at more than 10,000, gathered in front of the presidential palace and called on President Castro to appear. Some of the orators among the concourse having advocated reprisals against the foreigners resident in Venezuela, President Castro in a rage at the suggestion, refused the demands made in the following speech:

"Citizens,—The size of nations, like the size of men, is measured only by their acts. Those born brave prove their valour on the battlefield, not against defenceless citizens, who perhaps are innocent, who are in their hearts with us and who are ashamed of the infamy of their compatriots.

"We will seek prisoners for Venezuelan gaols on the battlefields. Our action will be directed only against those who come armed. However, great may be our indignation we must behave as a cultured and civilized people, and especially now when the most powerful of nations of Europe are behaving like real savages. I counsel the greatest prudence in order not to abandon our rights, the justice of our cause, and our reputation.

"The good name of Venezuela must remain always secure whatever emergencies may arise in the struggle. If we fail, it will be gloriously and heroically, but I assure you that our country will be saved, because of the Supreme Being above, who sees this, directs all, cannot abandon us in this fatal emergency, justice and right being on our side.

"I who never trembled before danger, swear I will fulfil my duty, and joyfully sacrifice my life for the honour and dignity of the nation. I recommend great circumspection, prudence and even cordiality, so that strangers resident in our country—Americans, French, Italians, Spaniards, and even the Germans and English, may be the first to proclaim in the face of the world that Venezuela is a cultured and civilized nation."

The speech was applauded and a procession of whites and negroes traversed the city without an act of violence being committed.

A press correspondent saw the president twice yesterday. He is calm and is giving all his time to organization of resistance. Fourteen hundred enlisted yesterday from Caracas alone, including boys and fifteen priests.

The conduct of the British and German commanders is severely censured by all the European colonies.

A correspondent saw yesterday Alfred Blohm, the banker here, who went to La Guiara and saw the commanders of the British and German cruisers. He said that he did not hesitate on meeting Charge Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi on board the German cruiser Vineta to tell him that the conduct of the German legation in this question had been shameful, and that the matter could have been arranged if Herr Von Pilgrims had only seen President Castro, who, like the German colony, was ignorant of Germany's designs.

BRITAIN AWAKENS TO SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION.

LONDON, December 15.—The news that the first shots have been fired in Venezuela has awakened the most apathetic of the critics to the gravity of the situation which is developing in that country, and the demands that the Government present the official papers in the matter to Parliament are now most insistent. It is understood that the papers will be issued to-day, or Wednesday at the latest.

Italy's active entrance upon the scene is not believed to simplify the situation. Special despatches from Rome assert that Signor Riva, the Italian Minister to Venezuela, presented the Italian ultimatum at Caracas on Saturday. The time set for an answer to this ultimatum expired Sunday, and, according to the Rome despatches, Signor Riva has already embarked on the Italian cruiser Giovanni Bausan. Signor Riva's two daughters had a narrow escape from maltreatment from the populace. This news cannot be confirmed from other sources. It is said that owing to the fact of the Italian cruiser Carlo Alberto being ice-bound, the cruiser Liguria has been ordered to proceed for Venezuela. Italy will thus have four or five warships on the spot to co-operate with the British and German warships.

Most of the morning newspapers consider that the bombardment of the fortress at Puerto Cabello puts all likelihood of arbitration or any pacific settlement of the difficulty entirely out of the question, and they begin to talk seriously of the difficulty of enforcing payment of the demands should President Castro decide to defy the powers and retire to the interior of the country. Realizing that a prolonged blockade or hostilities would endanger the interests, and perhaps the lives of foreign people in Venezuela, papers are beginning to ask whether the Government has not acted overhastily.

WASHINGTON WATCHING COURSE OF EVENTS.

WASHINGTON, December 15. — Minister Bowen, in a despatch received by the State Department yesterday afternoon, cabled that he had been informed by President Castro that British and German warships were bombarding Puerto Cabello. In an earlier despatch received by the State Department at 3,22 o'clock Sunday morning, Minister Bowen said that the situation at the Venezuelan capital, Caracas, was much quieter. The great excitement at the outset of the affair, he said, was caused by the precipitate flight of the British and German ministers, the arrest of all the subjects of those two nations, and the seizure of the Venezuelan gunboats first declaring a blockade, thus causing people to fear a bombardment would follow at once.

CARACAS, December 15. — A note from the commanders of the allied Anglo-German fleet, which the Venezuelan Government refused to receive on Friday at La Guaira, was sent on Saturday to the United States Minister at Caracas, and forwarded by him to the proper Government official here. The note is in the name of Great Britain and Germany. It requests all Venezuelan ships, after the lapse of five days, to refrain from sailing from the port of La Guaira until the present difficulties are over.

"El Mocho," Hermandez and certain other revolutionary leaders left Maracaibo for Curacoa on their way to Caracas.

Hermandez is possibly the most popular of the revolutionary leaders. President Castro has kept him imprisoned at Maracaibo for several years past.

The news of the shelling of the fortress and custom house at Puerto Cabello on Saturday afternoon by the British cruiser Charybdis, and the German cruiser Vineta, reached Caracas, at a late hour at night. It caused considerable excitement. In spite of the preventive measures taken by the police of Puerto Cabello, trouble is feared there.

The arrival of the United States gunboat Marietta at La Guaira on Friday was due to a rumour that United States Minister Bowen was in danger. There has been no ground for such a rumour, and the presence of the Marietta was not requested by Mr. Bowen.

The situation here continues to be critical, and there is much excitement among the German residents of Caracas, many of whom have called at the American Legation to seek refuge.

The people of Caracas are astonished that the Government at Washington remains silent in spite of the recent act of the allied fleet.

The enlistment of Venezuelan soldiers continues, 2,000 men from the interior reaching Caracas on Saturday.

The boycotting of British and German goods continues. It is reported that 90 Germans living in the country have offered to support the Venezuelan Government against Germany.

The fact that the people of Venezuela are in absolute ignorance of the designs of the allies on their coast creates a deep and disturbing impression here.

The chief officer of President Castro's guard said on Saturday to the Associated Press:

"If there is to be war, let us know and we will fight. If there is to be only an assault on our coast, where we cannot reach the allies, the only thing left for us to do is to declare that to destroy your debtors' furniture is a strange way to force the payment of his obligation. I believe this situation will soon come within the scope of the Monroe doctrine."

The British and German colleges here, which were boycotted, have closed their doors. The University of Caracas is also closed.

Leading German and British residents of Caracas are very bitter against their respective ministers, whom they accuse of leaving Caracas without giving any intimation of their intention to abandon the city.

The note from the commander of the allied fleet, which was sent to the Venezuelan Government, through Mr. Bowen, concerning Venezuelan vessels leaving La Guaira, is supposed to herald the blockade.

President Castro has taken up a new attitude. He has ordered that reprisals are to cease, and yet he gave instructions that all the property of the British and German railways and British telephone companies should be returned. The Government will retain still the control of the La Guaira railway, but its administration will be left independent. Patriotic demonstrations to k Place again Friday and Saturday. Venezuelans have decided also to boycott all goods manufactured in Germany and Great Britain, and in all stores notices are posted declaring that henceforth the owners will refuse to sell goods coming from those countries.

At 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon a special train left Caracas for La Guaira, taking Alfred Blohm, a leading German merchant, and a German banker of Caracas. The German consul accompanied him part of the journey. They are going on board the Vineta on a special mission to try and obtain Germany's acceptance of arbitration. President Castro gave them passports, though the initiative in this matter was taken by the Germans, not by the Venezuelans.

(GERMANY DEMANDS OF VENEZUELA.)

That it satisfy, without delay, the German creditors, which amount to about $33,000, that it declare in principle the correctness of their claims arising out of the recent Civil War; submit these claims and those arising from the building of Steamer Restaurador at La Guaira to arbitration for the decision of a mixed commission.

BRITONS GRUMBLE AT TERMS OF ULTIMATUM

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

NEW YORK, December 15. — The correspondent of the New York Tribune in London cables:

The entrance of Italy into the combination against Venezuela is regarded with mixed feelings. Any enlargement of the area of the controversy has its drawbacks, and it is generally admitted that it would be particularly unfortunate if the obstinacy of President Castro and the misguided enthusiasm of his subjects should render a landing in force and a military campaign necessary. There is a tendency here to grumble at the terms of the British ultimatum, which requires the payment of a sum equal to that which in the first case should be paid to the German Government. "It must," says the Morning Post, be gratifying to the Government to find its primacy in international affairs thus frankly recognized and to have the Government of Great Britain thus ready to follow its lead." A despatch from Berlin indicates that the German Government will very probably reject arbitration.

The special aspects to the Venezuelan question promote searching of heart and critical reflection while the collective interests of maritime Europe in tropical America are large. A great benefit will be conferred by the force of example if a rank instance of dishonesty in dealing with foreign creditors be singled out for discipline and punishment. The idea of employing admirals as bailiffs and collectors and serving processes of distraint for the recovery of the principal and interest of forced loans and other questionable measures of finance impresses thoughtful writers as incongruous. The Manchester Guardian pertinently remarks that loans to any unstable Republic will become safe and profitable investments if defaults are followed by naval combardment at the expense of British taxpayers.

ROME, December 15.—Italy's claims against Venezuela are for damages sustained by Italian subjects during the Venezuelan revolutions of 1898 and 1900. When Great Britain and Germany agreed upon a common course of action toward Venezuela, Italy thought to join them. Two Italian men-of-war, which left Otranto with secret orders, supposedly for Tripoli, or Morocco, were in reality destined for Venezuela. Other warships have been ordered to Venezuelan waters.

As already announced, negotiations are still pending with Germany and Great Britain and Foreign Minister Prinetti hopes to arrive at an arrangement which will enable him to make a statement in the Chamber of Deputies to-day in reply to an interpellation.

VENEZUELA MAKES PEACE PROPOSAL

South American Republic Anxious to Settle Existing Difficulties.

BRITAIN MAKES ADVANCES

No Further Aggressive Action Will be Taken Till Arbitration Plan is Considered.

LONDON, December 15—An expression of a desire for a peaceful settlement of the difficulties has been received in London from the Venezuelan Government.

The Under Foreign Secretary, Lord Cranborne, denied in the House of Commons to-day, that the British Commander was responsible for the sinking of the Venezuelan ships.

There is reason to believe that orders will be or have been sent to the British commander in Venezuelan waters to take no further aggressive action at present, pending a decision being arrived at on the proposal for arbitration.

The Under Secretary said His Majesty's Government had been informed that the German Commodore found it nesessary to sink two ships, but Great Britain was not responsible for this.

Mr. Shewann, Advanced Liberal, then moved an adjournment of the House to discuss Venezuelan matters. The motion will be discussed at 7 o'clock this evening.

The Venezuelan proposition came in the form of a proposal through the United States Government to submit the claims of British and German subjects to arbitration which Lord Lansdowne announced later in the day in the House of Lords, "is now under consideration by the British Government."

He added: "We are greatly indebted to the good offices of the United States Minister at Caracas."

BERLIN, December 15.—In official quarters here, it is said the Venezuelan vessels sunk off La Guaira were old and worthless revenue cutters and unfit to go to sea and that the other ships captured have been sent to a certain West Indian port to be refitted for use during the blockade. The destruction of the Venezuelan craft, it is added was necessary in order to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Venezuelans, as the German vessels had to leave La Guaira.

Venezuela's proposition through Minister Bowen to submit the questions in dispute to arbitration has now been received here. The Foreign Office says this will not delay measures previously decided upon by Germany and Great Britain. The officials here do no indicate what will be the final decision on the arbitration proposition, but apparently it was made too late to affect the general situation.

"MONROE DOCTRINE WILL BE ENFORCED"

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

NEW YORK, December 15. — The New York Herald says: The Venezuelan muddle proves the British Ministry to be the weakest Great Britain has seen for several generations, and that it is sadly in need of a statesman to guide it. Had there been one man in the Cabinet possessed of political sagacity and foresight, the British Government would not have been circumvented by Emperor William and beguiled into cooperating with him in such a purposeless and risky undertaking. It is evident that the object which prompted the recent visit of Emperor William to England was not so much to wish King Edward many happy returns of his birthday, as to inveigle him and his councillors into seconding Germany's attempt not to collect debts from Venezuela, but to test the Monroe doctrine. The sole practical result of this German-Britannic demonstration up to the present has been to strengthen President Castro's position, re-establish his authority, bring to end the fratricidal struggle that has raged so long in Venezuela, and to land Great Britain and Germany on horns of dilemma, for if Venezuela should demain resolute, the debt collectors will have to choose between ingloious retreat and an advance that may bring them into conflict with the Monroe doctrine. In other words, with the United States."

The New York American says: "It is inevitable that uneasiness should be excited here by the sudden descent upon Venezuela. The conduct of England and Germany gives ground for the suspicion that their purpose is to goad Venezuela into a desperate resistance, and then make that resistance the pretext for invading the country and holding possession of its territory indefinitely, while protesting to the United States that they harbour no intention of violating the Monroe doctrine. Germany resents that doctrine. She wants colonies and coaling stations in South America. The Kaiser has succeeded in securing England as an armed ally. Together the two powers represent the greatest naval and military force in Europe. What better opportunity could Germany ask than this for testing our readiness to maintain the Monroe doctrine. Alone she would not dare challenge it; supported by England and England's navy, she may dare. It is easier to keep the head of the European camel out of the American tent than it would be to expel the beast after it had got in.

"A decided stand on our part now ought to be enough to control the course of these allies. But let this war proceed and the two powers get a foothold in Venezuela and it might need a great war to evict the intruders. The American people want trouble with no European nation. We are on terms of amity with both England and Germany, and have not the smallest desire to interfere with such reasonable coercive measures as they may choose to employ to collect the money that is justly owing them from Venezuela or any other American republic. But no seizure and prolonged occupation of the territory will be tolerated. The Monroe doctrine is not a thing of party politics with us. The whole American people are united in its support. The Monroe doctrine will be enforced."

INACTION REIGNS AT CARACAS TO-DAY.

Move to Bring About Castro's Resignation—British Use Dynamite at La Guaira.

CARACAS, December 15. — Inaction reigns in Government circles here. The officials do not know what to do and are depending entirely on the United States to assist them.

A movement is on foot here, headed by prominent doctors and lawyers to request President Castro to resign and to ask Vice-President Raymond Ayala to assume the Presidency and form a Cabinet without party tendencies. It is also proposed to summon Congress to appoint a temporary President and arrange the questions in dispute in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.

BRITISH USED DYNAMITE.

At 5 o'clock yesterday four loud explosions alarmed the city of Porto Cabello. It was found that the British marines had blown up the subterranean prison cells of Castle Libertador with dynamite. They also burned all the wooden buildings surrounding the castle and carried away everything that could be transported.

After the bombardment of the forts at Porto Cabello and the landing of marines on the island where the castle is situated, the forces of the powers acted just as if they were at home, causing great indignation among the Venezuelans. When everything had been destroyed the marines reembarked.

WAR VESSEL ESCAPES.

The Venezuelan Goverenmnt warship Miranda has escaped the vigilance of the German cruisers Falke and Panther, which were searching for her, and arrived at Maracaibo yesterday.

REV. FATHER LALANDE LECTURES AT GESU ON MYSTERIES OF RELIGION.

Rev. Father Lalande delivered last night at the Church of the Gesu, the third lecture of the Advent series under the title of "Objections and Mysteries." The lecturer said that men were ignorant of their Catechism because they had lost all deep interest in that world of mystery beyond this life. Speaking of the Middle Ages Father Lalande said:

"We may smile with pity at the follies of those dark ages, when men could find time for such idle reveries; but, in all truth, from God's standpoint, they were the wise men, and we are the fools. If religion is what we believe it to be, if eternity and Heaven and Hell, are not mere words, then every truth that bears any relation to them, be the relation ever so distant, will outweigh, in our esteem every other concern."

"There are, however, in religion, truths that cannot be explained—they are called mysteries. We may ask the why and wherefore of our belief in mysteries, but not of the truth itself. If it admits of explanation it is not a mystery.

"To believe what we cannot explain is neither unreasonable, nor unscientific. Truth is what reason calls for; and science will always accept facts, no matter how impossible it may be to explain them.

"If a mystery involved a contradiction, as, for instance, that one person is three persons, no human being could reasonably be called upon to admit it. But there is no such contradiction in any dogma of our faith; and if there are several truths whose nature we cannot fully explain, has not science herself whole legions of fundamental theories, whose truth we admit as a basis for others, but whose nature we do not understand? Let us look around us, and we shall not go far before we stumble upon some such mystery of nature."

Bank of Montreal New Branch.

The Bank of Montreal has opened a branch bank at Paris, Ont. Mr. S. M. Lloyd is manager and Mr. C. S. C. Hume is accountant.

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WEATHER CONTINUED ABOUT ZERO POINT DURING PAST 48 HOURS

The weather of the past two days has been for the greater part of a zero character, and much suffering has been the result. On Saturday the mercury took a rather sudden dip, with the result that the afternoon and early evening were bitterly cold. To add to the general discomfort a piercing north-west wind accentuated the cold, almost freezing by its intensity the faces of those whose duties called them out of doors. As it was, there were several cases of frost-bitten ears.

Yesterday the mercury stayed resolutely below the zero point until 11 o'clock in the morning when the temperature began to get warmer. The change to most people was not perceptible, but there was a difference of nearly 12 degrees between the hours of nine in the morning and three in the afternoon.

To-day the temperature is above the zero point, and the indications are that the weather will still further modefate.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS TO BE GUESTS OF QUEEN

Her Majesty to Entertain on December 27—Sir Thomas Lipton in Charge.

LONDON, December 15.—It is learned that Queen Alexandra intends to mark her sympathy for the sufferers in the recent South African war by giving a Christmas dinner to all the widows and children, now in London, of those who fell in the war. The dinner will be given December 27, at the Alexandra Trust Restaurant, of which the Queen is president and which was founded in March, 1900, by Sir Thomas Lipton, for the benefit of the poor. Sir Thomas Lipton has charge of all the arrangements for the dinner.

In the proclamation announcing her intention Queen Alexandra will invite all the widows and children of the soldiers and sailors belonging to the Imperial and Colonial forces who lost their lives in South Africa or died from the effects of the campaign. She adds:

"Her Majesty desires in the coronation year to express her heartfelt sympathy with those who have suffered the cruel bereavement of the war, and to wish that happiness and comfort may with God's blessing be theirs in the coming year."

Her Majesty will defray all the travelling expenses of her guests.

Cars and Contents Destroyed.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

QUEBEC, December 15. — Four cars laden with shingles and one with flour, were destroyed by fire a few nights ago on a siding of the Intercolonial Railway at Ste. Flavie station.

Quebec Man Arrested.

George Conette was brought from Quebec yesterday by High Constable Bissonnette to answer a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. The enquete will take place on the 17th.

A BAD CASE OF KIDNEY TROUBLE CURED BY DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS.

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I advise all those who cough to try this wonderful preparation, knowing beforehand that all who do so will congratulate themselves on having used it.

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GOSSELIN MURDER TRIAL.

Wife of Accused Gave Evidence Against Him.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

QUEBEC, December 15.—The evidence for the prosecution is now all in, in the Gosselin murder trial at Montmagny. Perhaps the most sensational feature of it is the evidence of Mrs. Gosselin, the wife of the accused, who was apparently quite willing to testify against her husband. She identified the clothes worn by her husband at the time of Mrs. Trahan's disappearance, and said she had washed them at the instigation of her husband's attorney. Mr. Roy objected to this testimony, but his objection was overruled. In cross-examination the woman declared that she had at first thought her husband guilty because she had been told that he was, but now she thought differently. She would be glad to see him acquitted if he would only treat her rightly. She admited that she had testified as she had because she was told when she went to confession that she was bound to make a clean breast of it and to tell all she knew. Had she not been morally obliged to do so, she would not have testified.

Period of Military Drill.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, December 15. The despatch relating to the period of military drill, which appeared in the Star on Saturday, should have read nineteen days instead of ten days.

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NO CONNECTION WITH ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, December 15.—An organization called the Newspaper Artists' Association, at 28 East 14th Street, in this city, under the management of C. W. Parker, claims to have as a part of its exhibition committee certain persons connected with "The Associated Press Association." Mr. Melville E. Stone, general manager The Associated Press, says that the Associated Press has no relation to this affair, and that the use of the name is distinctly misleading.

American Insurance Deal.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 15.—It is stated on good authority that a deal has been consummated whereby the Sun Life Insurance Company of America, with headquarters in this city, has re-insured its entire business in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York.

Monkey Brand Soap removes all stains, rust, dirt or tarnish — but won't wash clothes.

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WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Who ever heard of a man or woman blessed with a vigorous digestion and good appetite being troubled with their nerves.

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

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

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

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

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FUEL FAMINE AFFECTS THE POOR

Resources of the Charitable Societies Have Been Heavily Taxed.

PRIESTS' APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Rev. Father Berard Says the Resources of the Various Churches are Almost Exhausted.

"There has been no real black misery yet," remarked a worker of St. Vincent de Paul Society yesterday, commenting on the effect of the fuel famine among the poorer people of the east and north ends of the city.

"Up to the present the St. Vincent de Paul Society has been able to relieve, at least in some measure, the poor and afflicted. Of course, there are many hard cases, but none are known to have spent nights without some fire in the house.

"What will happen later on, however, when the small resources accumulated with difficulty through the summer and autumn months has dwindled down? The charitable societies have done their best so far, but the task is beyond their power to accomplish.

"Those who suffer most perhaps, however, are those who are not known as the very poor, and who are ashamed to ask for assistance. They suffer in silence, and their suffering is all the more pathetic.

"The only way to relieve that suffering is to find some means of selling wood and coal at reasonable rates."

THE COST OF WOOD

Whether rightly or wrongly, those who most need the wood in the civic wood yards bitterly blame the aldermen in charge of it. They openly accuse them of incompetency or worse. They point out that dealers in the city sell to the conferences of St. Vincent de Paul wood at eight dollars a cord, and when it is necessary they saw and cut it besides. The same wood, maple or birch, is sold at $8.70 in the civic yards. Of course, the general public does not get the wood from the dealers for $8.00.

If they can sell it to the conferences of St. Vincent de Paul for eight dollars, however, and in the case of widows and families where there is illness they are willing to cut the wood, it is only fair to presume that it costs them somewhat less than $8 a cord.

GOOD WOOD FOR $6 A CORD

Four householders in this city, during the latter part of October, seeing that the fuel supply would run low, invested in a car load of firewood. They got the best maple and birch at $4.00 a cord in the country. They paid $1.00 a cord for freight, and the cartage from Mile End to their residences in the northern section of the city cost about a dollar a cord more.

Thus the best hard wood was landed in their yards for $6.00 a cord. Why the same wood should cost the city $8.70 is something which few people have been able to understand.

It is stated that wood could still be purchased in the country, in the neighbourhood of Joliette, for $4.00 a cord. As to the cheaper grades of wood, which the city sells at $5.40, the poor people who have secured some of it say that it is fair for kindling wood, and might do for summer fire, but is of very little use for winter.

NEITHER WOOD NOR MONEY.

Meantime there are many families who have neither $5.40 nor $8.70 to give for wood, and still less $10.00 to give for Scotch anthracite, which, when delivered, turns out to be mixed chestnut and coal.

The coal and wood dealers, however, in the eastern and northern portions of the city, with a few notable exceptions, are profiting by the situation.

A typical case came under the observation of a Star reporter on Saturday. An old Hebrew, with a young family of six, keeps a small store on the upper portion of the Main street. Himself and the children were huddled around a stove in which the fire had gone down some time before, but which still emitted a little heat. There was no more coal. The old man had travelled all over the city the day before trying to get some, but had been unsuccessful. A coal and wood dealer had his yard near by. The father sent one of his children over, and a man came in with a bag of common soft coal, less than a hundred pounds, for which he collected 75 cents. That is at the rate of fifteen to eighteen dollars a ton. Cases of the same kind are occurring every where, in the poorer sections of the city.

WORK OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

St. Jean Baptiste parish has now about fifty to sixty pensioners looked after by St. Vincent de Paul Society. During the whole of last year, there were about a hundred and twenty-five families succoured by that society. So far this month, about $150 had been expended, nine-tenths being for fuel. The society had contracted for a lot of coke early in the season, and buys wood from dealers in the parish at the rate $2 a quarter cord, delivered, and in some hard cases sawed and split. The wood purchased at that price is maple and birch.

Down in the eastern section of the city, the charitable societies are not at such an advantage. Those societies are connected with the churches, and some of those who are in most dire need never frequent the churches. Any case brought to the attention of St. Vincent de Paul Society, however, is attended to. There is always an investigation into the circumstances, but it is made after immediate relief is given, and is carried on by the regular visitors of the society, or some of the parish clergy.

It is no infrequent sight to enter a house, and find a woman scantily and poorly clad, with four or five young children grouped around a stove in which a few sputtering bits of wood are slowly frittering away, throwing out but little heat. On the floor by the stove are a couple of armfuls of poor soft wood, sometimes not really dry. That is all the fuel in the house for Saturday and Sunday. The mother had a few cents and with fuel at normal prices could have secured relative comfort, but under the circumstances now existing, with the prices at the highest pitch and with the positive refusal of the dealers to sell hard coal at any price it is hard for the poor to secure suitable fuel.

APPEAL TO THE CHARITABLE.

Rev. Father Berard, at the Church of the Holy Angels yesterday commented on the situation. He appealed to those of the parishioners who could do so to give generously for the purchase of fuel for the poor. None knew as he did how many families that under ordinary circumstances would not be in need were now pinched by cold and its attendant evils. With such a condition of affairs in the city, it was openly stated that the coal dealers had combined to raise prices, and that, while there is a lot of hard coal in the city, they refuse to deliver any. The City Council should act, and act promptly. So far the city has done nothing, the churches and the charitable societies have been left alone in their work of relief. The city in many of the hardest cases has even turned off the water from the poor. It was the duty of civic rulers to provide for the comfort of the poor. At the present, the churches have almost exhausted the resources which they have to dispose of for the season, so that relief must come soon. He appealed to all classes to work steadily so that the joyous feast of Christmas might be really one of joy even to the poorest in the city, that there might all sing together "Glory to God on High, and Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will."

BIRTHS.

YOUNG—In this city, on the 8th instant, the wife of W. de L. Young, of a daughter.

L. J. FORGET & CO. WITHDRAW OFFER

The $100,000 for Fuel Has Been Finally Taken Down.

LETTER WAS NOT ANSWERED

Firm Will Now Expend the Amount Through Various Charitable Institutions.

Owing to the fact that the city has failed to take advantage of the offer of one hundred thousand dollars made by Messrs. L. J. Forget and Company early last autumn, that offer is now withdrawn by the firm, and the funds, it is understood, are being utilized through charitable channels.

This offer was made to the city of Montreal, through Mayor Cochrane, on the 8th day of October, last, at a time when the City Council was discussing the advisability of laying in a supply of soft or Welsh coal for the benefit of Montreal's poor.

Messrs. L. J. Forget and Company state that they never even had an acknowledgement of their letter, which was in every way an official document, and should properly have come up before the members of the Council.

The consequence was that absolutely nothing was done, and now, after two months of valuable time wasted, it is found that there is evidently no intention of utilizing the money, or any portion of it, and the consequence is that the firm has placed their funds in other hands, where it will be used to advantage.

PRISONER CAUSED LAUGH IN COURT AT JUDGE'S EXPENSE.

Daniel Dansereau pleaded guilty to-day before Judge Choquet to a theft of $70 from his friend Pierre Critien. He said that he had intended to continue to plead not guilty, but the finding of $60 of the stolen money in the place where he had hid it had brought him to a conclusion to plead guilty.

"Nice way to start the week," said the judge, and High Constable Bissonnette joined in the look of severity.

"Where do you come from?" asked His Honour.

"From Vercherres," replied the prisoner, and a smile went round the room as judge and officer turned away sorry anything had been said. Both are from Vercherres. Clerk Cinq-Mars was the first to see the joke, and so broad was his smile that it reached to the back of his head, and the judge saw it.

"You need laugh," His Honour put in; "Chambly and Vercherres are one."

Strangers in court wanted to know where Mr. Cinq-Mars comes from, but no one said a word.

Dansereau will be sentenced on Wednesday.

THE ICE SHOVE DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO HARBOUR PROPERTY

The ice shove, which occurred in the lower portion of the harbour, opposite the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's elevators, did a considerable amount of damage to grain conveyors, steamship sheds and goods which had been left on the wharf since the close of navigation.

The movement began at an early hour Sunday morning, the ice coming down from above the bridge. This ice was turned from its downward course at St. Helen's Island, and then it came thick and fast over toward the Montreal shore at a point below the lower end of the guard pier. The consequence was that same damage was done to the two C.P.R. elevator conveyors, while the ends of the freight sheds used during the season of navigation by the Ley and and Elder-Dempster Companies, were stove in. Some freight, mainly iron, which still lay on the wharves, is covered with ice, water, and debris.

The movement of the ice was plainly indicated on the gauge in the Harbour office. The water began to rise from its normal level of 23 feet 6 inches on the lock sill, and at noon to-day stood at 29 feet, a rise of 5 feet 6 inches.

The water is now a trifle over the old wharf level, but is good 6 feet below the level of the new wharves.

It is not anticipated that the water will go any higher in all probability it will fall within a comparatively short time to the normal winter level, and then the work of making the winter roads over the St. Lawrence will begin.

MR. W. E. PHILLIPS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEATRE FRANCAIS FIRE

Messrs. Justices Mathieu, Doherty and Lavergne, sitting in review on Saturday unanimously confirmed the judgment of Mr. Justice Davidson, in the Superior Court, dismissing the action of Mr. Daniel Forde against Mr. W. E. Phillips. The plaintiff sought to recover the value of the property of the old Theatre Francais, which was under lease by the defendant at the time it was destroyed by fire. The Court found that the defendant had proved that the fire was the result of an accident and defendant could not be held responsible for it.

MR. G. M. BOSWORTH RETURNS FROM THE WEST.

"Business and all kind of trade are booming in Winnipeg and out West, and, as a matter of fact, business men have more than they can attend to."

Such was the statement made by Mr. G. M. Bosworth, fourth vice-president of the Canadian Pacific, who returned to-day from an extended western business trip.

"The influx of immigrants in the spring promises to be phenomenal, and we will have to augment our train service. The movement of wheat is satisfactory, and while we have not all the rolling stock or motive power we require, I think the situation is much relieved."

PROVINCIAL PREMIERS GATHER AT QUEBEC ON THURSDAY NEXT.

Word was received in the city to-day that Hon. S. N. Parent, Premier of the province of Quebec, had asked the Premiers of the different provinces throughout Canada to meet in Quebec on Thursday next, December 18, in order to decide exactly what course the provinces would take in trying to secure from the Federal Parliament an increase in the subsidies granted to the different provinces.

FIREMAN RETURNING HOME FOUND WIFE DEAD.

Mrs. John Hammond, of 24 Ottawa street, was found dead in bed at 7.10 a.m. to-day by her husband, who is a fireman, and is employed at night work. Mr. Hammond first thought his wife was in a fainting fit, and called in Dr. Lovett. The physician said the woman had been dead about three hours. The coroner was notified.

Prof. Graham Bell in Town.

Prof. Graham Bell, who, during the past six months has been experimenting with ice flying 1-ites at Cape Breton, arrived in the city to-day on his way to Washington, and is a guest at the Windsor. He is accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Melville Bell.

ALDERMEN DEBATED FUEL SITUATION

Committee Had Another Animated Discussion To-day.

ONLY 27 CORDS DISTRIBUTED

This is Total Amount of Fuel So Far Given Out by Civic Wood Yards.

It transpired at a meeting of the civic fuel committee to-day that since the city has been in the fuel business it has only sold twenty-seven cords to the poor of the city.

In addition to this it transpired that the salary of the man employed to sell the fuel more than absorbed the cash that had been taken in for the sale of the wood.

The meeting was a lively one. The question of the famous one hundred thousand dollars with which L. J. Forget & Co., offered to purchase wood, was brought up again, and the Mayor had some pretty plain things to say about it.

There were present at the meeting the Mayor, Ald. L. A. Lajounte, Gallery, Lamarche and Paporte. Mr. Savageau, the man employed to sell the wood, was present and was interrogated regarding the high price which was charged for it.

THE QUESTION OF COAL.

The first matter brought up was that of getting soft coal for citizens.

"It appeals to me," said the Mayor, "that the poor do not want soft coal. They want hard coal, and there is none in the city."

It was remarked that the poor would take soft coal if they could get it cheap.

"I do not think so," retorted the Mayor warmly. Continuing, he said: "Some time ago I managed to get a resolution passed by the Harbour Board offering some four hundred employes of the department soft coal at $2.75 a ton. Did the employes want the coal? Not a bit. All the coal the Harbour Board sold at this price was twenty-two tons. Then, there is the wood question. The city has plenty of wood to sell, but people do not come for it."

DIFFICULT TO GET THE WOOD.

Ald. Lapointe: "It is difficult to get the corporation wood, seeing those who want it have to come to the Mayor and explain matters as to needing it."

The Mayor—"This has been altered. At the present time people can get the wood by applying to aldermen and getting an order on the corporation yards."

WAS A "FLIM-FLAM" LETTER.

Ald. Lapointe—"But now let us talk about this $100,000 offer of Mr. Forget to buy wood for poor persons. Why was the offer not taken?"

The Mayor—"Let me read you this letter and you will see that I could not use the sum." The letter was now read and stated that the sum might be spent to purchase fuel and sell it at cost; in cases of poverty the fuel might be given away free of charge.

Ald. Lapointe—"Well, why was not some fuel bought?"

The Mayor—"This letter is marked private and personal. Such being the case I could not bring it before Council and ask that the money be spent. My hands were tied in the way the communication was worded. After the strike was settled I saw Mr. Forget and told him that it looked as though the sum would not be needed. He thought the same. I told him also that the money might be given to charitable societies if he desired. The fact is, gentlemen, there was no way by which I could use the $100,000."

Prior to these remarks the Mayor, in discussing the letter said, irritably: "This was a flim-flam letter. If Mr. Forget had wanted to give away $100,000 to purchase fuel why did he not distribute the amount among charitable societies?"

CAN GET HARD COAL.

An alderman, who had just come in, said he had been around the coal dealers and believed he could get a couple of hundred tons of hard coal.

The Mayor—"Then in the name of all that is good, get it."

Ald. Gallery—"Oh, yes, we can get hard coal and soft coal too. Soft coal should be brought over the Intercolonial."

The Mayor—"I am willing that it should be."

Ald. Gallery—"But on Saturday you roasted our minister, Mr. Blair, as you thought he would not bring the coal over the Intercolonial free."

The Mayor (hotly)—"You had better bottle Mr. Blair up, you are so tender about him. If he will transport coal free to Montreal let us know about it."

After some further argument between Ald. Gallery and the Mayor, the coal question dropped and attention was given to the wood situation.

WOOD WAS TOO DEAR.

Ald. Lapointe said there was a lot of complaints about the way the city was charging for wood. The prices were too high. He was displeased with Mr. Savaugeau who was in charge of the civic wood yards.

Mr. Saveaugeau—"I did not make the prices. I will sell it at fifty cents a cord so long as I get my three dollars a day salary."

A question now was asked how much wood the city had sold during the weeks it had been in the fuel business.

Ald. Laporte answered that 28 cords had been sold.

Ald. Lapointe pursed his life and whistled.

It also transpired that the cost of selling the wood had more than eaten up the cash that had been taken in.

Ald. Lamarche — "We do not seem to have been very successful on the fuel question."

Ald. Gallery—"The people want coal."

Ald. Laporte — "Let us cut down the prices of the wood and then perhaps citizens will come for it."

After some discussion the following prices were arranged:

- Soft wood, $5.75 a cord.
- Soft and hard, mixed, $6.25.
- Good birch and maple, dry, $8.
- Green birch and maple, $8.
- Beech, birch and maple, $7.75.

In the event of people giving orders ahead for wood, so it can be hauled direct, 70 cents a cord will be taken off, while to persons who will haul the wood from cars another reduction of 70 cents a cord will be made.

Peersons making application to the following can get orders for the fuel: Mayor Cochrane, Ald. Laporte, Robertson, Gallery, Desjardins, and Sadler. Other aldermen are to be added to the list.

It was pointed out that people did not like to go to the aldermen with long tales of poverty before they could be given wood. The Mayor said this was not necessary. Those who wanted corporation fuel had only to apply to an alderman. It seemed too bad, he said, that when the city had so much fuel on hand that citizens would not come for it.

Ald. Lapointe—"The trouble is that the poor were given to understand that that famous $100,000 was to purchase fuel and that it would be given away free of charge."

The Mayor—"The offer never intended that free fuel should be given."

Before the meeting adjourned it was partially decided that soft coal must be got. The offer of the Dominion Coal Co. was thought to be a good one. If the Intercolonial would bring the coal in at a low figure the whole difficulty might be settled.

Amputation Was Necessary.

David Letourneau, of Huntingdon, was brought to the Notre Dame Hospital suffering from a badly crushed leg. Amputation was necessary.

AN EFFORT TO INJURE CANADA

Damaging Report to London Morning Post Is Denied.

LORD STRATHCONA CABLES

The Minister of Agriculture Sends Strong Denial—Minister Discusses Dead Meat Trade.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, December 15.—The following is the text of the cablegram sent by the High Commissioner in London to Hon. Sydney Fisher, relative to the report promulgated there anent the existence of foot and mouth disease in Canada:

Following telegram from Montreal in Morning Post to-day: "Foot and mouth disease has spread from New England into Canada. Number of cattle along border are suffering and feared infection will spread through Dominion. Ottawa authorities blamed for not establishing effectual quarantine, but how disease entered the country cannot be traced. Said at Ottawa must have come in before New England embargo declared. Rigid watch established in infected quarter and exportation Canadian cattle will not be prohibited for present." Please cable full particulars.

"(Signed) STRATHCONA."

MR. FISHER'S REPLY.

In reply, Hon. Sydney Fisher yesterday cabled as follows:

No correspondent Morning Post at Montreal. No cable sent that paper from there for fortnight. Untounded reports being published maliciously. Increased staff officers of my department cover whole New England frontier, in addition to regular officers customs department, and others especially assigned, who both act also as quarantine officers. My whole veterinary force in every part of the Dominion are on the alert, watching for disease. If case should occur anywhere in Dominion my department would be imediately notified. Will keep you advised. Meantime deny all damaging reports."

"(Signed) FISHER."

DEAD MEAT TRADE.

Hon. Sydney Fisher, in an interview, reiterated an opinion expressed by him at Guelph a few days since, regarding the disastrous result to Canadian live stock interests if the export of cattle should be stopped without any facilities being provided for a dead meat trade. "One of the drawbacks of the past," said Mr. Fisher, "has been the difficulty of disposing of the offal to advantage, but the demand is now greater than it has been and there is likely to be less difficulty in that respect than before. In order to be profitable, however, it is a business which must be conducted on a large scale; a small concern could not carry it on successfully."

Asked whether the Government would be disposed to aid the enterprise, Mr. Fisher said he was not sure than any necessity existed for Government aid. He was inclined to think, however, that the prevailing conditions were sufficiently favourable to justify the investing of private capital entirely.

ADMISSION OF SALTED HIDES.

At a special sitting of Council, held on Saturday, it was decided to admit into Canada salted or pickled hides, green cured, which do not originate in the New England States. The object of this is to enable carcasses of salted hides now on the ocean and consigned to Canadian tanners via Boston, to be brought into the Dominion. The hides will travel through Massachusetts in bond, so that no risk will be incurred.

SMALL AMOUNT OF ANTHRACITE IS ARRIVING. BUT NOT SUFFICIENT.

While Montreal is not without some coal and considerable wood, there is from one end of the island to the other a vast amount of discomfort and not a little actual suffering.

A fair amount of Pennsylvania anthracite is coming over the railways, but this is only a drop in the bucket as compared with what is necessary to supply all consumers. The offices of the various coal firms are fairly blocked with prospective customers, who are being sold anything which will burn. Tons of Pennsylvania anthracite are being broken up into small lots, a few hundred pounds going to this customer and a few hundred to that—anything to tide over the present wave of zero weather.

The matter of carting coal is a problem which is bothering every coal dealer in the city. The entire population wishes to be served at one and the same time, and this is beyond the power of the available horses and sleighs.

Suburban places, such as Lachine, are suffering very severely from the scarcity.

THE SCOTCH ENGINES FOR CANADIAN PACIFIC.

"We cannot say how the Scotch locomotives will compare with the American, or Canadian article, until we have had a chance of testing the twenty Scotch engines which are built in Glasgow by Neilsons, and which are to be delivered in February," remarked a Canadian Pacific official to-day. "In so far as cost is concerned," they run about the same as those made on this continent, and we will be guided by their performance before giving any additional orders.

STANLEY CUP MATCHES.

Trustee Ross Undecided About the Cup.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, December 15.—Trustee Ross was asked to-day what would be done in face of the refusal of Montreal to play Stanley Cup matches until the close of the season. Mr. Ross said he had not yet formed an opinion on the matter, but he intended to consult Sheriff Sweetland, the other Ottawa trustee, on the subject in a day or two.

BLONDIN MURDER TRIAL.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

BOSTON, December 15.—At the opening of court in the Blondin murder trial to-day, Attorney Owens, for the defence, submitted to the court in writing a motion to direct a verdict of not guilty for certain reasons that were not stated in open court. Judge Braley announced that the motion was denied, and the exception of the prisoner saved. Requests for rulings were presented to the court by both the prosecution and the defence. Attorney Owens began his closing argument at 9.10 o'clock, in the course of which he said that there was an utter absence of any motive on the part of the defendant for committing the crime, even on the testimony of the Government. He said surely it would not be contended that the defendant killed his wife for money, for the paltry sum of $60.

The Late Mr. John Fair.

Mr. John Fair, of 138 Mansfield street, a well-known Montreal business man, died yesterday afternoon in the General Hospital, of pneumonia. The deceased gentleman was a member of the firm of McLennan, Fair & Cameron, dealers in trunks and bags.

Senator O'Brien's Condition.

The condition of Senator O'Brien during the past few days has been such as to cause much alarm among the members of the family and friends. At a late hour this afternoon he was very weak, and is not expected to last more than a few days.

Captured Four Wild Geese.

Four wild geese were captured on the St. Lawrence, opposite Maisonneuve, yesterday. They lit on some glare ice, and, being unable to rise, were captured by boys who were skating.

WALL STREET HAD GENUINE WAR SCARE

Brokers Worked Themselves Into Frenzy Over Venezuela.

AFRAID OF COMPLICATIONS

In the Early Trading Prices Had a Sharp Break, But There Was a Rally Later.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

NEW YORK, December 15.—The opening of hostilities in Venezuela caused a bad break in prices at the opening of the stock market to-day. Wall street operated upon the theory that the alleged breach of faith by the allied powers against the South American Republic in the bombardment of Saturday must result in some radical interference by the United States which might terminate in ugly complications.

Nothing but talk of this kind could be heard in the Street. Brokers worked themselves into a fine international war frenzy before the session was ten minutes old. There was further talk of tight money, but this had little or no effect in comparison with the rumours of war.

NEW YORK, December 15.—Wall Street. —Prices broke violently at the opening under a heavy flood of liquidation all through the list. The prices of practically all of the principal stocks lost from 1 to 2 points, the selling was largest in the United States Steel stocks, Southern Pacific, Atchison and Rock Island. The first sales of U. S. Steel were of 5,000 shares at 39 1-2 and 39 1-4, compared with 39 3-4 Saturday. Of the preferred there were 2,000 shares sold at a loss of 1 1-2. There were 6000 shares of Southern Pacific sold at 57 1-2 and 58 1-2, compared with 58 on Saturday. Elsewhere in the list there were numerous sales of 1,000 to 3,000 share blocks.

The Venezuelan trouble and difficulty in obtaining loans, caused further declines of 2 to 2 3-4 in leading stocks in the second hour. Colorado Fuel dropped 4 and Rock Island 3 1-4. The Pacific and Penna. group were most affected in the second selling movement. These stocks and St. Paul, Louisville, Rock Island pfd., Reading, New York Central, Sugar and Brooklyn Transit recovered a point or more in the rally that followed. The market was dull and steady at noon. Bonds were weak.

LIVERPOOL FIREMEN MADE BRAVE FIGHT.

Nova Scotian Town Suffered Again Saturday—Loss Estimated at About $20,000.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

HALIFAX, N.S., December 15.—Liverpool has again suffered heavily from fire. On Saturday morning a fire was discovered in the lower part of the Thorndyke hotel, a large four-story building. After completely destroying the hotel it spread to the three-story block of George E. Snaddon, after one of the best fights ever made by the firemen. The flames were finally extinguished.

"Heroes" is the only word that can adequately describe the men who climbed over the ice-covered roofs and faced the flames that more than once burned the very clothes off their bodies. The water system proved to be all that could be desired, and it is realized that under the old conditions at least half of the business portion of the town would have been burned out.

The guests at the hotel had a narrow escape, some having to be taken to the ground by means of ladders. Several commercial men had their samples destroyed.

Miss Millins, a milliner, whose goods were in the hotel building, lost about $1,000 worth of stock; no insurance. Mr. Hutchins' stock was badly damaged by water; insurance small. The total loss will be $20,000.

NINE VESSELS ASHORE IN SYDNEY HARBOUR.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, December 15.—The Department of Marine and Fisheries was this morning in receipt of a telegram from Sydney, Cape Breton, stating that there are nine vessels ashore at Sydney and praying that a Government steamer be at once despatched to their assistance. The vessels were driven ashore in a very severe storm. In the absence of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, the matter was referred to Hon. James Sutherland, who is taking steps to send assistance. It is probable that the Aberdeen will be despatched.

MINISTER OF MARINE GOES TO HOT SPRINGS, VA.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, December 15.—Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. A. G. Blair and Hon. W. Paterson returned from the Fielding banquet at Halifax yesterday, accompanied by Col. Thomson, M.P.; Mr. Ben. Russell, M.P., K.C., and Mr. W. Ritchie. Hon. W. S. Fielding will return during the week, while Hon. R. Prefontaine went on to Washington and Hot Springs. It is learned that the Senate vacancies for the province of Quebec and the vacancies on the Bench will not be filled until the return of the Premier. This will throw the appointments over to the new year.

4000 MINERS MAY GO OUT ON STRIKE ON WEDNESDAY.

NEW YORK, December 15.—More than 4,000 miners at Drifton, near Hazelton, will go out on strike Wednesday unless their employers adjust grievances they complain of before that time, says a despatch from Scranton to the press. The shipment of coal to New York will be decreased 10,000 tons a day if this strike is declared. The dissatisfied miners are employed by Coxe Brothers & Company, the large independent operators. They say that the company has repeatedly refused to re-employ all its union miners.

HAS U. S. ASKED FOR EXPLANATION?

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—It is stated by a competent authority that the Department of State this morning called upon Germany and England to explain why the Venezuelan port of Puerto Cabella was bombarded by the warships of these nations on Saturday last.

YOUR VOTE

REGISTER

Now's the Time—Only FOUR days more

You can make application to have your name placed on the Parliamentary Voters' List at the Junior Conservative Club, 3 Beaver Hall square, during the day, and till 9.30 p.m., until December 18th.—2941

Financial.

(See also page nine.)

Afternoon Sales.

Canadian Pacific—50 at 125¼, 35 at 125⅛, 100 at 125, 100, 150 at 125⅛, 50, 25 at 125⅜, 100 at 125⅝, 100 at 125¾.
Canadian Pacific new—8 at 124½.
Dominion Steel—25 at 55¼, 25 at 55⅛, 25 at 55¼, 25 at 54¾, 15 at 56.
Dominion Steel pref.—50 at 92, 25 at 92, 25 at 92, 75 at 92½.
Twin City—25 at 112½, 25, 25 at 112⅝, 25 at 112⅝.
Canadian Coloured Cotton bonds, $1,000 at 100.
Richelieu and Ontario, 25 at 91.
Toronto Railway 2 (new) at 106.
Nova Scotia Steel, 25 at 100.
Toledo Electric, 100 at 30 1-4.
Montreal Cotton, 19 at 122.
Dominion Coal, 100 at 125 3-4.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Reported for the Star by Gordon Strathy and Co., Stock Brokers, 9 St Sacrament st.

Stocks Closing	Dec. 15 Ask.	Dec. 15 Bid	Dec. 13 Ask.	Dec. 13 Bid
Canadian Pacific	125⅝	125⅜	125⅝	125
Do do New	.....	.....	18	12
Duluth Common	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do Pref.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montreal St. Rail.	275½	273	276	273
Toronto St. Rail.	111¾	111	113	111
Halifax St. Rail.	104	100	104	100
Detroit United Ry	84⅜	82⅞	83	82
Winnipeg Ry	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. John do do	.....	.....	120	115
Twin City Transit	112⅝	112⅜	113⅝	112¾
West Indies Elec.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Toledo Electric	32	30	30½	30
R. & O. Nav. Co.	93⅝	91	94	93
Commercial Cable	178	175	176	175
Mont'l Telegraph	170	168	170	165
Bell Telephone Co.	170	160	170	160
Do Do new	.....	.....	.....	.....
Light, Heat & Power	87¾	85¾	89	88
Can. Gen. Electric	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton Electric	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do Pref.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dom. Steel	55⅝	55⅛	55⅝	53⅜
Do do Pref.	92¼	92	93⅛	92
Laurentide Pulp.	97¾	92	100	95
Nova Scotia Steel	101	99	99¾	99
Do do Pref.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ogilvie Milling	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do do pref.	135	130	136	130
B. C. Salmon A.	.....	.....	97	97
B. C. Salmon, B.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montreal Cotton ad.	125	122	122	120
Dominion Iron	.....	50	.....	48
Can. Col. Cotton	.....	40	.....	30
Merchants	.....	.....	.....	85
Lake of Woods	200	165	199	165
Windsor Hotel	.....	.....	80	60
MIN. S.				
Dominion Coal Com.	126⅜	125⅜	127⅛	120
Do do Pref.	118½	117	120	116
Intn. do Com.	.....	.....	75	70
Do do Pref.	.....	.....	95	80
BANKS.				
Montreal	275	259	275	269
Ontario	.....	.....	135	127
Molsons	216	.....	216	214
Toronto	.....	.....	260	248
British N. America	.....	.....	.....	135
Merchants	.....	160	170	160
Royal	.....	240	.....	230
Nova Scotia	.....	261	.....	260
Eastern Townships	.....	.....	.....	161
Quebec	.....	.....	120	117
Union	.....	.....	128	126
Commerce	.....	.....	162	159
Hochelaga	.....	.....	138	.....
Imperial	.....	.....	.....	235
North West Land	.....	.....	300	210
Do do pref.	.....	.....	.....	.....
BONDS.				
Com. Cable (Coupon)	99	.....	99⅜	95
Do do Reg'd	.....	.....	.....	.....
Halifax Electric Ry.	.....	.....	109	104
Can. Col. Cotton	.....	.....	100	.....
Dom. Coal	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laurentide Pulp	107½	106	108	106
Bell Telephone	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dominion Steel	89⅝	88	89⅝	88⅝
Winnipeg Railway	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. John do do	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montreal Street	107	105	107⅜	105
Ogilvie Milling	118	112	118	112
Dominion Cotton	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nova Scotia Steel	.....	.....	.....	.....

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Specially reported for the Star by C. D. Monk, 16 St. Sacrament street, local manager for J. S. Bache and Co., New York, over direct private wire.

	Dec. 15 Opening	High	Low	Close.
		10 a.m.	2.30	
Amalgamated Copper	54	55⅞	54	55½
American Loco com.	24	25	25	25
Do do pref	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amer Sugar Refin. Co	119	120⅝	119⅜	119⅝
Do pref	.....	.....	.....	.....
Am. Smlg. & Ref. Co	37⅜	39	37	39
Anaconda Min Co	83	88	83	83½
A. Top & S. Fe	70	70½	77	77⅜
Do do pref	97⅞	97⅞	96⅝	96⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	94	94	92½	94¾
Do do pref	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brooklyn R.T.	81	82	80⅞	82
Chic & Alton Com	30	30⅜	29¾	30⅜
Can. Pacific	125	125⅝	124	125⅝
Canada Southern	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ches & Ohio	44	44⅜	43⅝	44⅛
Chic & N W	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chic G I & P com	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chic Mil & St. Paul	168	168⅝	166½	168⅜
Colorado Southern	25½	25½	25	25½
Consolid'd Gas N.Y.	200	200¾	200	200¾
Col. & Hock Coal	76	78	76	76
Corn Products	27	27	27	25½
Do pfd	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cleveland C.C. & St. L	.....	.....	.....	.....
Detroit United Ry	.....	.....	.....	.....
Erie Lack & Western	.....	.....	.....	240½
Dela. & Hudson	155¾	155¾	155	156½
Denver Rio G com	35¾	35¾	35¼	35⅜
Do do pref	87	87	86½	87¾
Duluth S. Shore & Atl.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do do pref	22	22½	22	23
Great Northern Ry of	.....	187¾	187½	187½
General Electric	174	.....	173	175
Jersey Central	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa Cen. com	.....	.....	.....	34¾
Do do pref	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas & Tex com	22¾	22¾	22½	23¼
Do do Pref	51¾	51¾	51¾	51¾
Louisville & Nashville	118	119¾	117	119
Manhattan Elevated	143	144	142¾	144¾
Missouri Pacific	101	102	99½	101¾
M., St. Paul and "Soo"	98	98¾	97	98
Do do Pref	121	124½	120½	123½
Metropolitan Trac	136	136¾	135¾	136¾
Do pref	90	90	89	90
Southern Pacific	57¾	57¾	56	58¼
Texas Coal & Iron	53	53	52	53½
Texas Pacific	37¾	38	37	37¾
Twin City	.....	114	113	113
U. S. Leather Co	11	11	10½	10½
Do do pref	85¾	86¼	85¾	86¼
U. S. Steel com	39¾	39¾	39¼	39¼
Do do pref	92¾	93¼	92¾	93¼
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Do pref	90½	90¾	90	90½
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Easier Market for Refined Sugar.

NEW YORK, December 15.—Prices on all grades of refined sugar were reduced 10c a hundred pounds this morning.

As the local market did not follow the

BISHOP HAMILTON AT S. JOHN'S CHURCH

His Lordship Administers the Rite of Confirmation to 53 Persons.

HE EXPLAINS THE OFFICE

It Exists for the Purpose of Conferring the Gift of the Holy Spirit of God.

The rite of confirmation was administered by Bishop Hamilton, of Ottawa, to a class of 53 candidates in the Church of S. John the Evangelist yesterday afternoon. A large congregation was present.

The confirmation service was a pretty one, and the setting in which it was held was also pretty. The church was brightly lighted, tapers blazed away on the altar retable and in the vesper standards at the base of the altar steps. In the chancel were the choir boys in purple cassocks and white surplices, and the men choristers. Above all was the handsome rood screen and Calvary.

The candidates for confirmation sat in the front of the nave. The girls, with two or three exceptions, were gowned in white, over which were thrown confirmation veils. The exceptions wore black—being in mourning.

At the commencement of the service the choir, candidates and clergy entered the church from the rectory in procession. Bishop Hamilton was the last to enter. The unwritten law which forbids an Anglican bishop from carrying his pastoral staff in the diocese of another bishop, and an Anglican Metropolitan from carrying his crozier in the province of another Metropolitan, prevented Bishop Hamilton from using his pastoral staff at the confirmation service. However, His Lordship, in his passage up the nave to his throne in the chancel, was preceded by a cross-bearer, in the person of one of the choristers of S. John's Church.

His Lordship was magnificently vested. He wore, besides his cassock and girdle of violet silk and his rochet of linen lawn, a festival chimere of scarlet silk, over which was hung a stole of white silk richly embroidered and jewelled. On his head he wore a mitre of cloth of gold, which was also heavily embroidered and set with jewels. A pectoral cross of gold and amethysts, and an episcopal ring of gold enclosing a massive amethyst set in diamonds, completed the bishop's episcopal attire.

HIS LORDSHIP'S ADDRESS.

His Lordship's address to the members of the confirmation class was delivered from the chancel steps. During its delivery, as also during the administration of the rite, he wore the mitre. In the course of his remarks he said he wished to emphasize two points, namely (1) that confirmation did not admit a person to church membership; (2) that it did not exist for the purpose of giving a candidate for the rite the opportunity of renewing the vows spoken in his or her behalf by his or her godfather and godmother at baptism. With respect to the former, His Lordship stated that as an arm or a leg had to be united to the body when born in order that each might have life, so a man or a woman had to be baptized or born again, in order that he or she might be made a member of Christ's body, which was the church. Baptism was the portal through which a person was admitted to the church. With regard to the second point, His Lordship remarked that for upwards of 1600 years the Church of England had never obliged a candidate to confirm the vows made by others, in his or her behalf at baptism before he or she became eligible for the solemn rite. That stipulation had only been added to the present confirmation service at the Prayer-Book revision of 1604.

Confirmation, His Lordship said, was that act through which the baptized child or adult received the gift of the Holy Spirit. At baptism the child was buried in Christ; at confirmation it was endued with the Holy Spirit, through Whose agency the child was strengthened for its warfare against sin and evil. By His (the Spirit's) aid the confirmed were enabled to effectually resist the temptations of the world and the defilements of sin.

His Lordship warned the candidates, however, that the Holy Spirit would not compel them to live holy lives. He might impel them to do so, but they were free agents and their after life would in a great measure depend on themselves. If they obeyed the promptings of the Spirit their Christian lives would be sure to be healthy and vigorous. But it was possible for them to grieve and quench the Spirit. He hoped that in after years it would never be said of those before him that their lives had been such as to cause the Spirit to cease His ghostly admonitions and promptings. He hoped that it would never be said of them that they had quenched the Spirit of God. That would be a most deplorable eventuality and one against which they ought to guard by all the strength they possessed.

At the close of the Bishop's address the candidates were presented to His Lordship by the Rev. Mr. Wood. The laying on of hands followed.

REV. SAMUEL FALLOWS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.

Rt. Rev. Samuel Fallows preached yesterday at St. Bartholomew's Reformed Episcopal Church. He took as his text, "I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." His Lordship developed this thought at length, and with clearness and force showed how great was the reward of the man who knew what a vocation was, and followed it with a pure mind. The exalted dignity of man was placed by the reverend speaker above the angels and cherubims. That was no figure of speech, he declared, because the weakest of men, through faith in Christ, could raise himself higher in merit than those angels who had never sinned. It was, therefore, no vain thought when St. Paul hoped that the Ephesians would walk worthily in their vocations. Was not that a noble prize to gain? A man should be proud and never think of going through life with his head down, and making a perpetual apology that he was born in the world.

Archbishop Bruchesi's Movements.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi leaves Rome to-day, and is expected in Montreal in time to celebrate pontifical mass on New Year's Day.

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RITE OF CONFIRMATION WAS ADMINISTERED BY BISHOP CARMICHAEL.

Last night, for the first time since his consecration, Bishop Carmichael administered the rite of confirmation in St. George's Church to a class made up of children and adults from his own congregation. There were sixty-three candidates for the rite, a great many of whom were adults. They were presented to His Lordship by the Rev. Dyson Hague, who prepared them for confirmation. The service was a most impressive one, and consisted of evening prayer until the end of the Psalms, when the confirmation office was commenced. The address of Bishop Carmichael was delivered with great earnestness, and was followed very closely by not only the candidates, but by the large congregation present. He dwelt upon the importance of the life consecrated to God, and pointed out the danger to the soul of the person who gave himself over to the pursuit entirely of earthly pleasures and the gratification of the lower passions. His Lordship earnestly counselled those before him to live Godly, sober lives that would make them useful citizens and steadfast members of the Church.

At the close of His Lordship's address the candidates were presented to him in couples, and were by him confirmed by the laying on of hands.

As the candidates resumed their seats in the nave, they were presented with Bibles by Mr. A. F. Gault and confirmation cards by Bishop Carmichael.

The musical portion of the service was well rendered by the choir of St. George's, under the direction of Mr. P. J. Illsley.

VICTORIA RIFLES BAZAAR REALIZED SUBSTANTIAL SUM

The Vics' bazaar was brought to a successful close on Saturday evening, and the regiment is now between $5,000 and $6,000 richer than it was at this time last week. At least it is believed that these figures will represent the amount made at the bazaar. The exact earnings, however, will be made known in the course of a few days. On Saturday night the announcement was made that Miss Hilda Marler had been declared to be the most popular lady at the bazaar, as she had won first place in the voting. She was accordingly presented by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton with the gold watch that had been offered to the person who should be voted the most popular lady at the bazaar.

Col. Hamilton made a neat speech when he announced the winner and said that he was glad that the prize had gone to a girl who had worked hard and who really deserved it. He complimented Capt. Stewart also for his assiduous efforts in the bazaar and stated that the tombola drawings were postponed for a week.

The drawings will be under the direction of the senior officers of sister corps, and will be systematically conducted in every detail.

The decision in the popular lady contest was under the direction of Mr. George L. Cains.

The Vics' Regiment bought four hundred of Mrs. Busteed's calendars and the auction sale conducted by Capt. Stewart swelled the exchequer at the closing of the bazaar.

Paris Green Cause of Death.

Mrs. Renfield, 32 years of age, of 118 Elgin street, was taken to the General Hospital on Saturday, in an unconscious condition, suffering from the effects of a dose of Paris green. She died two hours after entering the institution, without regaining consciousness. Coroner McMahon investigated the case and disposed of it without calling a jury. He was satisfied that the woman had taken the poison by mistake for medicine. A husband and five young children survive her.

The Late Michael Devaney.

An inquest was opened on Saturday afternoon by Coroner McMahon into the death of Michael Devaney, the Grand Trunk Railway fireman, who died at the General Hospital Friday afternoon from injuries sustained in the railway wreck at Morrisburg, Ont., ten days ago. After the physician who attended him in the hospital, and the brother of the deceased, had been examined by the coroner, the inquest was postponed until next Saturday.

Won a Ton of Coal.

Mr. H. Brunelle, manager of Proctor's Theatre, which closed on Saturday night under its present regime, announces that ticket No. 275 is the winner of a ton of hard coal, and that the holder can secure the order on the dealer by presenting the coupon at the box-office.

Heart Disease Caused Death.

Mrs. Bedford, 60 years of age, fell dead yesterday afternoon at her home, 52 Dufferin street, from heart disease. The case was disposed of by the Coroner without calling a jury.

NOTARIAL STUDENTS GET GOOD ADVICE FROM HON. J. I. TARTE.

The first annual dinner of the notarial students of Laval University, was held at Queen's Hotel on Saturday evening, and proved one of the most successful events held for some time in connection with the University.

The guests included, in addition to the students, the professors of the Faculty of Law, the leading members of the notarial profession and representatives from the different Faculties of sister universities. Mr. Ed. Cholette, president of the society, was in the chair, and around him at the table of honour were Mr. Justice Mathieu, dean of the Law Faculty, Mr. Justice Loranger, Mr. J. I. Tarte, Hon. W. E. Bernier, Hon. Horace Archambault, Mr. Justice St. Pierre, Hon. A. N. Perodeau, Hon. P. E. Leblanc, Hon. J. Robidoux, Honore Gervais, R. Lemieux, M. P., Eug. Lafontaine.

A noticeable feature of the event was that after the contents of a well prepared menu had been done justice to, a number of the lady friends of the students were given places of honour in the banquet hall, in order to be able to hear the speeches. When the toast of the King had been duly honoured, the President, Mr. Ed. Cholette, in a neat speech proposed the toast of "Our University," to which replies were made by Mr. Justice Mathieu, Professor Gervais, Professor R. Lemieux and Professor Perodeau.

The toast of the Parliaments of Canada occasioned one of the most interesting speeches of the evening from Mr. Tarte. A notary himself, Mr. Tarte took occasion to refer to some of the incidents of his political life and finished by giving a few words of advice to the students.

"It is sometimes, difficult," he said, "to get into Parliament, but then I can tell you from experience that it is very easy to get out. But there I found this out at the beginning of my political life, but recently managed to secure even greater information, as to its being true. In fact, sometimes when looking over the past I am sorry that I was not satisfied to remain a notary and journalist without getting mixed up in politics. But, then, there must be a Government in a country, and if there is to be one there must be members, and there must even be—I dare say it—there must even be ministers. My particular reason for saying that it would have been better not to have been mixed up with politics is that a man is a good deal freer out of politics than when he is in them, and at the same time a member of the Government. But then, if there is any advice that I would give you, it is to be men. If you have an opinion do not be afraid to express it. Consider it for some time but once you have formed it, stand for it before the world."

Replies to this toast were also made by Hon. M. E. Bernier, Hon. Horace Archambault, Mr. P. E. Leblanc and C. Delage, M.L.A.

During the evening letters of regret at not being able to attend were received from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. R. Preton taine, Hon. S. N. Parent and Hon. C. Fitzpatrick.

MR. G. M. BOSWORTH TELLS OF C. P. R. GRAIN SHIPMENTS

Mr. G. M. Bosworth, fourth vice-president of the Canadian Pacific, who has been out west for the last three weeks, is expected home early next week. Speaking at Winnipeg of the company's business, he said:

"More steamers are sailing from St. John this winter than previously; in January, alone, there will be twenty sailings. Each of these steamers will take some grain, the quantity depending considerably on ocean freights. The amount taken will probably vary from 25,000 to 150,000 bushels. Some of the large steamers, of about 10,000 tons, will take the larger quantity.

"We anticipate drawing all the grain supply for these vessels from Manitoba and the North-West Territories, and hope to handle in all about 5,000,000 bushels, which will relieve the situation considerably. 800,000 bushels have already gone forward by the lake and rail routes, and now that the former has been closed we are sending the grain on by the all-rail route. We will endeavour to give a constant market for the grain."

Found Dead at Her Home.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Margaret Blanchette, 52 years of age, was found dead in her home, Laval lane, by her nephew, Joseph Julien. She had evidently been dead for two or three days as the body was frozen stiff when found. Mrs. Blanchette had not been seen by any of her neighbours for several days, and when Mr. Julien called at the house yesterday, and could not get any response to his knocking at the door he forced an entrance, and found the dead body in the bed. Death was evidently caused by heart disease. Mrs. Blanchette lived alone, and was in comfortable circumstances.

Parcel Post With Canada.

Arrangements have been made whereby the senders of parcels from England to Canada may assume responsibility for the payments of the customs charges ordinarily collected from the addressees. Persons who wish to avail themselves of this arrangement must, as in other cases of the same kind, pay a fee of 6d in addition to the postage, sign an undertaking to pay on demand the amount due, and make a deposit on account of the charges at the rate of 1s for each 10s or fraction of 10s of the value of the parcel.

Lachine Model School.

The distribution of prizes at Lachine Model School will take place Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Dr. Harper, inspector of superior schools, and Rev. E. I. Rexford, rector of the High School, will attend.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS BOARD OF TRADE

Much Speculation as to Nominee For the Presidency.

NEXT SEASON A BUSY ONE

Members Will Entertain Distinguished Representatives From London Chamber of Commerce.

The coming annual elections of the Montreal Board of Trade, which will as usual be held on the last Tuesday in January are already being discussed among the members.

The officers to be elected include a president, a first and second vice-president, treasurer, twelve members of the Council and a Board of Arbitration of twelve members. Who the nominees will be for the position of president is, of course, as yet a matter of the future, though it is expected that Mr. A. J. Hodgson, who is now first vice-president of the Board, will be a nominee. Mr. Alexander McFee, whose term as president expires at this time, is, of course, eligible to re-election, for he has served but one term.

The coming year in the Montreal Board of Trade will be one of the most, if not the most important in the history of this institution. First comes the completion and opening of the new building, but secondly and far more important, is the coming of the members of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire. It is expected that Montreal will receive and entertain at that time, some four or five hundred of the most representative business men in the British mercantile world. The entertainment of this body, which has an all important bearing upon the commercial life of the British Empire, will fall upon the Montreal Board of Trade members.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL DINNER AT LACHINE.

The annual dinner of the Lachine Horticultural Society was held in the Lakeview Hotel, at Lachine, on Saturday evening and was a success in every way.

The toast of "The King" being duly honored, that of "Canada" was proposed by the president, and was responded to by Mr. F. D. Monk, K. C., M. P., and J. A. De Carrie, K. C., mayor of Lachine. Mr. Monk expressed the great satisfaction gave him to see how general it had now become to give Canada a high position on the toast list, and the great pleasure it gave him to reply to such.

"We ought to be proud of a country that possessed a form of government that was the admiration of foreign authorities on such matters," he said, "many of whom conceded it to be the most perfect system in force today."

Mayor Descarries followed with a speech to French, appealing to the patriotism of his hearers, and urging them to unite in their efforts to make the English-speaking and the French-Canadian inhabitants of Canada one people for the glory of the country. Speaking in English, he asked the society to join with him in an effort to beautify the town of Lachine by the formation of public parks and squares by planting trees on the streets and improving and beautifying the town in every way possible.

"Sister Societies" was responded to by Mr. A. J. Bowles, secretary-treasurer of the Montreal Horticultural Society. He was the recipient of congratulations on the success achieved by that well known society during the year.

In the absence of the president of the Montreal Gardeners and Florists Club, Past President George A. Robinson responded. He referred to the valuable assistance that his society had received from the Lachine Society.

NOTRE DAME HOSPITAL THE WORK CARRIED ON DURING PAST YEAR.

The 22nd annual report of the Notre Dame Hospital has been issued showing a total surplus of $107,268 of assets over liabilities. For the year the surplus was $5,244.52. The medical report shows 2132 patients were admitted, 1285 men, and 847 women. Of these 1114 were cured, 698 improved, 103 showed no improvement, 82 patients died and there were still 130 under treatment. The percentage of deaths was 6.10. The nationalities were: Germans, 6; English, 67; Belgians, 3; Canadians, 1895; Chinese, 1; Danes, 4; Scotch, 24; French, 17; Greeks, 2; Dutch, 2; Irish, 57; Italians, 11; Jews, 3; Norwegians, 10; Russian, 1; Swedes, 6; Syrians, 23.

A Progressive Store.

The most striking feature of the Christmas display in the departmental store of Messrs. Haycock & Dudgeon, 2457 St. Catherine street, is the careful manner in which everything has been arranged to afford the intending purchaser every facility of seeing what might be suitable for Christmas. The greater opportunities for a better display afforded by their larger premises in the Stanfold block have all been used to excellent advantage, with the result that a store that but a short time ago was best known for its excellent assortment of linen and white wear, now enjoys the reputation of being able to make a specialty of every line handled by them.

In the growing competition that has manifested itself among the various departmental stores Messrs. Haycock & Dudgeon have marked out for themselves the special specialty of always having the best in every line. They considered that in doing so they would always have something for everybody and yet everything that anybody might desire.

While of course a main feature consists of a splendid display on the first floor of the fine Irish linens that have given the house its right to its name of "The Belfast Warehouse," this year it only serves to prepare the purchaser for the other displays, equally elaborate, that are to be found in the ribbon, furnishing, cloak, suit, toy, dress goods and novelty departments.

With most painstaking care the heads of the various departments have so arranged everything in their departments in such a way that the casual purchaser may secure an excellent idea not only of the high-priced articles, but of everything handled by the firm. The success that has been obtained makes a visit to the establishment most enjoyable, and in doing so achieves the end for which it was intended, namely, that of showing the customer that everything that is wanted can be procured.

During the Christmas season, in addition to the increase made in all departments special attention has been given to the toy department, situated on the second floor. What has been aimed at especially is to afford everyone an excellent opportunity to make some child happy at a very small outlay. Books, toys of all descriptions, dolls of all sizes and prices are all artistically arranged in a manner that is sure to please the little ones, and at the same time give mothers a chance to see at a glance just what will suit their purses. In addition there is the novelty department, containing varied objects best suited for a holiday gift. Leather travelling cases, portfolios, toilet sets, chatelaine bags, work boxes, glove boxes, brush and comb sets, table bells, ink stands, photograph albums and numerous other articles all assist one in quickly deciding on a gift for some particular relative or friend.

What makes a visit to the establishment particularly pleasant is that the members of the staff in the various departments are all anxious to increase the business of their own department, and in their attention to customers see that every opportunity is afforded them of getting what they want. The Christmas purchaser will be well repaid by a visit to the Belfast Warehouse during the holiday season.

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THE OFFICERS ELECTED IN MASONIC WORLD.

ZETLAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.—The annual communication of Zetland Lodge, No. 12, A. F. & A. M., C. R. was held at the Masonic Temple on Thursday evening, and besides the election of next year's officers the lodge received an official visit from R.W.Bro. W. T. McLaurin, D.D.G.M., who was accompanied by R.W.Bro. Alex. Strachan, R.W.Bro. Dr. G. W. Lovejoy, V.W. Bro. Dr. Hartley, Trinidad; V.W.Bro. James Walker, W.Bros. Wm. McLean, D. R. Kennedy, H. McK. Cockfield, A. J. Burge, A. Bunzel, N. L. Bonneau and Wm. Seale and Bro. Alfred J. Prince, of St. Beodoc Lodge, No. 1119, Harrow-on-Tyne. The officers elected were: Bro. the Rev. Frank Charters, W.M.; Bro. J. T. Smith, S.W.; Bro. W. A. Davis, J.W.; R.W.Bro. H. Dunne, secretary; V.W.Bro. J. McBeth Taylor, treasurer; V.W.Bro. W. Percival, chaplain; Bro. John Laurance, tyler; W.Bros. Charles Charters, T. Sumpson and J. T. Lesueur, permanent committee, W.Bro. W. Seale, representative to the Masonic Board of Relief; V.W.Bro. Alex. J. McRobie, representative to the Look committee. The brethren were afterwards entertained at the social board, with W. Bro. Wm. Jennings, W.M., in the chair, when the usual toasts were honoured. The D.D.G.M. congratulated Zetland upon its loyalty to the governing body which was attested by the large number of past grand officers upon its roll. He also complimented the brethren upon their selection of Worshipful Master for 1903 and spoke of the excellent work of the secretary, R.W.Bro. Dunne. Other distinctions were represented by W.Bro. D. R. Kennedy, of St. George's Lodge No. 440, E. R., and V. W. Bro. Dr. Hartley, of Trinidad. During the evening Bro. J. Poole sang, Bro. J. Greenwood gave a recitation and Bro. Seale a piano solo.

ROYAL ALBERT LODGE, A. F. & A. M.—At the annual communication of Royal Albert Lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M., Q.R., the following officers were elected: W.Bro. Dr. H. Tatley, W.M.; Bro. W. C. Hagar, S.W.; Bro. Dr. G. H. Mathewson, J.W.; W.Bro. A. D. Nelson, treasurer; Bro. M. McD. Duff, secretary; Bro. A. H. Norkett, tyler. The Grand Secretary was among the visitors, who were hospitably entertained at the close of the meeting.

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE, A. F. & A. M.—The annual communication of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 53, A.F. & A.M., Q.R., which was held in the Masonic Temple, was largely attended both by members and visiting brethren. The following officers were elected for 1903: Bro. W. F. Robertson, W.M.; Bro. J. Findlay, S.W.; Bro. W. J. Pendleton, jr., J.W.; Bro. David Guthrie, treasurer (elected for the 20th time); Bro. John Irvine, treasurer; V.W. Bro. Hannah, chaplain; Bro. W. E. Sunderland, S.D.; Bro. W. J. N. Butt, J.W.; Bro. R. Millar, D. of C.; Bro. John T. Edward, organist; Bros. T. D. Thompson, W. Hight and T. H. Hanson, stewards; Bro. J. E. Townsend, I.G.; Bro. John Laurance, tyler. P.W. Bro. J. J. E. Blackie, W. Bro. Geo. Tate and Bro. Wm. Allan, permanent councillors. Bro. W. Ware presided at the social board at the close of the meeting.

WESTMOUNT LODGE, A.F.&A.M.—R.W. Bro. W. T. McLaurin, D.D.G.M., paid an official visit to Westmount Lodge, No. 76, A.F. & A.M., Q.R., in the Victoria Hall, Westmount, at its regular December communication for the purpose of installing the newly elected officers for 1903. Among those who accompanied him were R. W. Bro. George O. Stanton, P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. J. Beamish Saul, P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. J. S. Thompson, R.W. Bro. G. R. Dewar, V.W. Bro. Dr. H. Hartley and W. Bros. Wm. Ware, Thos. Baker, Wm. McLean, Frank Smith, G. W. Hardisty, C. A. Corrigan, J. J. York and Chas. Smart. The newly installed officers are: W. Bro. J. M. Henderson, W.M.; W. Bro. Geo. S. Plow, I.P.M.; Bro. J. A. Nicholson, S.W.; Bro. W. M. Hall, J.W.; Bro. Hugh Valance, treasurer; Bro. A. E. Hanna, secretary; Bro. E. H. Watson, chaplain; Bro. T. W. C. Binns, S.D.; Rev. J. T. Stanger, J.D.; Bro. J. A. Hawthorne, D. of C.; Bro. H. H. Engelke, I.G.; Bros. R. C. Young and C. L. Davison, stewards; Bro. John Wilson, tyler. The D.D.G.M. and visiting brethren were afterwards entertained at supper, when the usual toasts were honored.

ST. PAUL'S LODGE, A.F.&A.M.—At the annual communication of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 374, A.F. & A.M., E.R., held in the lodge room, 15 McGill College avenue, the following officers were elected: Bro. J. L. M. Mather, W.M.; W. Bro. Geo. Durnford, treasurer; Bro. John Wilson, tyler.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.—At the annual convocation of Mount Hope Chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Masons, held in the Masonic Temple, the following officers were elected: V. E. Comp. W. J. Hare, Z.; V. E. Comp. J. Gordon Reid, H.P.Z.; E. Comp. A. H. Winfindale, H.; E. Comp. Carroll Ryan, J.; Comp. C. McLean, treasurer; Comp. A. J. Burge, Scribe E.; Comp. O. Fielding, Scribe N.; Comp. Thomas Ducharme, P.S.; Comp. J. Laurance, janitor.

THE CRYPTIC RITE.—Victoria Council, No. 2, Royal and Select Masters, elected the following officers at its annual meeting: Ill. Comp. J. L. Phillips, Thrice Illustrious Master; Ill. Comp. W. Lemesurier, deputy master; Comp. W. T. Anderson, principal conductor of work; Comp. Robt. Hamilton, chaplain; Ill. Com. W. Greig, recorder; Com. W. W. Williamson, treasurer; Com. George Tate, captain of guard; Com. W. M. Campbell, conductor of council; Com. H. J. Creegen, steward; Com. R. A. Blake, M. of C.; Com. John Laurance, sentinel.

GERMAN TARIFF BILL.

Measure Read Third Time After Record Sitting.

BERLIN, December 15.—The Reichstag, after holding the longest sitting on record, on Sunday morning proceeded to the ballots on the tariff bill. The introduction of the proposal created great disorder, but the debate was cheered and the motion adopted. The balloting lasted until 4.15 a.m., when the bill was read a third time by 202 votes to 100.

Hotel Burned at Levis.

QUEBEC, December 15.—Yesterday morning a fire destroyed the Temperance Hotel at Levis, owned by Augustin Bourget, and situated near the Levis ferry winter landing. An adjoining building occupied as a blacksmith shop, by a man named Carrier, was also destroyed. The loss is about $5,000.

A Western Divorce Case.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, December 15.—William A. Allen, Grenfell, Assiniboia, general agent, will apply next session for divorce from his wife, Louisa Allen.

Messrs. James A. Ogilvy & Sons.

James A. Ogilvy and Sons, in the years they have been doing business in Montreal, have acquired and deserved the reputation of carrying a stock which cannot be surpassed in the combination of a good article at a reasonable price. This has been their guiding principle, and the manner in which they are exemplifying it now in this season of Christmas trade is attracting a business which is both gratifying and satisfying to the firm. In their store at the corner of St. Catherine and Mountain streets, their ordinary stock of dry goods and millinery has been augmented to meet the increased demand which came at this time of year. A feature which is especially noticeable is the counter for laces and lace ties. Here are to be found the latest creations in this line, and they are a source of endless pleasure to the hundreds who examine them daily. This firm, as is well known, are the sole agents in Montreal for Poplin's silks, an article which has achieved a widespread popularity. Among the things in stock suitable for Christmas presents are endless number of knick-knacks of all descriptions. These are for the most part grouped together for the sake of convenience in making selections. For those who at Christmas time desire to combine the substantially useful with the pleasing or the ornamental, there are such things as eider down quilts and even a limited selection of furs. Should inclination or ability happen to reach to the extent of a new carpet for the parlour floor, a stock can be found here from which the most fastidious will have no difficulty in making a selection. What must be described as tenants' requisites are to be found in large variety. In fact, the store, in its class, contains what is calculated to suit the taste of everybody, without distinction of age or sex. Such articles as suitcases, smoking sets and other things in that line, suitable for Christmas presents in their prayer place can here be purchased to advantage, as can also perfumes, ribbons, gloves, and, generally speaking, whatever of merchandise would naturally be found in an establishment of this kind.

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CANADIAN TRADE FOR PAST FIVE MONTHS

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, December 15.—On the basis of imports for consumption and exports of domestic products only, Canada's foreign trade for five months ending November 30 last amounted to $100,852,488, an increase of $11,638,755 contrasted with the same period of last year. Imports excluding coin and bullion aggregated $86,840,081, being a gain of $6,452,736. The gain was in dutiable goods, free imports showing a slight falling off. Exports totalled $107,223,495, or $6,727,479 more than for the same five months in 1901. The total exports for the month of November only declined by a little over $1,000,000, the reduction being in products of the mine and animals and their products.

Dog Returned Without Master.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

QUEBEC, December 15.—Idas Simard, one of the best known hunters of Baie St. Paul, set out for a two days' trip to the woods in the last week of November, and has not been seen alive since. No special anxiety was felt for him when he remained a few days longer absent than had been expected, but when a day or two since, a dog which had accompanied him to the woods returned home alone, dragging with him by the mouth his master's snowshoes, it was at once feared that he had perished of cold or had been drowned. A search party has gone after him.

Found Dead Body on Cliff.

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., December 15.—Hanging on a piece of jutting rock on the face of the cliff below the falls, a policeman on Saturday found the body of Andrew George Laster, an electrician, who disappeared some time ago. The body was frozen stiff and it was found that the skull had been crushed. It is supposed that Laster lost his balance while walking along the edge of the precipice and fell. Great difficulty was experienced in removing the body. It was lowered by means of ropes into a rowboat in the river and taken to the Maid of the Mist landing.

Canadians for Cornell.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, December 15.—Prof. Robertson has arranged for a special short course in agriculture and horticulture at Cornell University for the six Canadian teachers who are now being trained at Chicago University in connection with the Macdonald scheme of consolidated rural schools. The teachers will go from Chicago to Cornell after Christmas. In April the six teachers with some others yet to be chosen, will take a special course in nature study at the Ontario Agriculture College.

Million Dollar Fire.

CANAL DOVER, Ohio, December 15.—The corrugating mills, the paint shop, the storerooms and the building containing the four mills of the West Side of the American Sheet Steel Company's mills, burned to the ground here Saturday night and the company is confronted with a loss of over $1,000,000, nearly $750,000 in finished product and the balance in buildings and machinery.

Sir Wilfrid's Programme.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, December 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be in Ottawa at New Year's, certainly not before. This is the latest information concerning the Prime Minister's movements. It is still in doubt whether Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier will go to Athabaskaville for Christmas. The probability is that they will remain at Hot Springs, Va.

Col. Pinault's Vacation.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, December 15.—Colonel Pinault, Deputy Minister of Militia, will spend a vacation of some weeks in California next month. He will sojourn for a while in San Diego and Los Angeles, and afterwards will visit Vera Cruz, Galveston and New Orleans. He will be absent for about six weeks.

Quebec Fruit Growers.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

OTTAWA, December 15.—Hon. Sidney Fisher, who left the city yesterday for Montreal, will attend the convention of the Quebec Fruit Growers' Association at Waterloo on the 16th and on the 17th will be present at an agricultural society meeting at Brome.

Prayers for Archbishop.

ALBANY, N. Y., December 15.—Bishop Doane on Saturday received a cablegram from the Chaplain of the Archbishop of Canterbury, requesting on behalf of Mrs. Temple the prayers of the American Church for the archbishop's restoration to health.

PLESSISVILLE, L. Morrisette, farmer, was struck by a G. T. R. train on Friday night and died as a result of injuries sustained.

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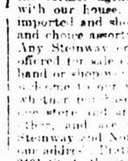
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Actions for Damages.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

WOODSTOCK, Ont., December 15.—As a result of a railway crossing accident in this city on September 13th last in which Mrs. A. Atchison lost her life, and her daughter was seriously injured, two important high court actions were instituted by the legal firm of McKay and Mahon against the Grand Trunk

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FURNISHED HOUSE, VERY ELEGANT. By furnished 12 roomed house, situated on Lorne square, completely furnished, including kitchen utensils, bedding, china and silverware fitted throughout with electric lighting and hot water heating, stable room for two horses and carriages. Immediate possession until April 15th. Apply 2 d'Aiguillette, 1 Chateau de Ramezay, or 1 Catherine street. 256 tf

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TO LET — MIDDLE FLAT NO. 1565 ST. Denis street, very comfortable, 4 rooms, ideal for month. Apply to 1115 St. Denis st. 295 2

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WANTED — TO PURCHASE A MODERN self-contained house in Westmount; must be cheap for cash. Address giving full particulars H. 1389, Star Office. 286 tf

HOUSES WANTED.

WANTED — TO RENT IMMEDIATELY, house of 4 or 5 rooms, with furnace preferred, near St. Lawrence and Sherbrooke sts. Address A. 1198, Star Office. 294 6

WANTED — SMALL COTTAGE OR flat, say about five rooms, rent not exceeding twelve dollars; immediate possession. Box K. 1461, Star Office

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WANTED FOR LIGHT MANUFACTURing purposes, 2 or 3 large flats, well lighted, location in vicinity of McGill street preferred, for or before 1st May next. Box M. 1512, Star Office. 296 2 2aw

HORSES, CARRIAGES, ETC.

FOR SALE — BAY HORSE, 15¾ HANDS, 8 yrs., good in all harness and fearless; bay pony, 13¾ hands, 5 years, several good serviceable horses, from 6 to 8 years old, suitable for delivery work; large assortment cutters, sleighs, stone and family sleighs, Berlins, express sleighs, harness, robes, etc., to be sold by auction at our depository, corner Inspector and St. James, Tuesday, 16th, at 2.30. Consignments solicited. Mr. Dave Duggan is in charge of the stable. Fraser Bros., Auctioneers. 295 2

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FOR SALE — DARK BROWN MARE, 6 years old, 16½ hands, perfectly sound, fast and stylish, first class horse for brougham. Can be seen Colin McArthur and Co., 13 Voltigeurs st. 293 9

FOR SALE — MUSK OX, BUFFALO, black and gray robes, also lot harness, horse blankets, &c., to clear before Christmas. D. Dowell, 603 and 605 St. Paul. 296 2

WANTED — TO PURCHASE A GOOD road horse, must travel around three minutes. Address K. 1453, Star Office.

FOR SALE — A FAST PACER, BROWN gelding, 15.2, 7 years old, perfectly sound and kind, an ideal track or road horse, can pace in 2.30 or better; also a fast trotter, brown gelding, 15.3, thoroughly city broken, safe for a lady to drive, can trot in 2.40 or better; also a bay gelding, 16 hands high, city broken, weighs 1200 and can road 12 miles an hour; will be sold by auction Tuesday, Dec. 16th, at 2.30 p.m. T. W. Foster and Co., Auctioneers, 597 St. Paul st.

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WANTED — OPERATORS ON SHIRT waists and blouses. Good pay. Apply at No. 4 Cote st. 160 Gaw tf

WANTED — EXPERIENCED OPERATORS on Wheeler & Wilson and Singer sewing machines; steady employment. We do not work Saturday afternoons. Apply to John P. Black and Co., 183 Vitre st. 294 tf

WANTED — FROM JANUARY 1ST, 1903, a bookkeeper, speaking French and English, in an insurance office. Reply in own handwriting, giving references and salary expected to H., Box 503, city. 292 tf

WANTED — A YOUNG MAN TO WORK in mail room and drive delivery sleigh, $5 per week; $6 when competent. Apply to Mr. Anderson, Star Mail Room, at once. 292 5

WANTED — FIRST CLASS CABINETmakers and carpenters. Canadian Pacific Car Shops, Hochelaga. 289 12

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WANTED — LATHE HANDS, DRILL press hands, brass finishers, tool makers, pattern makers and machinists. Apply Canadian General Electric Co., Limited, Peterborough, Canada. 284 tf

WANTED — BOY FOR CHEMICAL LAboratory. Apply Registrar's Office, Medical Building. 293 6

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WANTED — YOUNG MAN AS BOOKKEEPer's assistant, with 2 or 3 years' experience in general office work. Apply, giving references and all necessary information, D. 1283, Star Office. 295 3

WANTED — DINING ROOM GIRLS AND chambermaids. Grand Union Hotel.

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WANTED — MEN COMPLAINING OF cold hands or frozen fingers, to know that they can get good warm gloves and mitts in all styles and qualities from 25c to $3.50 a pair, at Allan's, corner of Craig and Bleury sts., Montreal.

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WANTED — TWO BASSES FOR A CITY choir church. Apply by letter to T. 6809, Star Branch Office. 294 5

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WANTED — A STRONG BOY TO ASSIST in kitchen. Apply Chas. M. Alexander, 219 St. James st.

WANTED — A GOOD PASTRY COOK, WOman. Apply James K. Paisley, Grand Union Hotel, Ottawa, Ont. 296 4

WANTED — YOUNG GIRL FOR GENERAL work in small apartment, must sleep at home. One living near Crescent street preferred. Apply between 5 and 8 p.m. at 80A Crescent st.

WANTED — A GENERAL SERVANT IN small family. Apply 246 University st. 296 2

WANTED, YOUNG, ACTIVE GIRL TO do general housework and wait on table. Apply at once to "The Sherbrooke," 1018 Sherbrooke st., No. 6. Must have good references. 296 2

WANTED — EXPERIENCED SHIRT operators in all departments, runners, stitchers etc., highest prices. Apply at once, Crescent Mfg. Co., and secure permanent employment 296 3

WANTED — TURNERS FOR SHIRT FACtory, only experienced hands wanted. Apply at once Crescent Manufacturing Co., 2 Inspector st. 296 6

WANTED — YOUNG GIRL TO ASSIST light housework, no washing, good wages. 57a Park avenue

WANTED — GENERAL SERVANT FOR small private family. Apply 1517 St. Denis street

WANTED — A YOUNG MAN AS CLERK IN clothing store. Apply S. Vineberg, 2196 Notre Dame st.

WANTED — FIRST CLASS PRESSER AND finisher on fine ready made coats; steady employment and best wages paid in city. Apply all week. 10 Cote st.

WANTED — AT ONCE A BRIGHT YOUNG girl to assist with general housework in a private, comfortable home. Apply 4450 Western ave. cor. Metcalfe ave., Westmount

WANTED — YOUNG BOY TO ASSIST with factory books, must be a good penman. Apply Mr. Levine, Montreal Shirt and Overall Co., Ltd., 454 St. James st. 296 2

WANTED — EXPERIENCED COLLAR shirt makers and operators to put neck bands on shirts. A. H. Sims and Co., Shirt and Collar Mfrs., 54 Latour st. 296 3

WANTED — IMMEDIATELY BRIGHT young men, stenographers and typewriters. State age, experience, salary and last employer. Address K. 1455, Star Office

WANTED — ASSISTANT AT CHAPMAN'S book store, permanent situation if satisfactory. References required.

WANTED — YOUNG MAN WANTED, ACcustomed to office work and willing to make himself generally useful, one speaking both languages preferred. Apply stating where previously or presently employed and salary expected to K. 1460, Star Office. 296 3

WANTED — GENERAL SERVANT BY three adults, living in flat. No washing; must cook well. References. 737a Sherbrooke street.

WANTED — YOUNG GIRL ABOUT 14 years old to attend door and do light work in dental office. Apply to 198 Peel st., between 7 and 8 p.m. 296 2

WANTED — AT LAMB'S MARKET A young man to drive and deliver goods. 24 University st

WANTED — PLAIN COOK. ALSO KITchen woman, no Sunday work. Betts Lunch Rooms, 1852 Notre Dame st.

WANTED — OFFICE BOY FOR LAW OFfice. Apply by letter, to Campbell, Meredith, Macpherson and Hague, Merchants Bank Building

WANTED — BOY WITH KNOWLEDGE OF shorthand and typewriting. Apply Doltman's Metropolitan Business College, 2265 St. Catherine st. 296 2

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FOR SALE — AT CARLETON PLACE, Ont., the Central Canada Foundry and Machine Works, estate of the late John Gillies, in full operation. Manufacturers of gasoline, stationary and marine engines, launches, steam engines, waterwheels, saw and grist mill machinery, shafting, pulleys, gearing, general repairing, all driven by powerful water power, railway facilities at the door, price lists of machinery and full information by addressing T. W. McDermott, trust building, Ottawa. 296 2

FOR SALE — HOTEL, ON ACCOUNT OF death, at Coteau Station, near the station; good livery stable attached to it. For information apply to C. Jasmin, or L. J. Berleau, Notary, 97 St. James st 296 5 3aw

FOR SALE — A CIGAR, STATIONERY AND barber store; best locality in the east end; will sell cheap as owner must go to the States. Apply by letter, N. 684, Star Office. 292 3 2aw

FOR SALE — A GENERAL STOCK OF merchandise and building, in complete running order, in a good town, Southwestern Manitoba. Apply L. X. C., care The Commercial, Winnipeg, Man. 296 3

FOR SALE — HOTEL BUSINESS, FURNIture, stock and five years' lease of the Revere House, Brockville. For particulars address S. Connor, Brockville, Ont 296 4

FOR SALE — SMALL DINING ROOM IN one of the busiest parts of city, doing [illegible] trade. Apply V. 1489, Star Office. 296 2

SITUATIONS WANTED.

WANTED — A SITUATION BY A YOUNG French girl for light housework, or to mind a baby. Apply Mrs. Jacobson's Employment Office, 64 Crescent st.

WANTED — JOBS OF PAINTING, PAPER hanging, decorating, kalsomining, etc., by an experienced workman; best references. Charges moderate. Address Charity Organization Society, 93 Bleury st. Tel. Main 1412. 285 15

WANTED — LADIES TO SEND THEIR order for Christmas plum pudding, mince meat; cleanliness and purity guaranteed. Mrs. Luke, 2131 St. Catherine st. 289 16

WANTED — BY COLLEGE BRED YOUNG lady position as companion, with lady or gentleman, one who travels preferred; highest references word immediately. Address Box 444, Morven, Ont., Can. 292 7

WANTED — ENGLISH LADY, WIDOW, wishes position as companion or chaperone, used to good society; would travel. S, 6560, Star Branch Office. 293 6

WANTED — SITUATION BY ENGLISHMAN as butcher in shop; well up in the family trade or manager. J. H. T., Box 122, Neepawa, Man. 294 4

WANTED—BY FIRST CLASS LAUNDRESS a washing or ironing by the day or cook ing. Apply 170 Chatham st., upstairs. 295 2

WANTED — SITUATION BY EXPERIENced cook; good city references. 8 Brunswick street. 295 2

WANTED — COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER, with good connection, Ontario and Quebec, open for engagement January first; first class references. B, 1233, Star Office. 295 4

WANTED — TRANSLATIONS DONE quickly and called for; moderate charge. 9 Esplanade avenue. 296 2

WANTED — BY THE DAY WORK OF ANY kind, washing, house or office cleaning, by a respectable woman. Apply to H. 1404, Star Office.

WANTED — WORK IN PRIVATE FAMilies by dressmaker, experienced in furs, cloaks, dresses and whitewear. Apply 407 St. Hubert st. 296 2

WANTED — SAMPLES ON SALARY OR commission by a traveller, with good connection, with general store trade in Manitoba and North-West. H, 1398, Star Office. 296 6

WANTED— SEWING, LADIES' AND CHILdren's costumes, silk waists and whitewear. 99 Mansfield st

WANTED — POSITION BY COPPERSMITH, sheet and pipe work; best references. Apply S. Elman, 23 Dupre lane. 296 2

WANTED — BY A RESPECTABLE WOman work of any kind, washing or housecleaning, stores or offices. Apply 30 Dominion avenue. 296 2

WANTED — BY RESPECTABLE WOMAN in work in small family. Address Miss McKenzie, 28 St. Elizabeth st.

WANTED — POSITION AS GENERAL SERvant or working housekeeper; no objection to leaving city. 3289½ Notre Dame st.

WANTED — BY A RESPECTABLE WOman work of any kind by the day, best of reference. Apply 33 Rivard st.

WANTED — POSITION BY YOUNG MAN as assistant bookkeeper, good stenographer; some experience and best of references. Address Adolphe Rigler, 1433 Ontario st.

WANTED — CHAIR CANING ADMIRABLY, cheaply, obligingly and durably done. Please send or write to Thos. Patterson, 172 St. Urbain st. 296 3 3aw

WANTED — BY A FIRST CLASS FRENCH cook, work by the day, an English family preferred. Apply to Mrs. Rabache, 81 Cathcart st. 296 2

WANTED— AN ENGAGEMENT AS WORking housekeeper to gentleman, cook or general servant, would like city; good references. P., 44 St. Antoine st.

WANTED — SEWING, DRESSES AND blouses, etc., at once. 1785 Ontario st.

WANTED — POSITION AFTER JANUARY, 1903, as assistant bookkeeper or in an accountant's office, would like a position. Five years' experience in bookkeeping and office work. Address L, 1497, Star Office. 296 2

WANTED — POSITION BY CAPABLE WOman as all round cook in hotel. 13 St. Edward st.

WANTED — BY A DRESSMAKER GIVING up business, sewing in private families. W. 6712, Star Branch Office. 296 2

WANTED — POSITION BY CHINESE cook. Address W. 6711, Star Branch office.

WANTED — BY A RELIABLE WOMAN stores or offices to clean. Apply 125 St. Monique st. 296 3

WANTED — A RESPECTABLE WOMAN wants a situation on the 17th as general servant in small family, is a good plain cook. Apply 60 University street.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE — FOR THE MILLION KINDling, $2 cut maple, $3.00; tamarac blocks, $2.00; mill blocks, $1.75 per load, delivered anywhere in the city. J. C. MacDiarmid, Richmond square. Bell Tel. Up 2853. 152 tf

FOR SALE—FURNITURE, CARPETS, OILcloths, refrigerators, baby carriages, go-carts, etc., etc., at lowest prices for cash or credit. H. A. Wilder and Co., 258 St. James, 2415 St. Catherine, 2080 Notre Dame. 103 tf

FOR SALE — HEINTZMAN UPRIGHT piano, $125 cash; very little used, must be sold at once, owner left town. Address A. 6562, Star Branch Office. 293 4

FOR SALE — GREAT BARGAINS, MEN'S underwear, broken lots, McKerrow's bankrupt stock, collars 50c dozen; white kid gloves, half price. Demers, 1836 Notre Dame, near McGill.

FOR SALE — LEE ENFIELD MAGAZINE match rifle, first quality, with Morris tube, sling, canvas cover, complete, $50. Seen by appointment. Address London, W, 6720, Star Branch, Office.

FOR SALE — PIANO, COST $400, UPRIGHT, American make, 7 1-3 octaves, three pedals, $85 cash; one piano $38 cash; party leaving city. 127 Alexander st. 296 3

MEDICAL.

MEDICAL PRACTICE, THIRTY YEARS' established, worth three thousand yearly, in village of South Mountain, Ont. Property and practice for sale or to rent, a snap for early purchaser; good introduction. Dr. Steacy. 294 6

ROOMS TO LET.

ROOMS — QUIET, HOME-LIKE ROOMS, newly fitted up, furnished to suit, all comforts, telephone, shower baths, grate fires, attendance, near theatres, clubs and best hotels. Call before deciding for the winter. Gentlemen only. 10 Phillips Place. 287 26

ROOMS — SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION, with home comforts, in house having every convenience; electric light; furnace; close to uptown centre. 131 St. Alexander st., opposite St. James Methodist Church. 291 6

ROOMS — TWO DOUBLE ROOMS ON PARlour flat, heated by Daisy furnace, Auer lights. Apply 91 University st. 291 6

ROOMS — FURNISHED FRONT BEDroom. 87 Union avenue. 292 5

ROOMS — TO LET PLEASANT FRONT room; breakfast and late dinner, gentlemen only; family private. 1175 St. Denis st. 293 5

ROOM — TO LET FURNISHED ROOM with quiet private family; no children. Board. 22 City Councillors st. 295 2

ROOMS — TO LET TWO LARGE BRIGHT rooms, furnished, on bathroom flat. 272a St. Antoine st. 295 2

ROOMS — NICELY FURNISHED DOUBLE and single, hot water heating, house thoroughly renovated, with board, $16 and $18 per month. Address T, 6643, Star Branch Office. 295 2

ROOMS — 3 UNFURNISHED ROOMS TO let, very convenient and easily warmed, would suit married couple; rent $6. 74½ Mansfield st. 295 2

ROOMS — FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET at 127 Alexander st. 295 3

ROOM — ONE SINGLE ROOM, NICELY furnished, house contains all conveniences. 7 McGill College ave. 295 3

ROOMS — FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHed, with use of kitchen; terms moderate. Apply at 76 Marin ave., west of Atwater ave., near St., Antoine st. 296 2

ROOMS — TO LET COMFORTABLY FURnished rooms. Apply 53 Victoria st.

ROOMS — WELL FURNISHED FRONT parlour, bed, light, bath, hot and cold water and board if desired, for two gentlemen or married couples. Home comforts. 7 Concord st., near Bleury.

ROOMS — PERMANENT OR TRANSIENT, every comfort, two baths, Daisy furnace. Special rates to gentlemen; quiet, limited number. 741 Sherbrooke st.

ROOMS — FRONT ROOM, BAY WINDOW, bathroom flat. Hot water and Auer light. 147 Metcalfe 296 3 3aw

ROOMS — TO LET, FURNISHED, ON bathroom flat, comfortably furnished double and single, hot water, Auer light, modern conveniences; terms moderate. 40 Victoria street.

ROOMS — 147 ST. ALEXANDER STREET, opposite St. James Methodist Church, furnished and unfurnished rooms, suitable for housekeeping. 296 3

ROOMS — DOUBLE AND SINGLE, NO. 9 Edward, off Bleury, comfortable, warm double and single front rooms, furnished or unfurnished. Terms reasonable.

ROOMS — ONE DOUBLE ROOM TO LET Apply to 110 Union avenue. 296 3

ROOMS — TO LET ONE OR TWO FIRST class furnished rooms, with best of accommodation and use of telephone, private. 30 St. Louis square. 296 3

ROOMS — TO LET UNFURNISHED FRONT room, suitable for married couple. Apply 33 Rivard st., upstairs.

ROOMS — TO LET FRONT PARLOUR TO let, furnished or unfurnished, house heated by stoves. Apply 1785 Ontario.

ROOMS — TO LET TWO UNFURNISHED rooms. Apply 217 Pine avenue.

ROOMS — 45 McGILL COLLEGE AVENUE, warm, comfortable double and single rooms, with or without first class board; transients 296 3

ROOMS — SUITE OF THREE ROOMS, first floor, furnished or unfurnished, with or without board; every convenience and comfort. 83 Mance st. 296 3

ROOM — A LARGE FRONT ROOM, SUITable for one or two gentlemen; terms moderate to suitable party. Address W, 6713, Star Branch Office.

ROOM — COMFORTABLY FURNISHED, warm, sunny double room, modern conveniences, suitable for one or two gentlemen. 85 City Councillors st., first house from Sherbrooke st. 296 2

ROOMS COMFORTABLY FURNISHED rooms to let, hot water heating, gentlemen only. 97 University st. 296 2

ROOMS AND BOARD.

ROOMS — AND BOARD BY THE DAY OR week. Transients accommodated. 59 St. Lawrence st., Valleyfield, Que. Address Box 69. 294 3

ROOMS — AND BOARD. LARGE WELL heated double room on bathroom floor, suitable for married couple. 92 Union avenue. 292 10

BOARD — AND ROOMS, NICELY FURnished, on bath flat, with all modern conveniences. 872 Palace st. 296 2

ROOMS — AND BOARD, FRONT ROOMS, single and double, bathroom flat, gas, etc 151 St. Lawrence st. 296 2eod

ROOMS — AND BOARD, VERY WARM, nicely furnished rooms, with board, all home comforts and conveniences 468 Guy, above St. Catherine st. 296 2

ROOMS — AND BOARD, NICE FURNISHed rooms, single and double, Auer light, telephone, 6 Osborne, opposite Dominion sq. 295 3

ROOMS WANTED.

WANTED — BY TWO LADIES EMPLOYed during the day, two large unfurnished rooms, with board, containing wardrobes. Address H, 1417, Star Office. 296 2

WANTED — ONE OR TWO FURNISHED rooms, with use of kitchen, by married couple, with a baby, within ten minutes' walk of Chabolliez square. Terms must be moderate. Address J, 1431, Star Office.

WANTED — BY A FAMILY OF TWO adults, two nice bright furnished rooms, suitable for light housekeeping; must have gas. K 1459, Star Office. 296 2

BOARD.

BOARD — AT $3.50 PER WEEK, BEST of meals in the city; breakfast and tea cooked to order. St. Elmo Restaurant, corner McGill and Recollet sts. 291 12

BOARD — MRS. SEARL, DOCTRESS, strictly private accommodation for ladies, with professional attendance; ladies treated and attended. 28 St. Monique st. 295 5

ROOMS AND BOARD WANTED.

WANTED — ROOMS AND BOARD SINgle furnished room and board for young man. Address T, 6641, Star Branch Office 295 2

WANTED — TOWARDS END OF JANUARY board and lodging for three or four months for married couple, with nineteen months old child and nurse; first class rooms required. Apply stating terms to A. C. Skelton, Bank of British North America, Toronto 296 3

STABLES TO LET.

TO LET — STABLE, NEW STABLE TO let, 6 stalls, harness room and yard in rear of 708 Lagauchetiere. J. E. Gravel, 97 St James st., room 66. 294 2 2aw

AGENTS WANTED.

WANTED — AGENTS ON SALARY OR commission; greatest agents' seller ever produced; every user of pen and ink buys on sight. 200 to 300 per cent. profit; one agent's sales amounted to $620 in six days; another $32 in two hours. Monroe Mfg. Co., X, 147, La Crosse, Wis. 294 3

WANTED — AGENTS IN CANADA FOR A side line of rapid selling goods on commission. Samples weigh about three pounds, and are put up in small case. The W. H. Linton Company, Ogdensburg, N. Y. 296 3

WANTED — COMPETENT AND RELIABLE agents to represent a well organized plate glass and identification insurance company in every locality where not already represented. Apply by letter P. O. Box 275, Montreal. 295 7

WANTED TO BORROW.

WANTED — A LOAN OF $5,000 FOR FIVE years, repayable $1000 annually; interest 6 per cent. per annum; security gild edge. Address W, 1178, Star Office. 294 6

PERSONALS.

PERSONAL — FURS, IMMENSE STOCK of Persian lamb and seal jackets, fur lined, to be trimmed capes, at $12; ruffs and capes of all descriptions, at prices that defy competition; choice mink skins from $2 up. Our repair department under experienced furriers, old furs made like new, weekly payments if desired. R. Davis and Co., 415 St. Lawrence st., 3 doors below Sherbrooke. 285 tf

PERSONAL — INFORMATION WANTED of John Harold, Mining Engineer; last heard from at Dawson City, April, 1901. His father seeks. Address 31, Windmill Road, Chiswick, London W., Eng. 293 6

PERSONAL — WILLIAM JONES, WHO was last heard of many years ago in America, is enquired for by his only sister. Address Mrs. Montagu, 57 Knight's Hill Road, West Norwood, England. 293 6

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STEADIER TONE IN LOCAL STOCKS

Decline in Richelieu on Light Sales Was a Feature.

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Decline a Point After the Opening, But Rallied Again to the High Level of Forenoon.

The correspondents of the Montreal Star in Wall Street and on the Chicago Board of Trade report that stocks were irregular, while wheat was stronger. In the local market, stocks were steady. Sales on the New York Stock Exchange Saturday were 405,300 shares.

Trading in the stock market during the forenoon was unattended by any exciting features, but the undertone was noticeably weak until Wall Street recovered from the liquidation which depressed that market for the first couple of hours of the day's operations. After prices had gone off to the level of last Friday in a number of cases there was a recovery of about a point of reassuring news about the money market and good purchases.

Canadian Pacific was heavy and strong in turns as the New York market moved. After opening at 124½ to 12⅜ compared with the latter figures at the close on Saturday, the price went off to 124¼ here and 124 in New York, but afterwards went back to 125.

A decline of two points in Richelieu to 91 on sales of 100 shares was a feature. Dominion Iron was the most active feature, but the price varied very little from Saturday, ranging from 55 to 55⅝. Toronto Rails sold off a small fraction to 111½ to 111¾, and Power sold at 88. Detroit United was a fraction down at 52. Dominion Coal sold throughout the morning at 126½.

The Montreal Clearing House returns of bank clearings to-day were $2,190,865.

Messrs. L. J. Forget and Co.'s London cable to-day quoted: Grand Trunk first, 107; second, 93¾; third, 43¾; Canadian Pacific, 128⅞; Hudson Bay, 35.

Earnings of Detroit United for November, gross increase, $35,945. Gross for eleven months, increase, $404,165.

Montreal Exchange quotations: New York Funds, between banks, 9-64 dis. to 1-65 dis.; counter, ⅛ prem.; Sterling, 60 days, between banks, 8 11-16 to 8 23-32; Sterling, demand, between banks, 9½ to 9 17-32; Sterling, cables, between banks, 9 11-16; Paris, Francs Long, between banks, 5.18¾; Paris, Francs short, between banks, 5.15¾ to 1-16; counter, 5.14⅞.

In New York at noon money on call was strong at 8¾ to 10 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling exchange flat with actual busines in bankers' bills at 4.86.875 to 4.87.125 for demand and at 4.83.25 to 4.83.50 for six day bills. Posted rates, 4.84½ and 4.88. Commercial bills, 4.82¾ to 4.83¾. Bar silver, 48. Mexican dollars, 37 3-8. The sub-treasury had a debit balance to-day of $302,855.

Messrs. J. S. Bache & Co., New York, send their Montreal manager, Mr. C. D. Monk, the following, advices over their private wire:

Americans in London irregular; L. and N.—N. Y. C. and Pennsylvania shows strength. Consols up ⅛. Payments to be made to-day: Standard Oil dividends, ten million, eight million called on N. Y. C.; refunding syndicate and third instalment of 10 per cent. on underwriters of Distillers' Securities Corporation is due to-morrow. Anthracite shipments hampered by storms. Pacific Cable landed at San Francisco. J. J. Hill flatly denies the authenticity of recent bearish interview emanating from Chicago. It is said the Trenton Malleable Iron Company will not enter the twenty million western combination.

J. B. Picken & Co., stock and exchange brokers, received the following New York advices over their private wire:

The market at noon exhibited a decidedly firmer tone. It was materially helped by the cessation of urgent liquidation and purchase of about 35,000 shares for foreign account. Some reassuring utterances from principal banking interests was also an important influence in the recovery. Atchison com. soon got sold out, and traders covered shorts. Manhattan acted well. Sugar was not weak at any time and apart from the general monetary market conditions, lower Wall street was bullish. There is authority for saying the effectual steps have been taken to ease the loan situation. Exchange 4.87.

Messrs. Burnett & Co., stock brokers, to-day received the following New York advices over their private wire:

The high money rates had a depressing influence on foreign exchange, and the market opened rather weak at about 4.86.90 to 4.87. The Sun says to-day: The temper of speculation in Wall street is, despite all that has happened, bullish. It is realized that the railways and the industrial concerns of the land are making magnificent earnings, and that they are all in fine shape. Their value, as measured by earnings, has increased, subject only to the as yet undetermined drawback of the increase in necessary expenses. The orders ahead in the steel and other trades seem to insure another profitable year in general business. Conservative bankers declare that they do not look for any pronounced ease in money before the middle of February or perhaps not until the end of the winter. Wall street remembers, however, that many of the bankers who are now declaring that they see tight money ahead for an indefinite period, were large lenders of funds for six months at 4¾ per cent in July and August, and at that time declared that money would remain easy throughout the year. It may be these bankers are mistaken now as they were before. A consideration, which should be carefully weighed by every one attempting to form an opinion as to the probable future course of the market, is the great fall that has taken place in the price of stocks. The quoted values of the securities dealt in on the New York Exchange is now hundreds of millions of dollars less than it was three months ago, and the prices of the leading stocks are down nearly $25 a share from the highest point touched by them during the year. This shows that the safety valve has been held open pretty wide.

Among the Toronto sales were: C.P.R., 2296 at 124½ to 125, Canadian General Electric, 5 at 139, R. and O. Nav., 100 at 90¾; Twin City, 375 at 112½ to 113, Dominion Steel, 300 at 55¼ to 55¾, Dominion Coal, 15 at 127, Superior, 400 at 8¾ to 9.

LONDON closing quotations for money 92 9-16, do. for account, 92 7-8, Anaconda, 4 1-16, Atchison, 80 3-8, do. pfd., 99 3-4, B. and O., 96 3-4, Canadian Pacific, 128 1-4, Chesapeake and Ohio, 45 1-4, Chicago G. West, 25 3-4, Chicago Mil. and St. P., 172 1-2, De Beers, 22 3-8, Erie, 37 1-4, Rio Grande, do. 74, do. pfd., 94 1-2, Grand Trunk, 9 1-2, do. 1st pfd., 63, do. 2nd pfd., 45, Illinois Central, 143, Louis. and Nash., 122, Mex. Nat., 20, Ont. and Pac., 53 1-4, New York Central, 134 1-2, Norfolk and Western, 69 3-4, do. pfd., 93, Ont. and Western, 43 1-2, Penna., 67 1-4, Rand mines, 11 3-8, Reading, 58 1-2, do. 1st pfd., 83, do. 2nd pfd., 75, Southern Ry., 29 7-8, do. pfd., 93 1-2, Southern Pacific, 68 1-4, Union Pacific, 97 5-8, do. pfd., 92 1-2, U. S. Steel, 34 1-8, do. pfd., 89 1-2, Wabash, 25 1-4, do. pfd., 46 1-4, Bar silver firm, 22 1-4d per ounce. Money, 4 1-4 to 5 1-2 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 5 3-4 to 5 7-8 per cent., do for three months bills is 5 11-16 to 5 13-16 per cent.

Morning Sales.

Canadian Pacific, 10 at 124 1-2, 25, 100 at 125, 125 at 124 3-4, 100 at 124 1-4, 100, 100, 25, 25 at 124 1-2, 25, 50 at 124 3-4, 50 at 124 5-8, 100 at 125, 100 at 124 7-8.

Toronto Rails, 25 at 111 3-4, 25 at 111 1-2, 25 at 111 3-4.

Twin City, 25 at 113.

Power, 25, 25 at 88.

Richelieu, 50, 50 at 91.

Detroit United, 25, 25, 25 at 52.

Bell Telephone, 1 at 160.

Dom. Coal, 25, 25, 25, 25 at 126 1-2.

Dom. Iron, 200, 200, 125, 25, 50, 100, 50 at 55, 50 at 55 1-4, 25 at 55 1-2, 150 at 55 1-4, 25, 100 at 55 1-8, 25 at 55 1-4.

Cable, 100 at 175.

Dom. Iron bonds, $5,000 at 88 3-4, $10,000 at 89, $2,000 at 88 1-2, $5,000 at 88 3-4.

Bank of Montreal, 3 at 269.

Merchants Bank, 10 at 161.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Specially reported for the Star by C. D. Monk, 16 St. Sacrament street, local manager for J. S. Bache and Co., New York, over direct private wire.

Stocks.	Dec. 13 Out	Dec. 13 2.30	Dec. 18 Open	Dec. 18 Close
Amalgamated Copper	54	55⅜	55¾	55⅝
American Loco com	25	25	26	25½
Do do pref	110	120⅜	120¼	120¼
Amer Sugar Refin Co				
Do do pref				
Am Smelg. & Ref Co	37⅛	39		
Anaconda Mills Co	47	48		
A Top & St Fe	79	79¼	80⅜	80⅜
Do do pref	96⅜	97⅜	97½	97½
Baltimore & Ohio	94	98½	95⅝	95⅝
Do do pfd				
Brooklyn, R T	61	62		
Chic & Alton Com	30	30¾		
Can Pacific	125	125⅜	126⅛	126
Canada Southern				
Ches & Ohio	44	44¼	44⅝	44⅝
Chicago & N W	141			
Chic Mil & St Paul	168	168¾	169⅝	170⅜
Colorado Southern	23½	25		
Consolid'd Gas N Y	206	206¾		
Con Fuel & Iron	75	75¾		
Corn Products	27	27		
do pfd				
Cleveland C C & St L				
Detroit United Ry				
Delaware L & W				
Den & Hudson	150½	155⅜		
Denver Rio G com	35⅝	35⅝		
Do pref	85	87		
Duluth, S S & Atl				
Do do pref	22	22½		
Great North. Ry pf				
General Electric	174	175		
Jersey Central				
Iowa Cen. com				
Do do pref				
Kansas & Texas com	22⅜	23⅜		
Do do pref	51	51¾		
Louisville & Nashville	118	118⅜	120⅜	120⅜
Manhattan Elevated	143	144¼	144¼	144
Missouri Pacific	102	103	103	102⅜
Minn. St. P & S. S. M.	68	68		
Do do pref.	121	124½	124	122⅝
Metropolitan St Ry	153	154¾		
N Y Central & Hud	149	150½	151½	151
Erie Railroad	29¾	30⅝	30⅝	30¾
Do do 1st pref	61	60½		
Do do 2d pref	47¾	47¾		
N.Y. Ontario & West	26⅝	27	27⅝	27⅝
Northern Securities				
Norfolk & Western	67¼	68		
Omaha, com				
Pacific Mail				
Pennsylvania Ry	151	161¼	153	152⅝
Pressed Steel, com	36	36		
Pressed Steel, pref	89½	89½		
People's Gas	78¼	78¼		
Phila & Read	56	57¼	57⅛	56⅞
Do do 1st pref	84¾	84¾		
Do do 2d pref	57½	57½		
Southern Ry com	29	29⅝	30	29⅝
Do do pref	90	90		
Southern Pacific	57½	57⅞	58⅜	58⅛
Tenn Coal & Iron	53	53⅜	53⅜	53⅜
Texas Pacific	37⅞	37⅞	39	39
Twin City				
U S Leather Com	11	10⅞		
Do do pref	88¾	88¾		
U S Steel Com	30⅝	31⅛	32⅜	31⅞
U S steel, pref	81	81	81⅝	81⅛
U S rubber, com			15⅝	15⅝
Union Pacific Com	95	95⅞	96⅝	96⅝
Do do pref	90½	90½		
Wabash	24¾	25		
Do do pref	38⅝	37		
Western Union	87¾	87	87⅜	87⅜
Wis Cen com	23	23⅜		
Do do pref	48⅛	48		

MONTREAL MINING EXCHANGE.

Following are the sales at this morning's session of the Mining Exchange:

1,000 cons., 1,500 at 3.

City of Cobalt, 50 at 3.70.

Mont. and London, 2,000 at 3.4.

North Star, 500 at 10.

MORNING BOARD.

Specially reported for the Star by R. Mercdith and Company, Mining Brokers, 57 St. James street.

Monday, December 15, 1902, 12.30 p.m.

Par Values of Shares. Stocks	Sellers.	Buyers.
1.00 North Star	11	7
1.00 Payne	12	9
1.00 Slocan Sov	4½	
1.00 Can. Gold Fields Syn	4	3
1.00 St. Eugene	25	15
1.00 Rambler Cariboo	40	20
1.00 War Eagle	22	16½
.60 Centre Star	41	37½
1.00 Iron Mask		
1.00 California	2½	1¾
0.00 Evening Star	4	2
0.10 Monarch		
1.00 Cariboo Hyd.		
.60 Cariboo McKinney	21	16
1.00 Virtue	8¾	5
0.00 Montreal-Oregon		
1.00 Republic	10	
1.00 Big Bull	11	5
.60 Mountain Lion	22	
.60 Sam Poll	20	
1.00 Deer Trail Con	3	
1.00 Granby Con	3.60	3.25
1.00 Fairview	6	
1.00 Dominion Consolidated	4	3
0.—4 Montreal, London	1¼	¾
UNLISTED STOCKS.		
Montreal & Boston	3.00	2.00
1.00 Monte Cristo	2	
1.00 Giant	4½	3½
1.00 White Bear	3	
1.00 Majestic	2	
1.00 Big Three	1¼	
0.10 Morrison		
1.00 London & Richelieu		
1.00 Golden Crown	4	
1.00 Winnipeg		

Toronto Grain Market.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

TORONTO, December 15.—Call Board quotations:

Wheat, No. 2 Ontario red winter offered at 70c high freight, and at 69½c east, without bids. No. 1 white offered at 70c east, without bids.

Barley, No. 2 offered at 42c on Midland, and feed barley at 41c high freights on C.P.R., and at 43c low freight to New York, with 42½c bid.

Peas, No. 2 white, 67c bid east, without sellers.

Oats, No. 2 white offered at 31c outside, and at 31c low freight to New York, with 31c bid en route to New York. No. 2 mixed offered at 31½c east and at 32½c to arrive on track at Toronto, without bids.

Rye, No. 2 offered at 51c east with 50c bid.

Grain Stocks in Montreal.

The following table shows the stock of grain in store in Montreal on the dates mentioned:

	Dec. 13, 1902	Dec. 6, 1902	Dec. 14, 1901
Wheat	82,558	107,209	56,381
Corn	11,898	42,989	12,514
Peas	27,071	21,718	18,478
Oats	89,815	39,553	176,664
Barley	82,108	80,931	61,757
Rye	2,405	2,405	21,353
Buckwheat	1,761	1,889	5,557
Flour	9,091	9,948	16,622
Meal	935	781	485

VISIBLE SUPPLY U. S. AND CANADA.

	Dec. 15, 1902	Dec. 8, 1902	Dec. 16, 1901
Wheat	48,151,000	45,940,000	59,356,000
Corn	5,499,000	3,895,000	11,187,000
Oats	6,193,000	6,786,000	5,742,000

WHEAT IN SIGHT

	Dec. 15, 1902	Dec. 8, 1902	Dec. 16, 1901.
Visible supply U. S. and Canada	48,151,000	45,940,000	59,356,000
On passage to U. K.	16,240,000	17,520,000	21,040,000
On passage to Continent	8,192,000	11,520,000	10,720,000
Total	72,583,000	74,980,000	91,116,000

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STREET GOSSIP AND STOCK EXCHANGE ECHOES.

STAR OFFICE, Monday, December 15.

Competent financial authorities assert that the stock markets are not yet clear of the troubles due to the monetary situation and the great uncertainty of the future course of events is urged as a reason for the observance of further patience and caution. The market would appear, therefore, to be entering on another week of anxiety for the speculative forces. There appears to be little hope for improvement in the local arena so long as Wall Street continues with the present cloud hanging over it. On Saturday the local market continued feverish after the big breaks of Thursday and Friday, and while there may be temporary improvements after severe shake outs, nothing permanent is looked for until a decided change comes over the feeling in New York.

Gross railway earnings in Canada in November, as compiled by Dun's Agency, were $3,888,000, a gain of $392,000, or 11.2 per cent. Gross earnings of all railroads in the United States reporting for November, $59,284,352, a gain of 7.0 per cent. over last year, and 20.5 per cent. over 1900.

Bank exchanges in the United States have fallen off heavily, partly due to large decrease in stock dealings at New York compared with both preceding years, which for the week under review are much less than half the total transactions at the New York Stock Exchange last year. The difference in stock dealings will, however, account for only part of the loss in bank exchanges. There is quite a large loss all along the line. Total exchanges last week at all leading cities in the United States, $1,912,210,122, a decrease of 14.7 per cent. compared with last year, but a gain of 7.0 per cent. over 1899.

The selling of Dominion Steel was the feature of the general market in Boston on Friday, says the Journal, and as against this supporting orders in considerable numbers came from Montreal sources.

A dividend of 2 per cent. for the past six months on Canadian General Electric preferred and of 5 per cent. for the past six months on the common will be paid December 31. Books close from December 20 to 30.

Secretary Shaw declines to enter into a discussion of the money situation, but there is good authority for saying that the Treasury Department believes that the condition of monetary affairs in New York is of no legitimate concern to the Government.

The action of the directors of the American Grass Twine Company in rescinding the recent declaration of a dividend of 1¼ per cent. for the quarter, and ordering the payment of only ¾ of 1 per cent., merits the just criticism made in conservative financial circles says the New York American. It is absolutely inexplicable that a board of directors, on December 8, should order the regular dividend, and three days later discover that, "owing to the state of the money market," it was advisable to reduce the payment. What connection can the payment of the dividend have with the money market? In only two ways could the influence of high money be felt, and no doubt the directors who have taken this remarkable step would deny vehemently the existence of either condition. The first was that the dividend money was to be borrowed, and the second that the company was already borrowing such a large sum that it was deemed best to hold the dividend money in the treasury.

In a review of the market Henry Clews says: "Until it is proved that January disbursements and settlements can be safely passed, there will be no real improvement in the stock market. The monetary situation is still the controlling factor, and the fact that immediate conditions are unfavourable to speculative operations appears to be thoroughly appreciated. Money continues scarce and high, because credit has been over-expanded, because the legitimate demand for currency is exceedingly large, because the country is encumbered with an inelastic currency system, and because large sums are still locked up in syndicate operations. There has been considerable liquidation during the last three months, owing to the caution of banks, and the heavy foreign debt incurred by American borrowings in Europe last year has been materially reduced. To this extent the financial situation has been improved; yet the financial horizon is not by any means clear, and long distance view calls for continued prudence."

Formal announcement has been made that arrangements had been completed for a merger of the National Bank of the United States and the Western National Bank, the capital stock of the first named bank to be increased to $10,000,000 and its name to be changed to the Western National Bank of the United States in New York, after its absorption of the other bank has been effected. The significance of the big banking deal lies in the fact that it will bring into harmony the large insurance and financial interests of the Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Equitable Life Assurance Society, as well as of the Morton Trust Company, the Mercantile Trust Company and the Prudential Insurance Company of Newark.

Live Stock Market.

There was an active trade at the East End cattle market this morning. The offerings were large, and the proportion of good animals was greater than usual, owing to the near approach of Christmas. The attendance of butchers was larger than usual, and the turn over was fully up to what it was expected to be, though a number of animals remained unsold at noon. Quite a few stall-fed cattle from Toronto sections were on the market, and these sold at around 4 1-2c; good to choice cattle sold at 4c; fair to good, 2 to 3 1-2c; common to fair at 2 1-2 to 3c; common at 2c, and common bulls and canners at 1 1-2c. Offerings of cattle from all points amounted to 1,000 head.

About 600 sheep were offered, and these sold at 3c all around. The receipts of lambs were not very heavy, being only about 300 head in all. Prices ran very high as they have been doing for some time past, the range being from 4 1-4 to 4 1-2c a pound.

Receipts of calves amounted to 200 head, and these sold at from $1.00 to $10.00 each.

PHILADELPHIA.—Benjamin F. Dennison, treasurer of the American Baptist Publication Society, died at his residence in this city to-day.

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Live Hogs Firm, But Steady.

The market for live and country dressed hogs was firm to-day, and there was an active demand for everything offering.

HOGS—Straight receipts sold at 6¾c off cars, demand being good.

Abattoir dressed hogs are quoted at 8½c under a fair demand.

Country dressed hogs are selling at 7 1-2c for the general run, the stock being all frozen now.

PORK—Heavy Canada short mess, barrels, $25, long cut, $24, heavy, or light short clear, $24, short cut backs, $24, heavy flanks, $23.

HAMS—Large hams, 12c; medium size, 13½c; extra small, 13¾c; with bone out, rolled, 15c; choice picnic hams, 12c.

BACON—Breakfast boneless, 15c; Wiltshire sides, 15c; Windsor backs, 14c; green, bone in, not smoked, flank, 11c; long clear, 11c.

LARD—Choice refined, compound, in 20-lb wooden pails, 9c, and more for smaller packages; extra pure, in pails, 11¼c; finest kettle, pails, 12¼c.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

NEW YORK, December 15.—Copper nominal, unchanged. London weak at £50 6s 3d. Lead firmer, unchanged. London, £10 16s 3d.

International Mercantile Agency.

The International Mercantile Agency of New Jersey, whose Canadian headquarters are in the Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraph building, of which Mr. W. T. Stewart is general manager in the Dominion, desire it to be known that they have no connection whatever with the International Mercantile Agency of Toronto. The latter is working under a charter from the Ontario Government, while the former has a capital of $10,000,000, has its head office in New York City, and has made a cash deposit with the Dominion Government. Among the directors of the company are: Hon. Robert Mackay, of Montreal; S. F. McKinnon, of Toronto; John Macfarlane, Montreal; Charles Chaput, Montreal; E. L. Goodd, Toronto; John Flett, Toronto; A. E. Wallace, St. Thomas, Ont.; J. P. Daxes, Montreal; Add. G. W. Sadler, Montreal; James Robinson, Montreal; J. I. Long, Collingwood; W. K. George, Toronto; W. D. Long, Hamilton.

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Steady Cotton Market.

Mr. D. M. Sexton, cotton broker, No. 3 St. Sacrament street, manager for Atwood, Violett & Co., New York, reports the cotton market in New York opening at an advance of 5 to 9 points over Saturday's close.

The various options at the opening were as follows:

Jan., 8.40; Feb., 8.29; March, 8.30; April, 8.22-34; May, 8.25; June, 8.26-28; July, 8.29; Aug., 8.29; Dec., 8.26.

The strike in New Orleans is reported broken owing to the Illinois Central Railway's prompt action in bringing 350 men from Mississippi and Tennessee. The union longshoremen have decided to work with these imported cotton handlers, although the latter are not union men.

The Liverpool cotton market opened strong, 2 point up, and at 12.30 was 3 1-2 up, closing 1 over the highest figure.

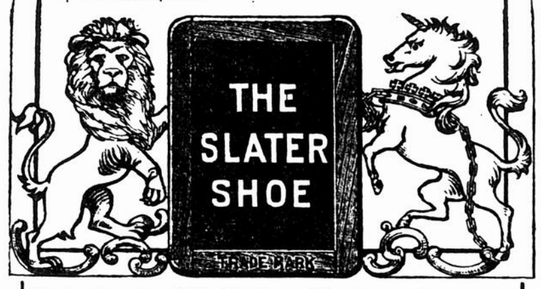
Spot market was 2 up. Sales, 8,000. Quotations at 12.30 were as follows:

Jan., 8.41; Feb., 8.29; March, 8.33; May, 8.36; June, 8.34; July, 8.28; Aug., 8.21; Dec., 8.26.

WINNIPEG, Man. — E. R. Coleman, chief clerk and accountant of the Winnipeg land titles office, is dead aged 60 years.

Shredded Whole Wheat and Biscuit

Creamed Fish.
Six Shredded Wheat Biscuit.
1 pint cold milk. 2 tablespoons butter. 2 tablespoons Entire Wheat Flour, dash cayenne pepper, 1 pint hot milk. ½ pound picked fish. Blend the butter, flour and pepper, add the hot milk a little at a time, cook two minutes, then add the picked fish and serve on the Biscuit.

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BAILIFF'S SALE — PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. District of Montreal. No. 2224. Circuit Court. N. Deslauriers, Plaintiff, vs. E. Denman, Defendant. On the 24th day of December, 1902, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at the domicile of the said Defendant, No. 957 St. Catherine street, in the City of Montreal, will be sold, by authority of Justice, all the goods and chattels of the said Defendant, seized in this cause, consisting of piano, household furniture. Terms cash. L. GRAVEL, B. S. C. Montreal, Dec. 15th, 1902

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Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Public Works, for eight hundred dollars ($800.00), must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

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

By order,
FRED GELINAS,
Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 9th December, 1902.
Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it. 295 2 2aw

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.
DISTRICT OF MONTREAL.
In the Superior Court.
No. 574.
Hermann H. Wolff and John Wolff, both of the City and District of Montreal, and Ferdinand Samuel Warlury, of the City of Berlin, in the Empire of Germany, all carrying on business together in the City and District of Montreal, as importers, under the firm name of Hermann H. Wolff and Co., Plaintiffs, vs. Israel Blumental and Hyman Lazarus Blumental, both of the City and District of Montreal, formerly carrying on business together as Merchant Tailors and Clothiers in said City and District of Montreal, under the firm name of I. H. Blumental and Sons, Defendants.
The Defendant Israel Blumental is ordered to appear within one month.
Montreal, December 11th, 1902.
E. BRANCHAUD,
Deputy Prothonotary.
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BAILIFF'S SALE — PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. District of Montreal. No. 1145. Circuit Court. In Veronique Hays, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel Benger, Defendant, on the 24th day of December, 1902, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at the domicile of the said Defendant, No. 563 St. Christophe street, in the City of Montreal, will be sold, by authority of Justice, all the goods and chattels of the said Defendant, seized in this cause, consisting of household furniture, etc. J. B. TRUDEAU, B. S. C. Montreal, 15th December, 1902.

BAILIFF'S SALE — PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. District of Montreal. No. 4803. Circuit Court. Money & Weight Scale Co., Plaintiffs, vs. J. Lafleur, Defendant. On the 24th day of December, 1902, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, at the business place of said Defendant, No. 51 Bonsecours Market, in the City of Montreal, will be sold by authority of Justice, all the goods and chattels of the said Defendant, seized in this cause, consisting of scales, etc. 10cr. etc. Conditions cash. J. A. RIS-1902. SONNETTE, B.S.C. Montreal, 15th December.

BAILIFF'S SALE — PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. District of Montreal. No. 12,287. Circuit Court. In Dame Ellen E. Ryan, Plaintiff, vs. E. Ryan, Defendant. On the 24th day of December, 1902, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at the domicile of said Defendant, No. 267 Mountain street, in the City of Montreal, will be sold, by authority of Justice, all the goods and chattels of the said Defendant, seized in this cause, consisting of furniture, etc. Conditions cash. ED. DESROCHES, B. S. C. Montreal, 15th December, 1902.

BAILIFF'S SALE — PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. District of Montreal. No. 1011. Circuit Court. The City of Montreal, Plaintiff, vs. Charles Chapp, Defendant. On the 24th day of December inst., 1902, at 11 of the clock in the forenoon, at the domicile of the said Defendant, at No. 264 St. Urbain street, in the City of Montreal, will be sold, by authority of Justice, all the goods and chattels of the said Defendant, seized in this cause, consisting of furniture, etc. Terms of sale cash. GEO. H. DESORMEAU, B. S. C. Montreal, 15th December, 1902.

BAILIFF'S SALE — PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. District of Montreal. No. 10648. Circuit Court. James L. Warren, Plaintiff, vs. Joseph G. Bonin, Defendant. On the 24th day of December, 1902, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, at the domicile of the said Defendant, No. 376 Lagauchetiere, in the City of Montreal, will be sold by authority of Justice, all the goods and chattels of the said Defendant, seized in this cause, consisting of pictures and household furniture, etc. H. A. CINQ MARS, B. S. C. Montreal, December 15th, 1902.

BAILIFF'S SALE — PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. District of Montreal. No. 12288. Circuit Court. A. Leblanc, Plaintiff, vs. A. J. Normandin, Defendant. On the 24th day of December, 1902, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, at the domicile of the said Defendant, No. 1008 St. Catherine st., in the City of Montreal, will be sold, by authority of Justice, all the goods and chattels of the said Defendant, seized in this cause, consisting of household furniture, etc. H. A. CINQ MARS, B.S.C. Montreal, December 15th, 1902.

BAILIFF'S SALE — PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. District of Montreal. No. 4843. Circuit Court. Money & Weight Scale Co., Plaintiffs, vs. J. Lafleur, Defendant. On the 24th day of December, 1902, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, at the business place of said Defendant, No. 51 Bonsecours Market, in the City of Montreal, will be sold by authority of Justice, all the goods and chattels of the said

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Manicure Sets	$2.00 to $7.50

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Toilet Cases	$1.50 to $14.00
Handkerchief Boxes	65c to $3.15
Glove Boxes	50c to $4.00
Shaving Cases	85c to $6.25
Work Boxes	50c to $4.15
Manicure Sets	$1.75 to $3.15
Smoking Sets	$1.15 to $3.15
Cuff and Collar Boxes	50c to $3.75

Leather Goods

Dressing Cases	$1.50 to $20.00
Jewel Cases	50 to 12.50
Writing Folios	50 to 18.00
Music Folios	85c to 10.00
Collar Boxes	2.75 to 8.75
Shaving Cases	50 to 2.00
Card Cases	2.00 to 8.00
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ELECTION CASE IS READY FOR DECISION

Arguments in St. James Division Matter Heard on Saturday.

THE DIFFERENT ADDRESSES

Thought Probable That Their Lordships Will Early Give a Decision.

The argument in the St. James election case closed on Saturday. The only point at issue is the disqualification of Mr. Joseph Brunet, which is sought to be by the petitioner. The respondent, while admitting corporate frauds, disclaims any personal responsibility for them, and alleges that these frauds did not affect the result of the election.

Mr. E. J. Bisaillon, K.C., counsel for the petitioner, Mr. Bergeron, opened the argument. He recalled the evidence of Mr. Brunet that he had given $4,000 for two elections, while Mr. Brault said he had used $2,500 in the contested election. This money was kept in a bag and paid out on "bons" or orders sent by Arthur Brunet, Fontaine, Melancon and others. The proofs of these payments had been deliberately destroyed by the respondent himself, who had reported his expenditure to the returning officer at $6.50. His legal agent reported that he had had no knowledge of any expenditure whatever. The agent admitted going to committees, but seemed to think these had been organized through the popular effervescence of opinion in favour of the respondent.

The failure to make a correct report of the expenditure was in itself a penal offence under the Election Act, and sufficient to entail disqualification. He quoted Busby's Election Manual to show that failure to comply with the requirements of the act with regard to statements of expenditure constitutes prima facie evidence that the money thus expended was used for corrupt practices. In the Bendley case, in England, the courts declared that a candidate who paid money to any one not his agent was thereby guilty of a corrupt practice.

Some courts have relieved the candidate of direct responsibility or disqualification when they had come before the court and declared that the corrupt practices had been committed without their knowledge and against their express orders. In the present case it was entirely different. The evidence showed that all means of tracing the money had been destroyed by the respondent himself. The courts have repeatedly held that wilful ignorance of electoral manoeuvres was the same as actual participation in them. In support of this he quoted the remarks of the judges in the South Grey case, where the respondent's agent had destroyed the vouchers, and in the London case, where the candidate had paid out large sums of money, but had stipulated he was to know nothing of their method of use. In the Chambly election case, Mr. Jodoin, the sitting member, had been disqualified because his election agent, Mr. Raymond Prefontaine, now a Minister of the Crown, had paid out large sums received from the candidate to one Gibeau, a hotel keeper, for the board, lodging, drinks and cigars, as well as the travelling expenses of speakers brought to the county in favour of Mr. Jodoin. Mr. Prefontaine had admitted having kept a detail in a little book which he had destroyed, and the hotel keeper had declared that he had rendered an account to Mr. Prefontaine, who in turn had shown it to Mr. Jodoin, but at the trial none of them could remember any of the details, and for that reason the election was annulled and the member disqualified.

ENGLISH LAW MUST APPLY.

Mr. F. deS. Bastien who followed argued that English law and English jurisprudence must apply. The legal presumption was that a candidate who paid out money without controlling the expenditure and without making note of it in his election returns paid it out for acts of corruption. Brault had made, by respondent's orders, illegal payments, since all payments must be ordered by the legal agent, whereas in the present case they had been ordered by Arthur Brunet, Fontaine and others. When the telegraphers were being paid, the money ran out. Brault sent to Joseph Brunet for a further amount, and when the crowd rushing in to be paid got so rough that they could not be managed, Brault, according to respondent Brunet's evidence, had telephoned to respondent to have the police sent up. Then Arthur Brunet, who has his office in the same suite as respondent, was so annoyed by telegraphers looking for their money that he had to call detectives to protect him. Is it to be supposed, under the circumstances, that the respondent did not know that telegraphers were being paid with the money he had given Brault for the election? He had never protested against these payments and, therefore, the legal presumption is that he authorized them.

ARGUMENT FOR MR. BRUNET.

Mr. Solomon Roy opened the argument for Mr. Brunet with the statement that there had been much exaggeration. It had been said that $2,500 had been spent. For a city division, with over 12,000 voters on the list, that was a remarkably small sum. It cost a lot of money to carry on an election.

The Court—"Then you do not share the opinion of Mr. Brunet's legal agent that an election might be carried on for $6.50?"

Mr. Roy—"No, Your Lordships, I must confess that I do not possess that naive candor."

Proceeding, Mr. Roy said they must all deplore the tearful irregularities that had been committed in poll 37. None regretted them more than did the respondent. One party to the case could reproach the other, however, for if Mr. Bergeron's representative had done his duty, it would not have been possible to commit the frauds. Mr. Bergeron, however, could not be blamed for that. It simply went to show that in a big election it was difficult to avoid having unreliable people in some of the polls.

He argued, however, that the frauds proved made a difference of less than two hundred, and therefore a majority of 647 could not be thus overturned.

It was unreasonable to ask the court to annul an election when the respondent, by his popularity had, despite adverse influences within his own party, rolled up a majority of over six hundred votes. To win an election a candidate must not kneel down and pray. He must get out and work and canvass. He must spend money organizing committees, and doing necessary work, provided for by the Election Act. No system of telegraphs had been proved, and there was nothing to connect Mr. Brunet with the telegraphing which had been proved. Mr. Brault was really the agent of the candidate, and though there may be a slight irregularity in the method of procedure, it was not sufficient to void the election. As a lawyer he had a right to hope that in the present case his views would prevail, though his opinion was contrary to that of most other people.

Mr. Philippe Roy, K.C., M.L.A., continued the argument. He recalled that many who had overturned the constitution had afterwards become popular heroes. The election law was a part of the constitution, and while they all deplored the acts of irresponsible young men in the present case, he did not believe that there was sufficient evidence to annul the election. He then argued that no extensive system of telegraphing had been proved, and that no agency had been shown on the part of those who had committed the frauds.

Mr. Bisaillon replied that he was in possession of evidence to show the existence of four squads of telegraphers like that already proved to have existed. He had not produced further proof, because the court had intimated that no more was needed. As to the agency, the respondent had admitted giving the money to Brault, and the latter had admitted paying telegraphers on orders of Arthur Brunet and one Fontaine, while the respondent had failed to disclaim the illegal acts.

The Court asked that the record be sent up as soon as possible, in order that there might be no delay in rendering judgment.

ELECTRICAL EXPERT VISITS THE CITY.

Mr. O. W. Braun, electrical engineer to the Board of Railway Commissioners for New South Wales, arrived in the city yesterday in order to inspect the chief railway centres of Canada. For some time past Mr. Braun has been visiting the railway centres of Great Britain and the continent with a view of gathering the latest information in the way of new electrical appliances. In discussing the railway situation in New South Wales Mr. Braun pointed out that at the present time there are 4,000 miles of railway, 120 miles of electrical tramway and about thirty miles of steam street railway in the country, all of which was controlled by a railway commission. That this had proved a benefit to the country was shown by the fact that public opinion in the country was more strongly in favour of state owned railways than ever before.

Coronation Choir To-morrow.

This concert at the Windsor Hall promises to be a great success, and by special request some of the numbers rendered at the coronation will be given, as well as a humorous musical sketch, by Mr. Dudley Causton, the famous English entertainer. The following is the programme:

Madrigal—"This Pleasant Month of May" The Gentlemen of the Choir.

Part song "Oh Hush Thee, My Baby"—Coronation Choir.

Song "The Yeoman's Wedding Song"—Mr. Herbert Hilton.

Song "Ailsa Mine"—Mr. Edward Brancombe.

New song "A Land of Roses"—Madame Marie Hooton.

Quartet—"O a' the Airts the Wind Can Blaw" Messrs. Coward, Branscombe, Archdeacon and Hilton.

Song—"Swallows"—Master George Forsythe.

Glee—"When Allen-a-Dale Went a-Hunting" Coronation Choir.

Coronation Music "O Hearken Thou"—Sir A. Sullivan, "Let My Prayer," Henry Purcell.

Old German folk song—"The Ring and the Rose" Gentlemen of the Choir.

Song "Nirvana" Mr. James Leyland.

Scotch song "Down the Burn"—Madame Marie Hooton.

Song—"O Hear the Wild Winds Blow"—Mr. Albert Archdeacon.

Vocal waltz "Blow Soft Winds"—The boys of the party.

Scotch song—"Mary of Argyll"—Mr. Percy Coward.

Humorous musical sketch—Mr. Dudley Causton.

Part song—"The Dawn of Day."

The Late Mr. Arthur Hollinshead.

The death is announced of Mr. Arthur Hollinshead, an English gentleman, who for the past three or four years worked hard to obtain powers from the Provincial Government to establish a large abattoir. Mr. Hollinshead, by pen and argument, did much to convert Canadian public men to his views. He secured the co-operation of the Quebec Board of Trade, and the aid of several other influential bodies, but the Government gave to his scheme a deaf ear. Still he persevered. He went to England, and often stay there of a few months he returned to this side of the Atlantic, making a stay in New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Toronto and Montreal. When he arrived in Quebec some months ago, it was seen that he was in very poor health. A few weeks ago he entered the General Hospital to undergo an operation. Owing to his weak state of health, Mr. Hollinshead succumbed to the operation on Wednesday. He was seventy years of age.

Lamp Suddenly Exploded.

As the result of a lamp explosion, Narcisse Latour, his wife and young child, sustained serious burns at their home, 102 Forfar street, Point St. Charles, at 10 o'clock on Saturday night. The family were sitting around the dining room table when the lamp suddenly exploded and set fire to their clothing and the room. In saving his wife and child, and extinguishing the blaze in the house, Latour was badly burned about the head and hands and had to go to Notre Dame Hospital. Mrs. Latour and her child were attended to by a physician at her home.

Woman's Art Association.

The Christmas sale of work now being held under the auspices of the Woman's Art Association attracted a great many people to the studio, 4 Phillips Square, on Saturday afternoon. The work, in addition to that of the Doukhobors, includes a number of sketches, pretty fancy articles, ceramics, burnt wood work, photo frames, blotters, etc. Tea was served during the afternoon by Mrs. Morrisey and Mrs. Geo. Simpson, and there was also some enjoyable music. The sale will remain open all this week.

Found Dead by Neighbours.

Mrs. Johnston, a widow, of 156 Young street, was found dead in her home on Saturday by neighbours. The deceased was about 58 years of age.

Messrs. Fraser, Viger & Company.

In reckoning with the holiday season which is now so close upon us, the suppliers for the table come in for first consideration, and rightly, for where would our Christmas and our New Years be without a well laden banquet board. With this comes the important question of where and how to buy. For more years than many of us care about remembering, Messrs. Fraser, Viger & Company, at their Italian Warehouse, Nos. 207, 209 and 211 St. James street, have been catering to just this trade, and it is not too much to say that it would be a fastidious taste indeed that could not here be satisfied.

The wine cellars of the Italian Warehouse are known, and, what is more, liked, throughout Canada. If one is looking for a very old port of a superior and particular brand, it is sure of being found just here. As it is with wines and liquors, so it is with biscuits and cheeses, chocolates and rare fruits, cigars and cigarettes, fine teas and coffees, beers and ales, and so on through a list which is almost interminable. This firm makes a specialty of assorted cases of wines and liquors, put up in such a manner as to suit the pockets and the taste of the purchaser, and then again another matter which is worthy of consideration is the fact that Fraser, Viger & Company do so all seasons of the year a very large business to distant points, so that their experience in the packing and shipping of goods, both promptly and effectually, is worthy of more than passing mention. Another and still more important point is the fact that whatever is purchased here can absolutely be depended upon. If the firm says that they can recommend this, that or the other thing, it may be ordered home without the least feeling of uneasiness as to how it will turn out. For years they have catered to a large section of Montreal's best trade, not to speak of supplying the many wants of the millionaire sportsmen who visit Canada each year. It, therefore, goes without further comment that with a large and extremely well assorted holiday stock this firm is well able to meet all demands upon it.

FATAL HOTEL FIRE AT QUEBEC

Old Victoria Goes Up in Flames; Guests Have Narrow Escapes.

ORIGIN OF FIRE UNKNOWN

Two Women Dead Were Dining Room Girls—Conflagration Occurred Yesterday Afternoon.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

QUEBEC, December 15.—The fatal fire which destroyed the Victoria Hotel yesterday and threatened a large part of the upper town of Quebec with destruction, came very nearly to being as serious a conflagration as that which occurred at the Windsor Hotel, New York, on St. Patrick's Day, 1880. Yesterday's fire broke out about the same hour in the afternoon as that in the Windsor, and as in the last mentioned case the entire building was wrapped in flames in the course of a few minutes. Had the number of guests been as large the loss of life would undoubtedly have been just as great. Quebec has a most unenviable record for disastrous fires, almost the entire city having been burned over several times, but not for many years has the old capital seen so sensational a conflagration as that of yesterday. The exact loss of life is not yet known. It was hoped at first that all the inmates of the building had made good their escape. Last evening, however, half demented relatives of some of those employed in the hotel were seeking in vain for missing friends, some of whom have since been given up for dead. Their remains may never be seen again. A report was current last night that four people, whose bodies were supposed to have been cremated in the fire, were unaccounted for. Definite information could only be obtained respecting two of these, namely, Miss Lizzie Bourdage, from Moisie River, Gaspe county, and Miss Jackson, of this city both of whom were dining room girls. A sister of Miss Jackson was employed in the hotel and reached home in safety. Last night she was searching with her father for her missing sister. There is a report that Annie Bourdage, a sister of Lizzie's is also missing, but is believed that she has escaped.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have originated around the furnace in the basement. Owing to the an thracite famine, soft coal was in use. Some people think that the flues became choked and the boiler exploded. At all events the flames shot upwards without a moment's warning, and with such velocity that Mr. Cote, the chief clerk, who was in the hotel office at the time was only able to seize the cash drawer and his cap and rush out to the street. An elevator was being placed in the building and up the shaft rushed the flames to the top of the hotel in less time than it takes to tell it. People living across the street report that they saw flames bursting almost simultaneously from the basement and the upper windows of the building. There were about forty guests in the hotel, and it is hoped that all escaped. They all lost whatever belongings they had with them, and many of them had narrow escapes for their lives. Some escaped to the roof of a rear building, while others were taken down on ladders from the roof.

Much woodwork existed about the building, and almost as soon as the fire started, flames were shooting out through the roof and from all the windows of the hotel. The wind wafted these flames so strongly about that it looked for some time as if a large part of upper town was destined to destruction. Showers of burning pieces of wood flew in all directions, threatening to ignite new fires. The firemen worked well and had a splendid supply of water, but were overmatched at the outset. They were much handicapped by the bitterly cold weather, everything being quickly coated with ice. The hotel burned until the only outer walls were standing. The old St. George's Hall, lately the Quebec Bowling and Billiard Club, on Collins street, which also belonged to the proprietors of the Victoria and was connected with it, is gutted. The total loss may be roughly estimated at $100,000 in all. The hotel was owned by Mr. Resther, formerly of Montreal, who inherited it from his father-in-law, the late Captain Benjamin Trudel, at one time proprietor of the Florence Hotel and head of the old river police. Originally the Victoria was called the Albion and was kept by the late William Russell, before he became proprietor of the St. Louis. The fire throws about fifty employes out of work. Miss Clara Lloyd, of this city, who was a boarder, had to be taken down from an upper window. She lost in the fire a collection of postage stamps valued at $14,000. Mr. Frigon, of Montreal, a traveller representing Messrs. Nerlich, of Toronto, lost sample goods valued at $3,000. Mr. Josiah Fowler, of St. John, N.B., was rescued from an upper window and lost all he had with him. So did Mr. Allan Bagg, of Montreal. Mrs. Resther and children were rescued with difficulty. One of the children was thrown into the arms of men below by firemen from a three story window without injury. Numbers of similar sensational escapes occurred. Several commercial men made heavy losses, being unable to save anything out of their rooms on account of the rapidity with which the flames spread.

Mr. Resther has an insurance of $75,000 on building and contents.

The Honolulu Cable Landed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., December 15.—"In memory of John W. MacKay, I christen the Pacific cable. May it always carry messages of happiness."

With these words, Lucille Gage, the 11 year old daughter of Governor Gage, of California yesterday, christened the trans-Pacific cable, and breaking a bottle of champagne over the shore end, inaugurated a new era in the commercial development of the Pacific coast. The landing and splicing of the shore end, which is to connect the main land with Honolulu, was accomplished without hitch.

Work on Quebec Bridge.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

QUEBEC, December 15.—The iron work of the northern approach to the Quebec Bridge is now being rivetted. Most of the main iron superstructure is expected to be in possession next year, and by the following year, it is expected, that the bridge will be opened to traffic. A road, 30 feet in width, is now to be opened up from St. Louis road to the bridge, irrespective of the railway extension.

The Pulpwood Industry.

(Special to the Montreal Star.)

QUEBEC, December 15.—An idea of the importance of the pulpwood industry in the Eastern Townships is shown by the fact that the Quebec Central Railway alone has carried 80,000 cords of this wood since last spring. This wood cost $20,000 to load on the cars and yielded the railway $100,000 in freight. Farmers sell the wood for $4 per cord, when barked and four feet in length.

THE A. O. H.—At the regular meeting of Division No. 5, A.O.H., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Wm. D. Guilfoyle; vice-president, Jas. Enright; treasurer, C. H. Dockum; recording secretary, Jas. Brophy, 33 St. Margaret street; financial secretary, H. Tracy; chairman of standing committee, M. Duffy; sentinel, J. P. McCook; sergeant at arms, J. L. Devine; marshal, D. Maloney; finance committee, Bros. J. McNichol, M. Tracy, Jas. Enright, J. L. Devine and D. Maloney; literary committee, chairman, J. L. Devine; C. H. Dockum, M. Duffy, M. Tracy and J. Brophy. J. O'Brien, of No. 8 Division, and D. Maloney acted as scrutineers. Speeches were made by the visiting brother, J. O'Brien, and several of the members. After the meeting the members sat down to a friendly game of euchre.

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66 x 86	$4.00
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A few pairs of good sized Union Blankets, at

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Various sizes in Canadian and Scotch Blankets, slightly soiled,

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COAL STRIKE COMMISSION.

Men From Baer's Mine on the Stand Saturday.

SCRANTON, Pa., December 15. — The miners called witnesses Saturday before the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission to testify to the conditions existing at the collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company. These were the first persons to appear against the company, of which George F. Baer is the head and considerable interest was manifested as to the character of the evidence the miners would present. Eight witnesses were called and the principal grievance presented was that some men who went on strike were discriminated against. President Mitchell's testimony related principally to the manner in which he computed the averages he gave Friday, in which he showed that bituminous men received from 40 to 50 per cent. more wages than the anthracite miners. Counsel for the Delaware and Hudson disputed Mitchell's method of arriving at the averages.

READING, Pa., December 15. — The Reading Company is taxed to its utmost to keep the coal traffic moving. Up to Saturday night the company transported about 10,500 cars of coal for the past week or nearly 325,000 tons. All the collieries are working to their full capcity. Never before in the history of the anthracite regions has there been such activity. Soft coal is becoming scarce and the Reading Company is having a hard time in getting a full supply.

Cochenthaler Can Suit You.

One of the mottoes long since adopted by Mr. M. Cochenthaler, 149 St. James street, is that value for money spent brings back the customer. That is why Mr. Cochenthaler has the same customers year after year. When once a purchaser buys from him he is sure of his future business, and so it comes that there are few better known jewellery stores in this country than that controlled by Mr. Cochenthaler. Just now, when people are wondering what to get for Christmas presents they should drop into 149 St. James street and see the astonishing collection of goods that have been specially prepared for this trade. In most cases where the collection is the largest it is proportionately hard to make a selection, but Mr. Cochenthaler has long since learned the art of suiting the buyer without a sad waste of time that comes with every gift-seeking season. It is absolutely useless to try and give anything like an idea of the great variety of goods that are to be found in the Cochenthaler establishment. When one refers to the quality it is an easy matter, for there is only one quality—the best that money can buy in each division of the business. Just now a specialty is being made of diamonds, and truly it would seem that the days are gone by when only the rich can afford the pretty sparkling gems that are coveted by all. Diamonds can be bought so much cheaper in Canada than they can in the United States that people from across the border come here in great numbers for their diamonds, and Cochenthaler's name is known all over the country. If such expensive a style of present is not wanted, there is a collection of goods ranging from a few cents to a few dollars that includes such a variety that there is no fear of going to the store and coming away unsatisfied. The stock of silverware and plated ware that Mr. Cochenthaler has on hand just now is one of the finest ever seen in Montreal, and in fancy articles fit for ladies and gentlemen's toilet tables there is a collection that beats all previous efforts. One is apt to go into raptures over the entire stock and so the easiest way to put it is that you can get anything you want in this line at 149.

Scroggie's

The Store That Sets the Pace.

Gift Things

What shall the Present be? The question is reversed. Instead of wondering what to get, the trouble is what not to get. The Store was never more attractive than right now. Charms that strike at sight, and merits that win over the pocket-book as quickly as anything you ever saw. The pen stumbles at every line when it comes to tell of it all. All our stocks are in line with Christmas thought, and those who come early will fare better than those who don't.

XMAS SILKS

Our Silk Department is fairly alive with Christmas Novelties.

Fancy Silks for the Holiday	
Colored Peau-de-Soie, with pretty narrow stripes, all colors, yard	45c
FANCY BLOUSE SILKS, elegant corded stripes. This makes a pretty Waist, yard	49c
FANCY FRENCH TAFFETAS, exquisite stripes and colorings, yard	59c
FANCY CORDED LOUISINE, with Dresden effects, all beautiful evening shades, yard	$1.10
Fancy Lace Striped Louisine, very handsome, choice of fashionable shades, yard	$1.25
Fancy Taffeta, with narrow embroidered stripes, in a few choice colorings —Sky, Fawn, White, Resida, etc	$1.35

Our Xmas Slipper Sale



Emphatically a success, and why not, when we give you the RIGHT KIND of Slipper you want at the TIME you want them, and at the PRICES you want to pay for them? Tuesday morning our leader will be $2.00 to $3.00 SAMPLE XMAS SLIPPERS, CHOICE $1.25.

SIZES 3½, 4 AND 4½ ONLY.

150 PAIRS Ladies Finest Velvets, Plush and Fancy Quilted Satin and Felt Slippers, beautifully trimmed, in "Juliet" and "Colonial" Shapes, a variety of choice colors. These are the cream of American and Imported Fancy Slippers, and make the nicest and most useful Xmas Gift. Your choice Tuesday $1.25

LADIES' APRONS

Stylish Aprons, of very fine quality lawn finished with bibs of fine embroidery. Special Xmas price 55c

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CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS were never in greater profusion, together with BOOKS, on the Second Floor.

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White Thibet Fur trimming, 1 in.	75c
White Thibet Fur Trimming, 1 1-2 in.	$1.25
Black Thibet Fur trimming, 1 in.	75c
Black Thibet Fur Trimming, 1 1-2 in.	$1.55
Black Coney Fur Trimming, 1 in.	45c
Black Coney Fur Trimming, 1-2 in.	25c
Gray, Black and Blue Opossum, 1-2 in.	25c

Fur Ruffs.

River Mink Fur Ruff, finished with two heads and ten tails $8.25

Fur Caps.

Children's Electric Seal Fur Caps, with ear laps, lined with red satin $2.00

Fur Muffs.

River Mink Fur, lined with Satin $3.75

GROCERY SPECIALS

	Worth.	
1 quart tin Pure Maple Syrup	25c	18c
2 pkgs. Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour	30c	25c
2 pkgs. H. O. Buckwheat Flour	30c	25c
1 doz. Best Cooking Eggs	25c	22c
4 lbs. Pudding Raisins	30c	25c
3 lbs. New Currants (cleaned)	30c	25c
1 lb. California Apricots, Peaches or Pears	25c	25c
3 bottles Strathcona Extracts	30c	25c
1 lb. Best Mince Meat	12½c	10c

Take a Cup of TETLEY'S Fine Bulk TEA and a Biscuit, FREE, in the Basement.

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ASSOCIATION ENJOYED SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Commercial Travellers Have Re-elected Entire Board of Officers.

FUND FOR HOSPITAL BEDS

Government Will be Asked to Pass An Equitable Insolvency Law.

President James Robertson occupied the chair at the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association on Saturday evening. The president submitted his annual report, which described the financial position of the society as satisfactory.

"Negotiations," the report went on to state, "have been carried on with the transportation companies, with a view to having the week-end tickets apply to all points, or at least to certain cities which were not included in places to where week-end tickets could be obtained. We regret to say the companies did not see their way clear to adopt our suggestion, and our request was respectfully declined.

"The Prince Edward Island tax on commercial travellers, has continued to occupy the attention of the board. Conferences have been held with sister associations, and all have agreed to make a combined effort to test the legality of this obnoxious law, should the opinion now being obtained warrant us in so doing. With this object in view, the best legal advice in Canada is being sought, and we are now awaiting a report which we hope to receive in the course of a few days.

MORE COMMODIOUS ROOMS.

"Our present rooms not proving as attractive as they might be, the directors have decided to return to the Board of Trade building, where more commodious and convenient accommodation can be obtained. Rooms have already been secured, which we expect to occupy as soon as the new building is completed. The death claims were confined almost altogether among members of long standing. The amount paid under our mortuary benefit scheme on the benefactions of deceased members is $32,300, representing thirty-two claims. Average age of deceased members is 51 years; their membership averaging sixteen years.

"Three different sums, amounting to $26,000, have been invested in first mortgages on real estate, bearing 5 and 5 1-2 per cent. Total amount now invested; first mortgages, $183,500., harbour bonds, $15,237. Board of Trade second mortgage bonds, $5,000.

"The total received in revenue account is $49,773. Of this amount $32,300 has been paid for claims arising from the death of thirty-two members. The working expenses amount to $4,358. The net surplus for the year is $14,029. This amount has been added to capital account, which now aggregates $203,004.

"The increase in membership for the year, is greater than any previous year since 1882, and reflects the great activity and growth of the wholesale trade, consequent upon the increased settlement and development of the resources of our country. Number on roll as per last annual statement, 3,749; new members, received this year, 651; less lapsed through non-payment of annual subscription, 336; making our present membership, 4,064, a gain of 315 for the year."

The annual rental of the associations new rooms in the Board of Trade building will be $1200.

It was decided that subscriptions, limited to one dollar per member, should be collected for the purpose of endowing a bed in the Montreal General Hospital.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Max Murdoch, seconded by Hon. J. D. Rolland and carried unanimously:

"That the absence of uniformity in the legal procedure for the distribution of the assets of an insolvent debtor, is detrimental to the commercial interests of the Dominion of Canada, and an obstacle to the extension of trade, both external and internal.

"That this uniformity can only be obtained by means of a federal insolvent act;

"That it is urgent that an equitable uniform insolvent law be passed at the forthcoming session of the federal Parliament."

THE OFFICERS ELECTED.

For the first time in the history of the association, there was no balloting for office-bearers, all having been elected by acclamation at the last quarterly meeting. They are:

President—Mr. James Robinson.
Vice-President—Mr. George A. Mann.
Treasurer—Mr. J. S. N. Dougall.

Directors—W. B. Mathews, R. C. Wilkins, W. H. Evans, A. Fournier, W. J. Egan, P. J. Paradis (Quebec), S. A. Agnew, John Paterson, A. D. Gall, R. Booth, Jr.; past-president, T. L. Paton.

The annual dinner of the association will take place December 22.

The Dominion Commercial Travellers' Mutual Benefit Society held its seventeenth annual meeting on Saturday afternoon. President J. T. Lesueur submitted his annual report. He said that the membership now totalled 1,038, with 120 new members added during the year, which, although not increasing the total number to that extent, on account of the customary annual lapses, would still materially improve the society's position on account of the new additions being almost entirely young men. The number of death claims provided for since the last annual report was thirteen, leaving in hand, after paying all charges against the society, a balance of $5,508. With a view to so increasing the membership that the six regular assessments might prove sufficient to meet the average number of death claims, and thus obviate the need of special assessments, it was pointed out that this could be done by adding about 500 recruits to the present membership.

President—Mr. J. T. Lesueur.
Vice-President—Mr. A. McA. Murphy.
Treasurer—Mr. Charles Gurd.
Trustees—Messrs. David Watson, F. S. Cote, Max Murdoch, J. N. Christie, E. H. Copland, John Hardie, C. M. Mills, J. W. Rousseau, Alex. Peden and D. M. Campbell.

LEADERS ELECTED.—At the meeting of Court Britannia, No. 8941, A. O. F., the following officers were elected: Chief Ranger, Bro. Frederick H. Taylor; Sub-Chief Ranger, Bro. D. Grant Smith; Past Chief Ranger, Bro. Thos. George French; treasurer, P. C. R. Bro. Thos. King; secretary, P. C. R. Bro. Fred E. Cornell, 18 Albina street, city; Senior Woodward, Bro. Ed. Harmer; Junior Woodward, Bro. Wm. Coldwell; Senior Beadle, Bro. Thos. Corbin; Junior Beadle, Bro. R. E. Rafter; trustees (re-elected), Bros. F. H. Clendenning, Jos. Kelly, and Thos. Corbin.

The election of auditors was left over until next meeting, as the general desire was to give the newer members an opportunity to serve the Court in some office. The meeting was most successful, and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly. As the next meeting night falls on Xmas eve, it was decided to call the meeting off, and meet only on January 14th, when it is expected two candidates will be put through.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At the regular meeting of Clan Gordon, No. 71, O.S.C., held in Walford Hall, Chief Campbell in the chair, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chief, Matthew Willock; tanist, Thos. Mitchell; past chief, I. G. Campbell; chaplain, Thos. Elliott, re-elected; secretary, A. Crawford; financial secretary, Neil Campbell; treasurer, James Wills, re-elected; physician, Dr. Alex. Munro, re-elected; senior henchman, T. Messer; junior henchman, Wm. Logan; seneschal, Wm. Dow; warder, Jas. Chapman; sentinel, Alex. Allan; pipers, T. Mitchell and Neil Campbell.

THE A. O. U. W.—The various A. O. U. W. lodges in the city and district will hold their elections of officers this week: Tonight, Rushbrook Lodge, No. 3, will meet at 715 Wellington st., and Stanley Lodge, No. 5, at 230 Richmond street. Albert Lodge, No. 71, will meet Wednesday evening at 2653 Notre Dame street, St. Henri, and Thursday evening the following lodges will meet: Montreal, No. 1, at 251 St. James street; St. Lambert, No. 7, at St. Lambert; Prince George, No. 9, at Victoria Hall, Westmount; Clarence, No. 16, at Empire Hall, 2672 St. Catherine street, and Montcalm, No. 24, at 229 Plessis street. After the election at Montreal Lodge a social evening will be spent.

YORKSHIRE LODGE.—At the annual meeting of Yorkshire Lodge, Sons of England Benefit Society, the following officers were elected: Past president, Bro. G. P. Jones; president, Bro. A. C. Jones; vice-president, Bro. Thos. Lee; chaplain, Bro. A. F. Culmer; secretary, Bro. B. T. Sellars, re-elected; treasurer, Bro. R. W. Whiting, re-elected; guides, Bros. C. Pownall, J. Fack, D. Hollinsworth, James Buckley, H. Tibbey, G. W. Herbert; inner guard, Bro. A. Searles; outer guard, Bro. G. Dickenson, re-elected; surgeon, Bro. Dr. Snier; auditors, Bros. J. Booth, J. Eddy and H. J. Taylor; trustees, Bros. William Papps, R. H. Mansfield and J. W. Davies.

THE SONS OF ENGLAND.—The Primrose Lodge, of the Sons of England, attended St. Martin's Church last evening in a body. The secretary of the society, Mr. W. C. Blake, read the first lesson, and Rev. Prof. Howard preached an eloquent sermon, taking as his text Luke xi, 2, "When we pray, say Our Father."

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BIRTHS.

BERESFORD—On December 2nd, 1902, at 59 Britannia street, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Beresford.

BERRIAULT—At Cornwall, Ont., on Dec. 9th, the wife of J. D. Berriault, of twin sons.*

CONN—On December 11th, at Ottawa, to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Conn, a daughter.*

CU[illegible]—At Victoria, B.C., on December 2nd, the wife of A. W. Currie, of a da[illegible].*

GREEN—On December 11th, at Ottawa, the wife of Fred Green, of a daughter.*

GUILDINCH—At Ladner, B.C., on Nov. 29, the wife of J. Guildinch, of a son.*

JACQUES—At Moose Creek, Ont., on Nov. 28th, 1902, the wife of T. H. Jacques, of a daughter.*

LUND—At 1256b Dorchester st., on Thursday, 11th December 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lund, a daughter.

MARTIN—In this city, on December 11th, at 365 St. Antoine street, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Martin, a son.

MacGREGOR—At 75 Hutchison street, on the 5th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. MacGregor, twin boys. 296 2

McMAHON—On December 9th, at Winnipeg, the wife of W. G. McMahon, of a daughter.*

ROWAN—On the 9th December 1902, at the Methodist parsonage, Marbleton, P. Q., a son to the Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Rowan. 296 2

SHURLY—On December 10th, at Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Shurly, a son.*

SOMERS—At Barrie, Ont., on Dec. 5th, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Somers, a son.*

MARRIAGES.

ARTHEY-WILSON — On December 3, at Ottawa, by Rev. Canon Pollard, J. F. Arthey to Joan Wilson.*

BEYEA-BEATTY — In St. John, N.B., on December 9th, by Rev. T. J. Deinstadt, James A. Beyea, of St. John, to Miss Daisy Beatty, of Sheffield.*

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

FLINT-JONES—At Banff, Alberta, on the 10th inst., by the Rev. Dr. F. Wardlaw Taylor, William G. Flint, B.Sc., son of George H. Flint, of Montreal, to Lilian Patterson Jones, B.A., daughter of the late T. C. Jones, of Winnipeg.

KIRWIN-MATHEWSON — At St. George's Church, Lennoxville, on December 10th, by Rev. Canon Scarth, D.C.L., Harry W. G. Kirwin, of Lennoxville, to Isabella Grace, daughter of Mr. S. Mathewson, "The Grange," Lennoxville, Que.

MILTON-DRYSDALE — At Cambridge, Mass., on November 26th, by the Rev. Dr. Applegarth, of the First Baptist Church, Ernest Milton to Miss Lucilla Drysdale, of Woodstock, N.B.*

PARKS-TORREY — At St. John, N.B., December 8th, 1902, by Rev. W. F. R. Thompson, Captain Arthur S. Parks, of Port George, N.S., to Miss Amy L. Torrey, of St. John, N.B.*

ROSEY-McSWEEN — At Springhill, N.S., December 2nd, 1902, by the Rev. David Wright, Miss Flora Mathda McSween to William Rosey, both of Springhill.*

STRIKE-BURROWES—On December 12th, at 1006 Cadieux st., by the Rev. Dean Saunders, Mr. Frederick William Strike to Sarah Burrowes, daughter of Henry Burrowes.

DEATHS IN THE CITY.

FAIR—On December 14th, 1902, at Montreal General Hospital, of pneumonia, John Fair, aged 56 years. Funeral Tuesday, December 16th, at 2.30 from hospital. Toronto papers please copy.

FITZGERALD—In this city, on the 15th inst., Michael Fitzgerald, dearly beloved son of William Fitzgerald, aged 19 years. Funeral will leave late father's residence, 96a Shearer street, on Wednesday morning, at 7.30 to St. Gabriel's Church thence to Cote des Neiges cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation. (Quebec and Boring Falls papers please copy.)

GAREAU—In this city, on the 14th inst., Helen Kane, wife of Edward Gareau. Funeral from her late residence, No. 65 McCord street, on Tuesday, December 16 at 7.45 a.m. to St. Anne's Church, and thence to Cote des Neiges cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

HAMMOND—On the 15th inst., Sadie Mary Catherine Killen, beloved wife of John Hammond, in her 37th year. Funeral notice later. Liverpool and Southampton, Eng., papers please copy. 296 2

HUNT—In this city, on December 14th, at 379 Bourgeois street, Ethel Jane, infant daughter of C. E. Hunt, aged 10 days. Funeral private.

HUTTON—In this city, on December 10th, 1902, Ada C. Hutton, youngest daughter of Captain J. C. Hutton, Cadieux street. (English papers please copy.)

JOHNSTON—Suddenly, in this city, on December 13th, Johanna Carey, widow of the late James Johnstone. Funeral will leave the residence of her brother-in-law, John Wickstead, 147 Barre street, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at 8.45 a.m. to St. Ann's Church, thence to Cote des Neiges cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

LILLIE—In this city, on December 14th, George McKinnon Lillie, son of the late William Lillie, of the C.P.R. General, from his sister's residence, 80 Park lafontaine, on Tuesday, 16th inst., at 2 p.m., to Mount Royal Cemetery. Glasgow, Scotland, and Boston papers please copy.

LOGAN—In this city, on December 13th, Martha Logan, second daughter of the late Robert Logan, aged 15 years and 7 months. Funeral private.

PATTON—On the 12th inst., at 188 City Hall ave., Mary Telfer Greig, in the 84th year of her age, widow of the late Wm. Patton, Chief of the Montreal Fire Department. Funeral private. 295 2

ROBB—In this city, on December 13th, William Robb, aged 62 years, a native of County Armagh, Ireland. Funeral will take place from his late residence, 23 Belmont street, on Tuesday, 16th inst., at 2.30. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

SHEA—In this city, at 154 Fulford street, John Francis, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Shea. Funeral private.

DEATHS OUTSIDE THE CITY.

ASHFIELD—At Ottawa, on December 11, William Ashfield, aged 50 years.*

BENNETT—At River Desert, Quebec, on December 3rd, 1902, William Bennett, native of Yorkshire, England, aged 67 years and 11 months.*

BERRIAULT—At Cornwall, Ont., on Dec. 9th, 1902, one of the infant sons of P. D. Berriault.*

BOURGEOIS—At Moncton, N.B., on December 9, aged 13 days, Earl Blair, infant son of A. S. Bourgeois.*

BUSTEED—At Bordeaux Point, Bonaventure County, Que., on December 9th, 1902, Margaret Botsford, relict of the late Alexander Busteed, sr., aged 74 years. Interred at Athol, N.B.

COOPER—At Ottawa, December 12th, Joseph Cooper, in his 62nd year.*

GRAHAM—At Halifax, N.S., December 9th, James Graham, of Brookfield, N.S., aged 86 years.*

HARPER—At Portland, Ore., U.S., on the 6th of December, Mary Isabel Emily, youngest and only remaining daughter of J. Francis Harper, late of the Merchants Bank of Canada, Montreal, in her 35th year.*

MAXFIELD—At Moncton, N.B., on December 10th, Melbourne Maxfield, aged 42 years, son of Mrs. Wm. Lodge.*

McKILLICAN—At Tayside, Ont., on Dec. 7th, 1902, James McKillican, formerly of Maxville, aged 75 years.*

SADDLER—At Glen Robertson, Ont., on November 27th, 1902, John Hope Saddler, after a few days' illness.*

SMITH—At Cornwall, Ont., on Dec. 6, 1902, Mrs. Mary Smith, of Williamsburg Tp., aged 102 years.*

TUTTLE—At Iroquois, Ont., on Nov. 28th, 1902, Ruth, daughter of the late Jeremiah Tuttle, aged 39 years.*

For additional Births, Marriages and Deaths, see page 6.

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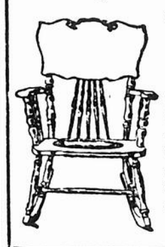
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Lined Gloves	1.25	Umbrellas	2.50	Work Box	1.55	Skates	1.20
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Threatened to Seize Mayor's Chair.

HAMILTON, Ont., December 15.—A bailiff, armed with an execution, called at the City Hall on Saturday and informed the City Clerk that he intended to seize the Mayor's chair on a judgment for $35 and costs obtained by Thomas Killvington in a suit against the city. The claim was settled, and the Chief Magistrate's chair remained undisturbed.

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Holiday Gift Books

You can't make a mistake in giving Books as a Holiday Gift. They're appreciated by Big and Little.

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

For the Bigger Girls and Boys we have a full range of Story Books by the best story writers.

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

Christmas Cards and Calendars

Without being boastful, we can safely say that we have the biggest and best assortment of these goods in the city, and we have been told repeatedly by customers that our prices are less than elsewhere.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, ranging from 1c to..... 25c each.
ART CALENDARS, ranging from 5c to..... $2.00 each.
WE MAIL FREE OF CHARGE ALL CALENDARS OVER 25c.

Holiday Gloves

Turn to the left as you enter our St. Catherine street entrance, and see our showing of Lined and Unlined Kid Gloves.

Our big stock comprises gift-giving suggestions not found elsewhere. Gloves are always popular for Christmas Presents. Handsome Glove Box with every pair.

Boys' and Girls' Kid Gloves, from..... 69c up.
Ladies' Kid Gloves, in all shades, from..... 59c up.
Ladies' and Men's Lined Gloves, from..... 98c up.
Ladies' and Men's Kid Dongola, Mocha and Reindeer Gloves, plain and fur trimmed.

Holiday Presents For Men

Our Men's Furnishing Department is full of suggestions as to sensible and suitable gifts that men appreciate, that will help perplexed gift seekers.

Men's Silk and Satin Neckwear, in all the latest styles.
Men's Silk and Satin Mufflers and Bosom Protectors.
Men's Elastic and Silk Web Suspenders.
Men's Smoking Jackets, in plain and fancy designs.
Men's Dressing Gowns, in plain and fancy designs.
Men's Night Robes, Men's Hosiery, Men's Underwear.

Thousands of Children Came Here on Saturday to See Santa Claus, His Bocage and The Wonderful Animated Tableaux.

The children were amazed, bewildered and delighted, especially with the Tableaux, and the parents who came with their children declared it the BEST ENTERTAINMENT FOR CHILDREN EVER GIVEN IN MONTREAL.

To avoid the crush of last Saturday, performances will be given:
DURING THE DAY AT 2.30, 3.00, 3.30, 4.00 o'clock.
IN THE EVENING AT 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 o'clock.

Don't let the little folks miss this entertainment, as it is especially for their benefit. Lots of the older folk who were here seemed to enjoy it, too.

WE GUARANTEE THEM A GOOD TIME AND LOTS OF FUN.

Holiday Presents For Ladies

For the benefit of the poor men unaccustomed to shopping, and bewildered as to what would prove an acceptable gift, we give a few suggestions.

Silk Waist Patterns, sufficient material for a Waist, in Fancy Boxes.
Flannel Waist Patterns, sufficient material for a Waist, in Fancy Boxes.
Coloured Dress Patterns, sufficient material for a Costume, in Fancy Boxes.
Black Dress Patterns, sufficient material for a Costume, in Fancy Boxes.
A Lady's Silk or Flannel Waist.
A Lady's Wrapper or Dressing Jacket.
A Lady's Jacket, Cape, or Skirt.

Holiday Ribbons

For Holiday Fancy Work we have an unusually fine assortment in the plain colors. Every wanted shade, color or tint is sure to be found in our stock. We have also a wealth of pretty patterns in Fancy Ribbons that are so much worn just now.

Silk, Satin and Moire Baby Ribbons, in all colors, from 2c up.
Plain Color Cord Edge Silk Ribbons, all colors, from 3½c up.
Plain Color Double Face Silk Ribbons, in colors, from 5c up.
Fancy Taffeta Silk Neck Ribbons, new design, from 9c up.
Plain and Fancy Duchesse Neck Ribbons, new designs, from 25c up.

Holiday Handkerchiefs

Our showing this season far surpasses inextent, variety, and completeness all former displays.

We have Handkerchiefs to meet the requirements of all classes and at prices to suit any purse.

Children's Plain and Colored Border Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Tape Border and Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs.
Men's Tape Border and Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Swiss Embroidered and Lace Edge Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Plain and Initialed Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs.
Men's Plain and Initialed Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs.
A pretty Handkerchief Box given free with 12 dozen lots.

Holiday Fancy Goods

In buying Christmas Presents it will pay you to visit our Fancy Goods Section, on first floor. So many pretty things at such little prices, such as:

Fancy Celluloid Handkerchief and Glove Boxes.
Fancy Celluloid Shaving Cases, containing Complete Set.
Fancy Celluloid Necktie and Cuff and Collar Boxes.
Fancy Celluloid Work Boxes, completely furnished.
Paper Weights, Napkin Rings, Smokers' Sets, Match Sates, Mirrors, Shaving Mirrors, Comb and Brush Sets, Manicure Sets, Photo. Frames, Photo Albums, etc.

We might take the whole page and then not tell you of everything we have in Fancy Goods.

Holiday Flowers and Plants

We are now showing a great variety of Flowers, Plants and Palms. They make handsome Christmas Decorations, consisting in part of Roses, Foliage, Apple Blossoms, Tulips, Poppies, Smilax, Holly Leaves with Berries, etc., etc.

In Pots—Begonias, Carnations, Roses, Grasses, Palms, Dracaena, Buchus Trees, Chrysanthemums, Wax Plants. Prices range from 10c up to $5.

Our HOLIDAY CATALOGUE sent to out-of-town people. Full of Holiday Gift Suggestions. Write for one to-day.

THE HAMILTON COMPANY,

St. Catherine and Peel streets Dominion square.

NOTES OF THE NEWS.

Civil service officials at Quebec want the Government to buy coal for them at the mines and to sell it to them at cost price.

President Roosevelt on Saturday was presented formally with a card of honourary membership in the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.

A private despatch from Nanaimo says an explosion occurred Friday morning at the Northfield Powder Works. One man was killed and several injured.

Farmers are already crossing on the ice from the Isle of Orleans to Quebec with their market produce. Never before has this occurred so early in the season.

James Hamilton, pump dealer and manufacturer, of Alvinston, Ont., was kicked by a horse in the head Sunday morning and instantly killed. He leaves a wife and six children.

The Congregation of the Propaganda has decided to propose to the Pope the appointment of Bishop James E. Quigley, of Buffalo, N.Y., as Archbishop of Chicago, in succession to the late Archbishop Feehan.

An Italian, named Angelo Diesare, of Montreal, employed as a trackman on the G.T.R., was struck by a train on Saturday while walking on the track near Merriton tunnel and badly injured.

You have often felt drowsy and feverish after using a cough syrup containing narcotics. But never so with Dr. Laviolette's Syrup of Turpentine. It is absolutely free from opiates or any other narcotics.

Special Notice.

If you want a good Piano or Organ at the lowest price go to Layton Bros., 144 Peel street.

For the convenience of those who are unable to do their shopping during the day, all our stores will be open until 10 p. m. every evening. R. Hemsley, the Jeweller, Montreal.

Foreign Enquiry Received.

There is a good demand abroad for Clark's delicious Pork and Beans; the Canadian demand also has greatly increased.

The Daily Star.

CONSOLIDATED RURAL SCHOOLS.

A province unprogressive enough to lack free schools may be unlikely to promote consolidated rural schools, though there is really no inconsistency between the objectionable pay system and consolidation. This is effected by constituting from four or five school sections one large district, and transporting the children by waggons or sleighs to a central school house. By assembling all the pupils in one large building the school can be properly graded, that is to say, the pupils of like age or advancement can be taught together, separately from those at other stages of learning. This benefits all scholastically. They gain, too, from the wider acquaintance they form, and many of them benefit by escaping the labour of long walks to and from school.

The plan has been tried with much success in the United States, particularly in Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas. It is economical because the maintenance, heating, etc., of one large, comfortable, well ventilated school house is so much cheaper than the maintenance of four or five small, unhealthful ones, that the saving more than pays for transportation of the children. Fewer and better teachers at enhanced salaries are employed by the consolidated systems. It greatly increases the school attendance, because all the children like it, and vehicles enable many of the weaker and younger to go safely in bad weather. They are hauled distances of from half a mile to four or five miles; they are delivered at the school-houses at 8.45 a.m. and carried back home by 4 p.m.

The plan, of course is peculiarly suitable to prairie districts, but there is no reason why it should not be used in wooded and hilly country, where it would surmount difficulties of nature that young and weakly children cannot encounter successfully on their feet. We hope to find Canadian educational authorities considering carefully the possibilities of its application to Canadian conditions, and recommend them to read the articles on the subject which appear in the December number of The American Review of Reviews.



Probabilities for the next 24 hours specially predicted for the Montreal Star at 11 a.m. to-day: Easterly and southeasterly winds, weather becoming milder. Tuesday—Milder, with a fall of snow or sleet.

Maximum and minimum temperatures during the past 24 hours: Victoria, 44, 40; Kamloops, 30, 28; Calgary, 20, 6; Qu'Appelle, 10, 4 below; Winnipeg, 22, 18; Port Arthur, 24, 20; Parry Sound, 20, 18; Toronto, 34, 4; Montreal, 4 zero; Quebec, zero, 6 below; Halifax, 22, 8.

MONTREAL, December 15, 1902.

Readings by the Optical and Electrical Supply Company's standard barometer at noon yesterday, 29.69, at 8 a.m. to-day, 29.58, 11 a.m. to-day, 29.65; temperature to-day, maximum 8, minimum —5; yesterday, maximum 3, minimum —7.

Sun rose this morning at 7.44 o'clock. Will set this evening at 4.42 o'clock.

FUEL COMMITTEE HAD LIVELY SESSION

Mayor and Ald. Gallery Exchanged Ideas on Saturday.

HIS WORSHIP IS INDIGNANT

Thinks He is Being Unjustly Blamed for Present State of Affairs.

The fuel question is becoming more and more serious in the city. Many aldermen now admit that it would have been better had the city decided, like Toronto and Ottawa, to purchase a quantity of soft coal to sell to the poor instead of purchasing wood.

There was a lively meeting on Saturday, at the City Hall, of the Civic Fuel Committee, when the fuel question came up.

Ald. Gallery stated that it was time coal was obtained; the wood the aldermen had purchased was doing little or no good.

This speech angered the Mayor and he retorted that Ald. Gallery had better get his friend, the Hon. Mr. Blair, to take a hand in the matter and provide cheap rates over the Intercolonial for the handling of soft coal.

"I do not know what you mean?" said Ald. Gallery, smartly.

"I can tell you what I mean," said the Mayor. "The city has written letter after letter to Mr. Blair about freight rates; but he does not deign to answer."

OFFERED TO HAUL COAL FREE.

Ald. Gallery said that if he remembered rightly the Intercolonial already had offered to draw soft coal free to Montreal.

The Mayor: "You should have followed the matter up at Ottawa and seen that the Government kept its promise."

It was Ald. Gallery's opinion that the best place to bring up the matter was before the House at Quebec; the Mayor was a member of the local Legislature. Continuing, Ald. Gallery said he thought a few hundred tons of coal should be bought and sold at cost to the poor.

"If you can get the coal," said the Mayor, "I will pay for it myself."

"I will take the offer," said Ald. Gallery briskly. "I know where to get the coal."

There was some discussion over the $500 which Messrs. Forget had sent to the Mayor to purchase coal. The Mayor made an explanation concerning it. He said the best thing for Messrs. Forget to do, if they wanted to dispose of this very large sum for the benefit of the poor, was to hand it to those who were at the head of the various charitable societies. He was sick of the abuse he was getting from societies for his attitude on the fuel question. At the present time there was plenty of wood in the civic wood yards yet, but few people came to buy it.

ALD. LAPORTE EXPLAINS.

Ald. Laporte said that four aldermen and the Mayor had guaranteed the sum of $10,000 to purchase wood and have it sold at cost to citizens. This course had been pursued.

He burnt wood in his furnace and he could not see why poor people would not accept of the chance to buy wood from the city. If any man wanted to give money to help the poor, there were 700 cords of good wood at St. Faustin which could be bought at a low figure and given to some of the charitable institutions to dispose of at will. The Council had no power to do anything. If some members of the Council had been a little more generous they would not be so ready to criticise.

He was discouraged at the way the four aldermen and the Mayor had been abused over the fuel question. He said the only way for the City Council to purchase a large quantity of coal was to pass a resolution in Council asking the Legislature for power to borrow money to purchase fuel.

It was the opinion of Ald. Wilson that the Dominion Coal Company should be asked to bring soft coal into the city at a low figure. It could be sold very cheap if the Intercolonial would haul it free.

It was agreed that the Dominion Coal Company should be seen about the matter. Ald. Laporte said that Ald. Robertson had already arranged to see the Dominion Coal Company, and see if the various coal yards could not sell coal at wholesale prices to the poor.

PROMISE FROM DOMINION COMPANY.

Last evening Ald. Laporte said he had found out from the Company in question that it would give all the soft coal the city wanted at three dollars a ton loaded on the cars at the point of shipment. If the Intercolonial would haul the coal at low cost this would give the poor cheap fuel. Continuing, Ald. Laporte said that he was sure there were members of Council who would guarantee to buy the coal; as pointed out, the City Council had no power to purchase fuel. He believed the coal dealers in this city would not object to this scheme. Ald. Robertson had worked hard to get the Dominion Coal Company to come to the city's aid, and there was no reason why the Government should not help the city in order that coal be carried free over the lines of the Intercolonial. The coal would not be given away, but sold at cost.

MR. AMBROSE IS NOT A RELATIVE OF ALD. GALLERY. M.P.

The statement published in our issue of Friday last that Mr. Ambrose, who has recently resigned his positon on the staff of St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, is a relative of Alderman Gallery, and owed his appointment to the influence of that gentleman, is, we are assured, without the slightest foundation. Mr. Ambrose and Alderman Gallery are not even acquainted with each other. Mr. Ambrose is a young man who came to this country some years ago and was formerly employed in one of the offices of the Canadian Pacific. It was while he was in the Company's service that he was offered the appointment on the Penitentiary staff, which he has held with credit until his resignation last week. We regret that our reporter was misled in the matter.

Ald. Dan Gallery, M.P. for St. Ann's division, called at the Star office to-day in reference to the article about the retirement of Dr. Duchesneau from the wardenship of St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, and the appointment of Mr. Ambrose. He said: "I do not know Ambrose; he is no cousin of mine. I never got but one English-speaking man a job in the penitentiary, and Ambrose was appointed before I was elected. I do not have to send to Ireland for people to fill jobs; I have plenty of people in my own ward looking for them."

The Education Campaign.

La Patrie says: "The Montreal Star, which has been pleading for some time for free education, asks that a school tax only, not a school fee, should be exacted from the taxpayers. As a matter of fact a double obligation is imposed on parents; the school tax and the monthly fee for each child attending school. It will be noticed that this last tax bears heavily, especially on the poor. It is the poor who are but the hardest by this double school tax. The payment reduced to a simple school fee would be a light tax, because it would reach the wealthy classes, or at least it would relieve the population.

We share the Star's view."

LEADERS ELECTED—Lalonde Lodge, No. 50, A. O. U. W., held its annual meeting at Stobel this week, and elected the following officers:—Arthur Langlois, past master workman; Dr. St. R. Latraverse, master workman; T. R. A. Cardin, foreman; T. B. Thibault, overseer; A. Beauchemin, recorder; Nap. Poirier, financier; Oscar Paradis, receiver; Louis Demers, guide; L. Dallaire, inside watchman; F. X. Hamelin, outside watchman; Dr. T. Victor Chapdelaine, medical examiner; T. E. Beaubien, A. Huot and O. Lamoureux, trustees.

Nine Days More

In Which to Make Up Your Mind

Eight Days More

In Which to Buy Your Gifts

Christmas draws near. The time for "looking round" is past, and a decision must be reached within the next few days.

Shrewd shoppers will seek at once the store where there is the largest stock and largest variety of gift things—where goods are displayed so that they may be seen at a glance; where worry and anxiety over selection is reduced to a minimum.

Henry Birks & Sons' Store is just such a place.

A big store does not necessarily mean big prices, but rather a place where an enormous range of prices is found, from the small twenty-five cent article up to the most expensive.

A Few Suggestions:

No. 10829	Golf Hat Pin, Sterling Silver	$ .75
No. 10765	Silver Locket Brooch, "Love's Dream"	1.80
No. 10748	Silver Ping Pong Brooch	.75
No. 11331	Black Seal Collapsible Cigar Case	2.00
No. 11339	Aneroid Barometer, 3½ in. diameter	3.50
No. 11332	Pearl Handle Silver Rattle, 4 in. long	2.50
No. 11366	Cut Glass Knife Rests, silver mounted	2.50
No. 11785	New Queen's Pen Knife, silver handle, in case	5.00
No. 11786	Louis XV. Fruit Spoon, Silver, in case	4.75
No. 11888	Field Glass, in case, with strap	7.50
No. 11922	Miniature Grandfather Clock, 11 in. high	6.00
No. 12305	Cut Glass Bowl 9 inches diameter	10.00
No. 12331	Cut Glass Rose Bowl, round 6 in. diameter	10.00
No. 10686	Gunmetal Chatelaine Watch set with Turquoise	13.50
No. 10407	Maple Leaf Brooch, with whole Pearls	10.75
No. 10261	Gentleman's Bloodstone Seal Ring, 18k.	16.00
No. 10711	Sapphire and Diamond Hoop, 7 stones	16.25
No. 10762	Fine Pearl Crescent, 19 whole Pearls	25.00
No. 1076	Pearl and Diamond Hoop, 7 Stones	25.00
No. 11894	Case Queen Anne Sugar Bowl, Cream and 6 Coffee Spoons, and Tongs	21.00

CATALOGUE FREE. ORDER BY MAIL.

MONEY REFUNDED IF NOT SATISFACTORY.

HENRY BIRKS & SONS,

MONTREAL.

Open Thursday evening next and every evening until after Christmas

CIGAR FACTORY BLAZED FIERCELY

Stonewall Jackson Establishment on McGill Street Gutted Yesterday.

LOSS PLACED AT $60,000

Plant Recently Installed Completely Destroyed—Insurance Covers the Damage.

At 4 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the Stonewall Jackson cigar factory, in McGill street, and resulted in the total loss of the interior of the building.

The damage is estimated at about $60,000. Mr. John Michaels, the proprietor of the Stonewall Jackson cigar factory, when seen to-day by a Star reporter, said he was insured for $60,000 on plant and stock. He further said that other premises would be secured at once, and as he had plenty of tobacco stored in another building there would be very little delay in manufacturing operations. Mr. Michaels did not know how the fire originated. The men in the factory, he said, quit work at one o'clock on Saturday, and the clerks in the business office left the place about five o'clock. The building was lighted by electricity, and electric motor power was used in the mechanical departments. He was of the opinion the fire had been burning for some hours before it was discovered.

The building was a six-story brick structure, and was situated near the new Grand Trunk Railway general offices. The flames appeared to have travelled from the basement to the roof, and consumed practically everything in the interior of the building.

FIRE BURNED FIERCELY.

The fire was discovered by Constable Turner, who sent in the alarm. The firemen responded very quickly, but on their arrival on the scene they found the first and second floors in flames and burning fiercely.

The men lost no time in getting to work and broke in the doors and turned on five or six streams. It was then quite evident that the fire had been burning for some time, and that it was going to be a difficult blaze to fight, and a second alarm summoning additional assistance was sent in, and then, when the seriousness of the outbreak was apparent on all sides, a third alarm was sounded, summoning the entire fire fighting force of the city.

When the fire was at its height it seemed as if it would surely spread to the adjoining buildings, as the flames were reaching well out from the windows in every story from the main floor to the roof, but these buildings were deluged with water and the flames could obtain no hold on the other structures. The tobacco and cigars in the factory made a fierce blaze, and the odour could be detected for blocks away.

At 6 o'clock the fire was at its height, and the flames were flashing backward and forward throughout the entire building. It was noon before the fire was extinguished, but it was two o'clock before it was officially declared out.

WALLS REMAIN INTACT.

The walls of the building remain intact, except for a small portion in the rear. Mr. Jesse Joseph, who suffered heavily by the Board of Trade fire, is the owner. The damage to the structure was estimated at $10,000. It is expected the insurance will cover it.

The small buildings adjoining the cigar factory escaped the fire. On the south side is the one occupied by the Deering Harvester Company. Andrew Balle, coal merchant, and others, occupy the building on the north side.

The firemen suffered a good deal from cold, but not a man was injured during the ten hours' fight with the fire. Several had narrow escapes in the rear of the building, when a portion of the brick wall fell and smashed two ladders.

There were eighteen streams playing on the burning building, and the work of the firemen was well directed throughout, thus saving the adjoining buildings.

The water pressure was very good at all times, but owing to the extreme cold the firemen were considerably handicapped.

The factory, which was one of the largest in the Dominion, was fitted throughout about eighteen months ago with new labour-saving machinery at a great expense. The entire plant is completely destroyed.

John Murphy & Company.

Artistic calendars of all descriptions are one of the first things that strike the eye on entering the establishment of John Murphy & Co., corner of St. Catherine and Metcalfe streets. These calendars are tastefully arranged so that they may be readily inspected, and they are being greatly appreciated by all visitors. Christmas cards and Christmas publications are to be found at the same counter in great variety.

Among the unusual articles which the firm has on hand this season are articles such as collar-boxes, brushes and other toilet requisites made of burnt wood. These things are of unique character, very pleasing to the eye and at reasonable price. There is also to be found a full assortment of silverware, bronzeware, celluloid, ebony and ebonoid and other materials calculated to delight the eye and gladden the heart in these festival weeks. The top floor of the building is practically given up to toys, of which there are every conceivable kind. To be at all understood this collection must be seen; no description can begin to do it justice. Here are to be found the numberless articles carefully carved in wood by the patient peasantry in the mountains of Germany and Switzerland. Here also are to be found the latest products of modern manufacturing ingenuity, the wax doll that bows and smiles amiably to the fierce tiger creeping stealthily across the table. Here also can be found tin horns enough to fully equip all your neighbours' children, while for those whose tastes run in that direction there is a select stock of sporting goods which cannot be surpassed.

For the man who no longer affects the strenuous life, but who prefers the evening comforts of his own fireside there is the elegant smoking jacket, and all the requisites for thorough enjoyment. An elegant line of dressing gowns is also shown, a line of high class goods imported from Europe, and which owing to special circumstances are being sold in this country at prices lower than may be again offered. Many other classes of goods suitable for Christmas uses are to be found in the store, and a visit to it will be sure to afford pleasure. While passing along do not fail to notice the manner in which the windows are dressed. The work has been done with great skill and is in its way a veritable triumph.

Week Day's Shopping

Does not cost any more money than Saturdays at our stores, and as we are not so rushed we can give more time and attention to our customers on other days, or in the evenings till 9 p.m.

Besides, we have quite a few extra clerks on Saturdays, and they cannot be expected to be as well posted or interested in the stock as our regular clerks. We would, therefore, advise those who can find it convenient to come in on week days, or during the evening, for their own interest, and would appreciate it as a favour to us; and to those who can only come on the Saturdays we will assure them of our best attention, and would ask them to kindly bear a little with the extra clerks who may chance to serve them.

We had a very busy week last week on account of the cold spell, and our stock got a good deal upset. However, we have again got things into good shape, and notwithstanding the very large output, we have still complete assortments in the following lines:

WARM WINTER UNDERWEAR all kinds, $1 to $5 per suit.
GLOVES AND MITTS, warmly lined, all qualities, for all purposes, working, riding, driving or business wear, 25c to $3.50 pair.
CLOTH CAPS, finest variety, all kinds, 25c to $1.75 each.
MUFFLERS, silk squares, reversible, ready-made mufflers, and knitted wool sweater-neck patent, "Way's" mufflers, 25c to $3 each.
OVERCOATS for men, from $5 to $22.50, best make.
PEA JACKETS, warm lined, $4 to $9.
MEN'S SUITS, perfect fit, large choice, $5 to $18.
Men's Shirts, Collars, Neckwear, Braces, Socks, Handkerchiefs, Cardigan Jackets, Night Shirts, etc., etc.

Both Stores Open till 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Saturdays.

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in our cash sales, the record for the last two weeks of the present month exceeding the same period in 1901 by a handsome margin.

Now we are making a "BIG PUSH" for the next nine days. We have a "Grand Stand" of FINE GOODS, and in the words of the late lamented Hon. George Brown, we want consumers in general and our customers in particular to

"COME DOWN HANDSOMELY"

in their purchases from now until Christmas Eve.
We have

The Finest of Table Raisins for Christmas Demands.

In 1-lb. cartons, 5-lb. quarter boxes, single layers and full boxes.
THE FINEST OF VALENCIA RAISINS FOR COOKING.
THE FINEST OF SULTANA (SEEDLESS) RAISINS for COOKING. Loose and in Packages.
THE CHOICEST "VOSTIZZA" CURRANTS, CLEANED. Loose and in Packages.
MOHAWK SEEDED RAISINS, in packages.
THE FINEST OF FIGS, FOR TABLE AND STEWING PURPOSES. In 1-lb. boxes, 3-lb. boxes, 4-lb. boxes, 10-lb. and 48-lb. boxes and 7-lb. bags.
THE FINEST TABLE AND STEWING PRUNES FOR CHRISTMAS DEMANDS.
From France and California, loose and in 2, 4, and 7-lb. glass jars, 5-lb. tins, 25, 28 and 56-lb. boxes, etc.

FRASER, VIGER & CO.

Another Holiday Case of Fine Wines.

With a bottle of Brandy and Fine Liqueur thrown in. We will call it

SPECIAL HOLIDAY CASE NO. 5 FOR $12.75

2 quarts Still Hock or Still Moselle
2 quarts fine Sauternes
1 quart fine Table Sherry
2 quarts fine Claret
1 quart fine Burgundy
1 quart fine Old Brandy
1 bottle Bols' Curacao Orange in a la fine Champagne
2 quarts fine Champagne.

12 bottles in all for $12.75

We do not prepay Express charges on our Special Holiday Cases. Remit by post office, or express money order, bank draft or registered letter.

CHATEAU LA GAFFELIERE 1899 VINTAGE (First Growth Saint Emilion)

A very fine Claret, which we offer at an extremely low price. It is from the Chateau LaGaffelière, Saint Emilion, France, vintage of 1899, imported in wood and bottled in our vaults.

We offer it at the low price of $8.25 per case of one dozen quarts, or $9.25 per case of two dozen pints.

For out-of-town customers, we will deliver the wine, express charges prepaid, to any station in the four Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

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

CHRISTMAS SILVER

Can be selected at the Gorham Company, Ltd., Silversmiths, to meet any particular wish either as to design or cost. They have now on view an exceptionally unique and beautiful assortment of SUITABLE GIFTS, in silver deposit, Leather Goods, Umbrellas, &c. An inspection is invited.

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It's Public Opinion That Really Counts.

We are repeatedly told that nowhere else are Toys, Dolls, Games, etc., to be found such as are represented in this Christmas stock par excellence. It's selling them all the year round that is responsible for this. It enables us to carry such goods as others hesitate to handle, for to them they would be dead stock if not sold at Xmas. We're anxious that you should see every other display before coming here. For then we are more satisfied than ever that you'll buy here. Quality for quality, our prices are the lowest. Shoddy goods have no place in this stock. It's a case of the really good is the really cheap.

TOYS. TOYS. TOYS.

STOVES, 15c to $4.50.
TRAMS, 25c to $1.50.
FIRE ENGINES, 45c to $3.50.
HOOK AND LADDER, 85c to $3.50.
WATER TOWER, $6.
CABS, $1 and $1.25.
EXPRESS WAGGONS, $1 and $1.75.
DUMP CARTS, $1.
BELL TOY, 25c and 60c.
SAIL BOATS 10c to $8.
HORSE AND CART, 90c to $20.
HORSE ON STAND, $1.25 and $1.50.
MUSICAL TOPS, 5c to $1.25
MAGNETIC TOYS, 85c to $3.
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SHIPPING NEWS.

Ocean Steamers.

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Carthaginian, at Glasgow from Philadelphia, December 13.
Lucania, at New York from Liverpool, December 13.
Minnetonka, at New York from London, December 13.
Campania, at Liverpool from New York, December 13.
Belgenland, at Liverpool from Philadelphia, December 13.
Sicilia, at Genoa from New York, December 12.
Carthaginia, at Greenock from Genoa, December 13.
Patricia, at New York from Hamburg, December 14.
La Touraine, at New York from Havre, December 14.
Ethiopia, at New York from Glasgow, December 14.
Noordama, at New York from Rotterdam, December 14.
Patria, at New York from Marseilles, December 14.
Nederland, at Philadelphia from Antwerp, December 13.
Tauric, at Liverpool from New York, December 13.
Calabria, at Naples from New York, December 13.
La Champagne, at Havre from New York December 13.

Notes.

The steamer Orion, from Erie to Hamilton, which passed Port Colborne, Ont., Sunday evening, is the last boat through the Welland canal this season.

Wreckage from the Bannockburn was found near Whitefish Point, Ont., Friday in the shape of a life preserver, with what are apparently blood stains on the shoulder straps.

Sir John Power & Sons "Three Swallows" Irish Whisky is deliciously light, refreshing and invigorating. In great favor in London Clubs.

The Corinthian's Passengers.

The Allan line steamer Corinthian sailed from Halifax to-day with the following saloon passengers: Mr. C. Arden, Liverpool, Eng.; Miss Carr, Winnipeg, Man.; Mrs. Arnold Foster, Halifax; Messrs. J. A. Fraser, Ottawa; Gee, Toronto; W. Hawkins, Miss Hawkins, Miss McAllister, Master McAllister, Strathcona, Alta.; Mr. G. H. McIntyre, St. Mary's, Ont.; Mr. R. C. Porch, Fort Saskatchewan; Lieut. Ross, Toronto, Ont.; five Government passengers.

Had a Rough Passage.

HALIFAX, N. S., December 15.—The steamer Cambrian King, from Antwerp on November 20 for Boston, put in here last evening with her steering gear broken and short of coal. The steamer met with terrific head gales on the voyage, and had only a day's coal on board when she arrived here.

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